

# ALMIGHTY SUSTAINER

Week of July 6, 2014 • Message 3

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### God can do anything he wants to do.

What do you think about that statement?

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Read Isaiah 14:24-32. What did God plan to do?

What does it say to you that God would plan to destroy some nations to bring refuge to afflicted people?

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Read Nehemiah 9:1-37. How did God use his power?

What does it say to you that God would use his unending power to give life to his people and sustain them even despite their sin?

### God uses his unending power to give and sustain life.

## Take it Home

Read Nehemiah 9:38 and 10:28-39. How did the people respond?

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