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Restoring Foundations

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Restoring Promise, Part 2

EZRA 6:13-22

EZRA 4:24

“Then work on the house of God in Jerusalem ceased, and it was stopped until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persian.”

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HAGGAI 1:4-5

“Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses while this house lies desolate? Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘Consider your ways!’”

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It will always be Faithfulness to His Word (by protecting it and preserving it), but also Diligence to His Word (by actually putting it into practice) that will cure apathy and stagnancy.

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What does the Bible say?



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EZRA 5:5

“But the eye of their God was on the elders of the Jews, and they did not stop them until a report could come to Darius, and then a written reply be returned concerning it.”

That word “stop” is an example of God’s providence preventing something from happening that would otherwise happen.

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EZRA 5:11

“Thus they answered us, saying, ‘We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth and are rebuilding the temple that was built many years ago, which a great king of Israel built and finished.’”

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- “Leave this work alone...” (vs. 7)
- “The full cost is to be paid to these people from the royal treasury ... and without delay.” (vs. 8)
- “Whatever is needed (*for worship*) ... it is to be given to them daily without fail.” (vs. 9)
- “Let it be carried out with all diligence!” (vs. 12)

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Opposition is not always an obstacle.

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Ezra chapter 6 is a beautiful picture of the Gospel – the good news of God’s love for us, experienced through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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↑ JOHN 4:10

“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

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