

HAND ME ANOTHER BRICK – Part XV
 “Surviving Intimidation”
 Reference: **Nehemiah 6:1-4**
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Nehemiah’s principle enemies, Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem, were one last time scheming together against Nehemiah in an effort to stop him and his men from finishing this wall around Jerusalem.

G.K. Chesterton said, “Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and _____.”

Please notice Satan’s unique timing. Nehemiah had almost completed the job he had been assigned to do, and it was at that juncture that his enemies came around to harass him. That’s because satanic aggression intensifies if Satan realizes he has just a _____ left to interfere in what God is doing.

Reference: **Revelation 12:7-12** (see screen)

The prophetic seven-year tribulation period is going to be divided into two halves. The second half is called the Great Tribulation because, as severe as the first half is, the second half is even more severe and horrific in judgment. That’s because during the second half Satan knows he has just a short time left to interfere so he applies more pressure!

Charles Swindoll has entitled this section from Nehemiah, “Operation Intimidation” because Nehemiah’s enemies used three basic techniques in an attempt to intimidate him.

Definition: Intimidation is to make timid or afraid; to force or deter with _____ or _____.

Read verses one through **four**

One - The first intimidation technique was in the form of a _____.

Sanballat and Geshem invited Nehemiah to meet with them at a village in Ono to conduct a peace summit. But Nehemiah was suspicious of that invitation.

Principle: The _____ thing is to keep the _____ thing, the _____ thing.

Those men continued to send Nehemiah private messages in order to intimidate him into coming to Ono; four messages, one

right after another. Each time, Nehemiah sent back a message and refused the invitation. He refused to be intimidated into doing something that might have jeopardized the entire project.

