



Today's Topic:

Facing Opposition

Ezra 4:1-4

November 23, 2025

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“When the enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that the exiles were building a temple for the LORD, the God of Israel, they came to Zerubbabel and to the heads of the families and said, ‘Let us help you build because, like you, we seek your God and have been sacrificing to him since the time of Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought us here.’” Ezra 4:1-2 (NIV, 2011)

2. _____

“But Zerubbabel, Joshua and the rest of the heads of the families of Israel answered, ‘You have no part with us in building a temple to our God. We alone will build it for the LORD, the God of Israel, as King Cyrus, the king of Persia, commanded us.’” Ezra 4:3 (NIV, 2011)

3. _____

“Then the peoples around them set out to discourage the people of Judah and make them afraid to go on building.” Ezra 4:4 (NIV, 2011)

4. _____

“Then the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai: ‘Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?’” Haggai 1:3-4 (NIV, 2011)

The Point

Next Steps:
