

Scripture to read: Ezra 4:1-6:16

Our God is a God who turns our opponents to lend a helping hand.

When the foundation was laid in Jerusalem and when the work was in progress. King Cyrus died and there came a new king to power who had no understanding about the Lord, Satan began to raise his people against the people of Israelites. Rehum and Shimshai both of these made false accusations against children of God and stopped the rebuilding of the Temple. In few days of time King Darius came to power, but the people of Israelites were dismayed. So God spoke through the prophets Haggai and Zechariah. They prophesied in the name of the God of Israel who was over them. Zerubbabel and Jeshua responded by starting again to rebuild the Temple of God in Jerusalem. In the same way the other two came and stopped the rebuilding of the temple and sent letters to King Darius. Since God had already revealed himself through Daniel to the King and also as the King saw the orders given by King Cyrus towards the rebuilding of the Temple. The King told them "I hereby decree that you are to help these elders of the Jews as they rebuild this Temple of God. He also commanded them to give the things required to build the temple. The Temple was completed during the sixth year of King Darius's reign. The Temple of God was then dedicated with great joy by the people of Israel, the priests, the Levites, and the rest of the people who had returned from exile.

Question:

Every time when the people of God did something, how did the enemy receive strength to oppose them?

Answer:

Before knowing the answer we should understand the truth. God created the world and gave it to mankind; Satan took the authority over the world when mankind disobeyed God by giving heed to the enemy, that's the reason God needs the prayers of his people to intervene in this earth. Only when we as humans obey his word, he can perform miracles. This is the law set by the Lord from the beginning. When people of God are dismayed by the attack of the enemy the work of God is continually

being delayed. But if even one person obeys God voice and raises, Gods power will be revealed. Whoever was the reason to oppose the building began to lend a helping arm, which was the mighty act of our Lord. In the same way, when we obey the word of God, he works in such a manner that our needs will be met by our opponents itself. Will you do the same thing?

When people's lives please the LORD, even their enemies are at peace with them. Psalms 16:07

Prayer

Our God is an unchanging God. Thank you for listening to our prayers, and meeting our daily needs.

We will obey thy word and will hold on to thy fellowship Lord. Amen