



THE RESISTANCE (THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK) • EZRA 4  
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## I. THE ENEMY HITS BACK

## II. THE ENEMY'S STRATEGIES

### A. Compromise

- *They worshiped the LORD, but they also served their own gods in accordance with the customs of the nations from which they had been brought.*  
- 2 Kings 17:33

### B. Discourage, Discredit Fear, Innuendo, Bribery

- *Listen carefully: Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over. In the same way, anyone who holds on to life just as it destroys that life. But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you'll have it forever, real and eternal.* - John 12:24

## III. THE RIGHTEOUS RESPONSE

- *Humiliate my enemies! Let them wear their shame like a coat. I give thanks to the Lord. I praise him in front of everyone. He stands by the helpless and saves them from those who try to put them to death.*  
- Psalm 109:29-31

- \* *I will see the goodness of the LORD in the Land of the living!* - Psalm 27: 13