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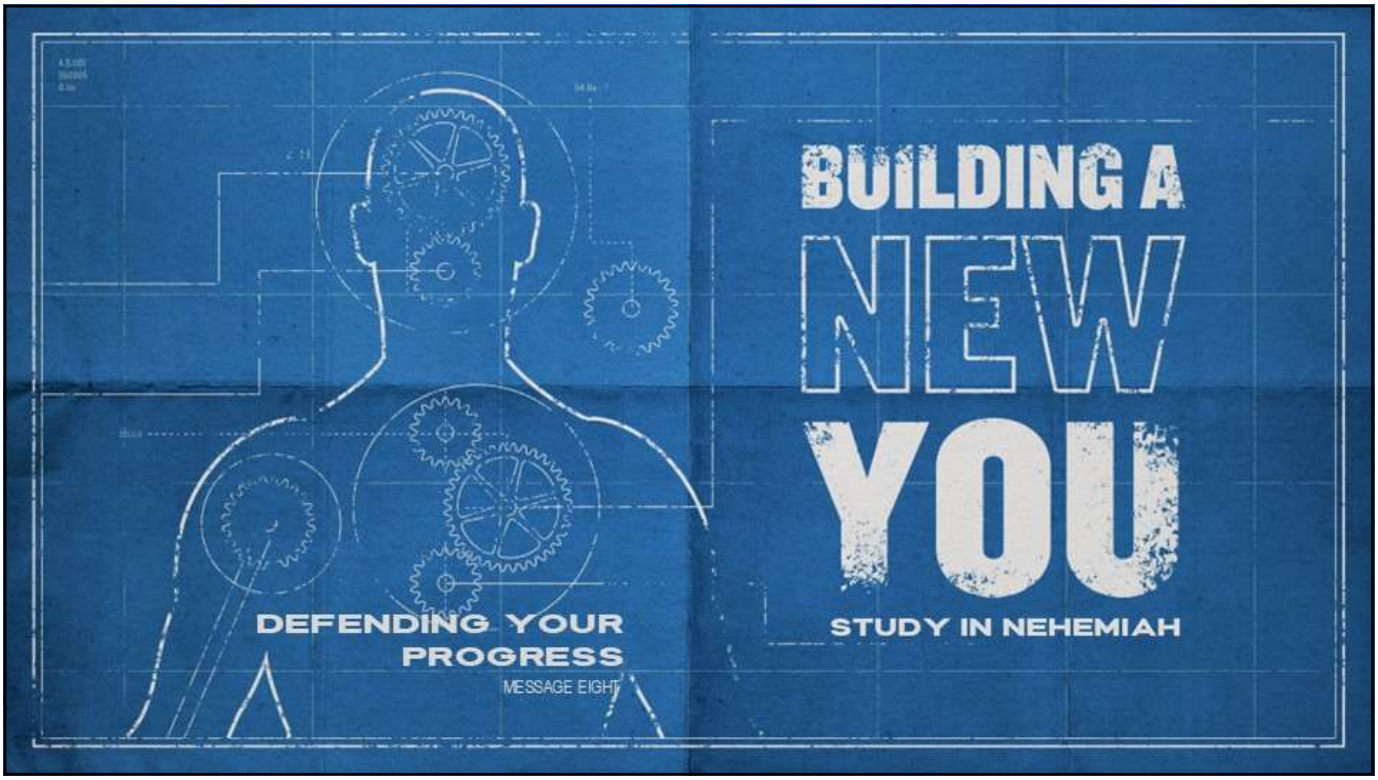
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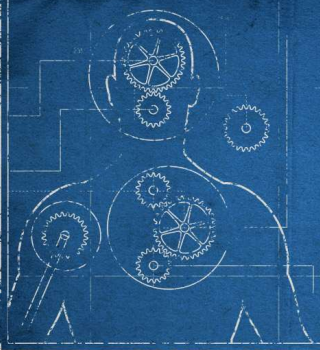
1. The Enemy's Intent



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1 Corinthians 10:11 (NKJV) Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

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Revelations 12:11-12 (NKJV) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. 12 "Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.

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Nehemiah 4:2-3 (NKJV) And he spoke before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, “What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they complete it in a day? Will they revive the stones from the heaps of rubbish; stones that are burned?” 3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, “Whatever they build, if even a fox goes up on it, he will break down their stone wall.”

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Nehemiah 4:4-5 (NKJV) Hear, O our God, for we are despised; turn their reproach on their own heads and give them as plunder to a land of captivity! 5 Do not cover their iniquity, and do not let their sin be blotted out from before You; for they have provoked You to anger before the builders.

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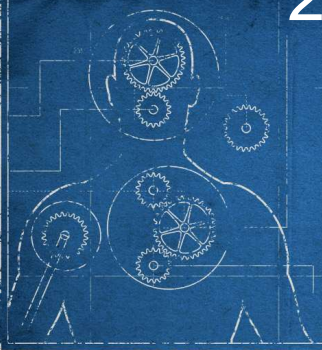
2. Tactics of Intimidation



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Nehemiah 2:6 (NKJV)

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TACTICS OF INTIMIDATION

A. What are these feeble Jews doing?

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2 Corinthians 12:9 (NKJV) "His grace is sufficient for me, for His strength is made perfect in my weakness."

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B. Will they fortify themselves?

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C. Will they offer sacrifices?

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Nehemiah 4:6 (NKJV) So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.

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Isaiah 26:3 (KJV) Thou will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusts in You.

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Romans 5:1 (NKJV) Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

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Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV) 6Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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D. Will they complete it in a day?

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Nehemiah 4:7-10 (KJV) Now it happened, when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the walls of Jerusalem were being restored and the gaps were beginning to be closed, *that they became very angry*, 8 and all of them conspired together to come and attack Jerusalem and create confusion. 9 Nevertheless we made our prayer to our God, and because of them we set a watch against them day and night. 10 Then Judah said, "The strength of the laborers is failing,

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Revelations 12:11-12 (NKJV) "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. 12 "Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.

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James 1:12 (NKJV) 12Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

James 1:12 (NLT) 12God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

James 1:12 (TMSG) 12Anyone who meets a testing challenge head-on and manages to stick it out is mighty fortunate. For such persons loyally in love with God, the reward is life and more life.

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Philippians 1:6 (NKJV) being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

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TACTICS OF INTIMIDATION

E. Will they revive the stones from the heaps of rubbish; stones that are burned?

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