

## *Holiness in a Crumbled Culture*

### **“Opposition and Dilemma”**

Ezra 4:1-5:2

*The intention of the Jews to rebuild their Temple and the city of Jerusalem quickly became known and it inspired heated animosity from the surrounding peoples. Opposition to God’s people succeeded for a time, but history ultimately unfolds according to divine plan. It is faith in the certainty of God’s purpose that sustains His people in hostile times.*

#### **1. When Cooperation Seduces (4:1-3)**

#### **2. When Opposition Sidetracks (4:4, 5)**

#### **3. When Motivation Surfaces (4:6-23)**

#### **4. When Conviction Stands Firm (4:24-5:2)**