

A photograph of a sword and a trowel crossed on a red, textured background. The sword is positioned diagonally from the top left to the bottom right. It has a long, straight blade and a hilt with a crossguard. The trowel is positioned diagonally from the top right to the bottom left. It has a wooden handle with blue and white patterns and a large, flat, triangular metal head. The two tools cross in the center of the frame.

NEHEMIAH 4:15-23

A SWORD AND A TROWEL

Despising and ridicule, then confusion and
discouragement and fear

Don't be afraid of them. Remember the
Lord. Fight for your brothers and sisters.

Enemy pressure only lasts for a time.

Persecution was sporadic, localised and
dependent on the particular Emperor.

SWORD & TROWEL

**IT WASN'T A TIME TO
DISARM**

**ITS NEVER RIGHT TO LET
OUR 'GUARD' DOWN**



Be strong in the Lord

God's armour

Stand, withstand

fasten the belt of truth

put on the breastplate of righteousness

ready feet with the gospel of peace

take up the shield of faith

take the helmet of salvation

take the sword of the spirit

Prayer!

