

“A Looming Roadblock to Obedience” (Ezra 5–6)

Big Idea: While his people obediently built his house, God turned a roadblock into a highway.

I. The Response to Haggai and Zechariah’s Prophecies

- a. The Temple Construction Resumed (5:1–2)
- b. The Construction Authority Questioned (5:3–17)
- c. A Royal Decree Reinforced (6:1–12)

Zechariah 4:6–10a; Isaiah 40:4–5

- d. The Temple Completed and Celebrated (6:13–22)

II. The Relevance to Sinners and Saints Today

a. Schemes against God Shamed

- i. Schemes against God’s People

Proverbs 24:15–16; 26:27; Esther 7:3–10

- ii. Schemes against God’s Christ

Proverbs 21:30; Psalm 2:1–9; John 2:18–22; Mark 14:55–65; 15:25–32;
Acts 13:27–30

b. Obedience to God Encouraged

Proverbs 3:5–10; John 3:35–36