

“How Can I Overcome Opposition?”

Ezra 4:1-24

The Big Idea. . .

Whenever God initiates a **spiritual** work, there will be opposition.

Lessons to Overcoming Opposition. . .

- Learn to **spot** opposition.
 - The **sources** of our opposition.
 - It can be **personal**.
 - It can be **political**.
 - It will be **spiritual**.
 - The **tactics** of our opposition.
 - Watch out for the weapon of **assimilation**.
 - Watch out for the weapon of **intimidation**.
 - Watch out for the weapon of **misrepresentation**.
- Learn to **live** with opposition.
 - Remember you are Yahweh’s **servant**.
 - Cast off the disease to **please**.
 - Expect **setbacks** to your spiritual labor.
 - Rely on Yahweh’s **power**.