

A close-up photograph of two young women with long, light brown hair. The woman on the left is partially visible, wearing a white top with a grey polka-dot pattern, and is whispering into the ear of the woman on the right. The woman on the right is smiling broadly, wearing a similar white top with a grey polka-dot pattern and a red beaded necklace. The background is softly blurred, showing green foliage. Overlaid on the image is the text '5 Most Effective Intimidation & Demoralisation Strategies from the Bible' in a large, bold, blue font with a white outline.

**5 Most Effective
Intimidation &
Demoralisation
Strategies from the
Bible**

“Then asked we those elders, and said unto them thus, Who commanded you to build this house, and to make up these walls?”

“We asked their names also, to certify thee, that we might write the names of the men that were the chief of them.

“And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the house that was builded these many years ago, which a great king of Israel builded and set up.”

(Ezra 5:9-11)

Introduction

Adversaries seek to hinder the work.

1) *The adversaries will always seek to stop you.*

“Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity builded the temple unto the Lord God of Israel;” (Ezra 4:1)

2) The adversaries will always seek to infiltrate you if they can't stop you.

“Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye do; and we do sacrifice unto him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assur, which brought us up hither.” (Ezra 4:2)

3) The adversaries will always be enraged if you refuse to be stopped or infiltrated.

“But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the chief of the fathers of Israel, said unto them, Ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the Lord God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us.” (Ezra 4:3)

4) The adversaries will always try to weaken you once they are enraged.

“Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building,” (Ezra 4:4)

5) The adversaries will always try to frustrate you after they weaken you.

“And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.” (Ezra 4:5)

Conclusion:

“For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.”

(1 Corinthians 16:9)

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