

~TATTENAI (25)
(Tat'te-nai)

- The governor of the Persian province, beyond the River, during the reign of Darius I or Hystaspis. When the Jews again started to rebuild the temple in Darius second year, **520 B.C.E**, **Tattenai** and his colleagues came to Jerusalem to conduct an inquiry.
- The Jews appealed to Cyrus original decree, so **Tattenai** wrote to Darius asking if such a decree had been issued, as the Jews contended. The answer received confirmed Cyrus decree and the validity of the temple work, and it warned **Tattenai** not to interfere but to render material assistance to the Jews. This, **Tattenai** proceeded to do.
- It was then that the work on the house of God, which was in Jerusalem, stopped, and it continued stopped until the second year of the reign of Darius the king of Persia. (**Ezra 4:24**)
- Then **Tattenai** the governor beyond the River, Shethar-bozenai and their colleagues, just as Darius the king had sent word, so they did promptly. (**Ezra 6:13**)