

1. Cyrus <u>issues</u> a decree: You're <u>going</u> home (Ezra 1:1-4)

Isaiah wrote this prophecy <u>160</u> years before it happened and <u>before</u> the Assyrians conquered Israel; before the Babylonian Empire conquered the Assyrians; and before the Persian Empire conquered the Babylonians!

II. You're going **home** with a **mission** (Ezra 3:1-11)

Their mission was clear: to keep **God's** mission their mission!

- III. Avoid the **Mission Creep!** (Ezra 4:24)
- IV. How do we <u>avoid</u> mission creep? (Revelation 2:1-5)

Three **things** to **avoid** mission creep

- 1. Remember
- 2. Repent
- 3. Renew

V. There are **blessing** when you stay on **mission** (Haggai 1:3-4)

