

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.

Ephesians in the Bible

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, 21 but taking leave of them and saying, "I will return to you again if God wills," he set sail from Ephesus. 22 When 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)

[Acts 20:31](#)

31 "Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears. (NASB 1995)

Paul says farewell to the elders of Ephesus

[Acts 20:17-38](#)

17 From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. 18 And when they had come to him, he said to them, "You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time, 19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials which came upon me through the plots of the Jews; 20 how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house, 21 solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. 22 "And now, behold, bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me. 24 "But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God. 25 "And now, behold, I know that all of you, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, will no longer see my face. 26 "Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. 27 "For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. 28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 "I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. 31 "Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears. 32 "And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. 33 "I have coveted no one's silver or gold or clothes. 34 "You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my own needs and to the men who were with me. 35 "In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" 36 When he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. 37 And they began to weep aloud and embraced Paul, and repeatedly kissed him, 38 grieving especially over the word which he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they were accompanying him to the ship. (NASB 1995)

John and the Ephesians

In the book Revelations, the apostle John writes to the seven churches in Asia. The first of the seven churches is the church in Ephesus.

Revelations 2:1-7

1 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this: 2 'I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false; 3 and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary. 4 'But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. 5 'Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent. 6 'Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.'

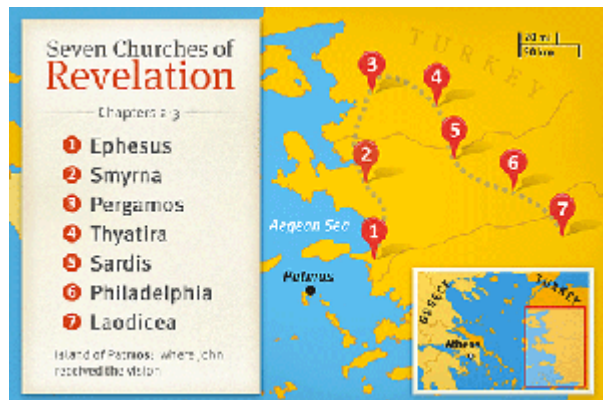
Letter to the Ephesians

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>

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