

Full Armour of YHWH

Introduction

In this study I want to take a look at 'the whole armour of God' presented to us in the letter the apostle Paul wrote to the church of Ephesus. I want to look at all aspects and applicability, especially pertaining to spiritual warfare. There will probably be a heavy emphasis on context and the meaning of words.

Disclaimer

The intent of this study is not to go in depth on Pauline writings, but I do want to look at the full context of the contents of the epistle (formal letter ¹⁾) to the Ephesians.

When you research this letter online you come across a lot of questions, like if Paul was the true author of the letter and if the intended recipients were the church at Ephesus. After some research into this I feel that adding this information to this study is beyond it's scope, and I feel like it wouldn't add much to the study of the contents of the letter itself. So I will continue this study with the assumption that the letter is truthful in the things it says. If at a later time I decide to continue the study into the history, intention and author of the letter this will be added and or referred to in this study.

Paul and the Ephesians

Paul starts the church in Ephesus

Acts 18:19-22

19 They came to Ephesus, and he left them there. Now he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.

20 When they asked him to stay for a longer time, he did not consent, 21but taking leave of them and saying, "I will return to you again if God wills," he set sail from Ephesus.

22When he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, and went down to Antioch.

(NASB 1995)

Paul's second visit to Ephesus (Acts 19) he stays for 3 years (Acts 20:31)

Acts 19:1-10

1 It happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus, and found some disciples. 2 He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

And they said to him, “No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.”
3 And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” And they said, “Into John’s baptism.”
4 Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus.”
5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying.
7 There were in all about twelve men.

8 And he entered the synagogue and continued speaking out boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God.
9 But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the people, he withdrew from them and took away the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.
10 This took place for two years, so that all who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.
(NASB 1995)

Letter to the Ephesians

The letter, or also called epistle names the author as Paul the Apostle, writing to the the church in Ephesus ([Eph 1:1](#)).

He is writing this letter while being held captive for preaching the gospel ([Eph 3:1](#))





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<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/epistle>

2)

https://www.conformingtojesus.com/images/webpages/map_of_the_7_churches_of_asia_revelation_2_3_1.jpg

3)

<https://flatwoodschurchofchrist.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/7-churches-of-revelation.gif?181f46&181f46>

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https://assets.lidsdn.org/0c/e7/0ce7107a42585e294090f193e9e49162481f4e20/map_acts_apostles.jpeg

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