

The Book of EZRA
Chapters 4 – 6
“Restore & Rebuild!”
(Part 2)

Chapter 4 – Adversaries will Attack Your Christian Faith!

(v1-6) The enemy attacks with:

- Subversion
- Discouragement
- Trouble
- Hired counselors
- Frustration
- False accusations

(Remember Ephesians 6:10-20, get your armor on!)

(v7-24) The adversary may win a battle, but he won't win the war! In verse 24 the enemy causes the work to cease and it was discontinued. Has the enemy done this to you? Turn the “cease” to CHRIST! Remember Philippians 4:13 - *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.* Phil 4:19 - *And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.* Romans 8:28-29 - *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*

Chapter 5 – The Word of God Gives You Courage!

(v1-5) The prophets Haggai and Zechariah encourage the work!

(v6-17) Tattenai, the Persian governor sends a letter, God returns the truth.

(Turn to Acts Ch. 17, different time, different place, but TRUTH PREVAILS!)

Chapter 6 – Perseverance Prevails as Truth Triumphs!

(v1-12) The king's decree discovered and the work goes on!

(v13-18) The Jews prospered through the prophesying of Haggai and Zechariah, they built and finished it according to the command of God.

(v19-22) Results and rewards: Passover restored, purity, separation, seeking God, the LORD made them joyful, finding favor and strength!