

# Before the THRONE

## The Devotional

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Ezra 4:1-16

“Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity were once again beginning to build the temple of the LORD God of Israel...”  
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“...for we are not ignorant of the *devil's* devices”, that is, we should not be unlearned and naïve concerning the tactics of our enemy. (2 Corinthians 2:11). As you choose to follow Jesus and begin to take action as He directs you, your enemy will begin an assault upon you. He will offer his “help” – “let us build with you. (verse 4) Never, ever, compromise with the devil or with the world in order to obey God, never! When you won't compromise, then discouragement and weariness will be the tactic of choice. “Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah and troubled them in their building. (verse 4). “Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faith not.” (Galatians 6:9) They will attempt to frustrate and thwart your every endeavor for Christ. “Fear not, for I AM with you.” (Matthew 28:20). Accusations, threats and fear most likely will follow (verse 6-16), as our enemy is the accuser of the brethren. (Revelation 12:10-11).

Even should your labor for Christ be stopped (verse 24), remember that it is only a temporary thing and that through Christ we are overcomers. “And this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith.” And, “you are of God little children and have overcome them, because greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.” (1 John 4:4; 5:4).

Declare now, “Jesus said that He would build His Church and that the gates of hell would not prevail against it. As a living member of Jesus' Church, I am an overcomer – I am overcoming the world and in Jesus' name, I am even over coming the gates of hell! (Matthew 16:18).

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