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Ezra 6:1-12: Victory in Him

The Persian Governor Tattenai asked:

Who authorized you to rebuild this temple and to finish it?
(Ezra 5:3)

Then Tattenai wrote to King Darius:

Now if it pleases the king, let a search be made in the royal archives of Babylon to see if King Cyrus (*approximately 15 years earlier*) did in fact issue a decree to rebuild this house of God in Jerusalem. Then let the king send us his decision in this matter.

What did Tattenai ask King Darius to do?

Where is Ekbatana

[Ekbatana](#)



Persepolis



King Darius gave three instructions to Tattenai:

1. Do not interfere with the building of the temple.
2. Give money (and anything else needed) so that the temple can be finished, and the sacrifices and offerings made.
3. Anyone who disobeys this edict is to have a beam taken from their house, be impaled on that beam and then have their house destroyed.

What do we learn from Ezra 6?

1. God is at work even when things are hard, even when we might not understand what HE is doing...

*Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the Gospel.
(Philippians 1:12)*

Can anyone relate to not always knowing what the Lord is up to?

2. Our job is to remain faithful.

Success is faithfulness!

1 John 2:28

And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. (1 John 2:28, ESV)

And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming. (1 John 2:28, NIV)

And now, children, stay with Christ. Live deeply in Christ. Then we'll be ready for him when he appears, ready to receive him with open arms, with no cause for red-faced guilt or lame excuses when he arrives. (1 John 2:28, THE MESSAGE)

How do we abide?

3. Our victory is in HIS VICTORY.

...for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. (1 John 5:4-5)