

Why God Troubles Us

1. Sometimes when things are going smooth suddenly things change. Why? Maybe God is trying to prod us so He can use us to advance His Kingdom.

2. Examples:

A. Nehemiah: **Neh. 1:1-4**

1. Nehemiah prayed. **Neh. 1:5-11**
2. The door was opened. **Neh. 2:1-6**
3. Nehemiah acted upon the opportunity. **Neh. 2:11**

B. Daniel: Taken captive in Palestine with three of his friends and taken to Babylon.

1. **Dan. 1:6, 17, 20**
2. Nebuchadnezzar's dream. **Dan. 2:1-5, 10-13**
3. Daniel's response: (a) asked for time **Dan 2:16**
4. Then Daniel and his three Hebrew friends prayed. **Dan. 2:17-18**
5. Their prayers were answered. **Dan 2:19**
 - a) Daniel praised God: **Dan. 2:20-23**
 - b) Daniel exalted by the King. **Dan. 2:46-49**

C. When David killed Goliath (**I Sam. 17**) little did he know that his troubles were just beginning. He would flee from King Saul for 13 years. Then reign over Israel for 40 years.