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return were led by _____ in the first year of Cyrus back to Jerusalem, all covered in the first 6 chapters of Ezra. During this return the Temple was rebuilt.

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