

of the building and said if he should return victorious from the Persian War, he would honor with his own presence, the ceremony of reconsecration and restoration of this sacrificial worship. So the Jews came from all over the empire, many of them had become quite wealthy and had great sums of money with which they bought great and beautiful materials with which to decorate the temple. They got golden shovels to use to start the excavation. With the united power of the heathen emperor and the Jewish nation, they set to work to rebuild the temple and to prove that Jesus was a false prophet.