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[Armour] Greek: panoplia,

The full armour of a heavily armed soldier standing in combat readiness; it is full weaponry to wage war against a strong foe

Scripture Reference *Ephesians 6:10-17 – KJV* <u>Ephesians 6:11</u> | <u>View whole chapter</u> | <u>See verse in context</u>

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the <u>whole armour of God</u>, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Wiles

METHODS Greek: *methodeias* —the different means, plans, and schemes Satan uses to deceive, entrap, enslave, and ruin the souls of men. This is the art of dupery, meaning to cheat and or deceive a victim through deception "falsehood". [see: "Cunning craftiness" <u>Ephesians 4:14</u> | <u>View whole</u> chapter | See verse in context]

A man's method or plan to have a good time is the Devils plan to damn his soul.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

- 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
- 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Ephes. 6:10-17

Fiery Darts of the Wicked

DART Greek: *be los*, or any missile thrown, as the javelin, spear, arrow, or stone from a sling. The fiery darts perhaps refer to the combustible arrowheads that set fire to the fortifications, ships, houses, and even the shields of the enemy made of wood and leather. To quench these fiery darts shields were covered with metal.

As applied to Christian warfare they refer to evil thoughts, lusts, passions, and temptations of various kinds (1 Cor. 10:13-14; 2 Cor. 10:4-6; James 1:13-15;, Romans 6:12; 1 John 2:15 17)

Four Kinds of Spirit Rebels Ephes. 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. These are fallen angel: Seraphim, Cherubim, Archangel, & Rulers and Powers

I. PRINCIPALITIES Greek: *archas*, chief rulers or beings of the highest rank and order in Satan's kingdom (Ephes. 6: 12; Ephes. 1:21; Col. 2: 10)

2. AUTHORITIES Greek: *exousias,* those who derive their power from and execute the will of the chief rulers (Ephes. 6: 12; Ephes. 1:21; Col. 2: 10)

3. WORLD-RULERS Greek: *kosmokratoras*, of the darkness of this age, the spirit world-rulers (Daniel 10:13-21; Ephes. 1:21; Ephes. 6:12; Col. 1:16-18

4. SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS Greek: *pneumatika (tes*) (ponerias, that of the wicked spirits of Satan in the heavenlies (Ephes. 6: 12; Ephes. 1 Col. 1:16-18) See: Angel Classification below

Angel Classification

There are different kinds of angels with different characteristics and roles: cherubim, seraphim, and archangels. It may also be that there are "powers" and "principalities" which further describe rank in the angelic realm, but this is debated. Angels are created beings (Psalm 148:2, 5; Col. 1:16) and ministering spirits (1 Kings 19:5; Psalm 104:4; Luke 16:22). They are normally invisible but can manifest themselves to us (Num. 22:22-31). They carry out the will of God. Some were elected by God not to fall (1 Timothy 5:21).

Spirit Rebels Agents

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PRINCIPALITIES, AUTHORITIES, WORLD-RULERS, SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS

(Seraphim, Cherubim, Archangel, & Rulers and Powers)

The angelic beings fight to dominate the affaire of creatures influencing them to disobey God and follow their factious ways to bring about the plans of Lucifer, which fight the will of God. The battle os over who is in control of your affairs: good or evil, God or the devil/

Different Types of Angels.

Seraphim

Seraphim praise God (Isaiah 6:3). The word "seraphim" (singular is seraph) is probably a translation of 'fiery ones' and probably stems from the fiery imagery often associated with the Presence of God (cf. Ezek. 1:27). One "Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings; with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew" (Isaiah 6:2)

Cherubim

Cherubim are typically represented with wings, feet, and hands but are also described in different forms as having two faces (Ezek. 41:18) and even four faces (Ezek. 10:21). Cherubim were considered to be angels that guarded sacred things. In Gen. 3:24, they guarded the tree of life. They were over the Ark of the Covenant on the Mercy Seat (1 Sam. 4:4). See also Psalm 80:1; 99:1. Figures of Cherubs were embroidered on the temple veil (Exodus 26:31; 2 Chron. 3:7) and lavished Solomon's temple (1 Kings 6:26ff). "So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life." (Gen. 3:24). See also Exodus 25:18-22; Heb. 9:5.

Archangel

The word "archangel" is not found in the Old Testament. References to Michael the Archangel appear only in 1 Thess. 4:16 and Jude 9. However, Gabriel, who is considered an archangel, appears in both the OT and NT. In the OT he is found in Dan. 8:15-26 and 9:21-27. In the New Testament he is mentioned in Luke 1:11-20, 26-38. He seems to be a messenger angel. On the other hand, Michael the archangel seems to be a warrior angel (Rev. 12:7) who does battle (Dan. 10:13, 21; 12:1). An interesting note is that in Rom. 8:38, Eph. 1:21, and Col. 1:16, the word 'principalities' is used. In Greek, the word has the prefix of arche suggesting archangel. Some think this means there is a hierarchy of angels as is suggested in 1 Pet. 3:22, "who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him." "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first," (1 Thess. 4:16).

Rulers and Powers

This class of angel has various levels of authorities and powers of rulings – Although much debated, it is not known if these are a true class of angels or if it is an expression describing the power of angels, or are they in reference to an angelic rank of ruler-ship. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, <u>against powers</u>, against the <u>rulers of the darkness of this world</u>, against spiritual wickedness in high places" Ephesians 6:12.

Fallen angels

Fallen angels are those who, with Satan, rebelled against God before the Fall of Adam and Eve. Most Christian scholars agree that one-third of the angels fell. "And another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems. And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven, and threw them to the earth . . . "(Rev. 12:3-4). The fallen ones await an ultimate and final judgment, "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;" (2 Pet. 2:4).

Four Great Conquests of Spiritual Warfare

1. Destruction of Strong Holds-

We destroy reasoning of pagan philosophers, Jewish rabbiism and their dogma that nullify the Word of God, and the fact of the Gospel. These fortification sweeps pull down and demolish. We put to flight the demon powers and alien armies, raising the banner of the cross high on the field of battle.

2. Casting down imaginations-

We demolish all theories, reasonings, and any high system of ethics, religion, mythology, metaphysics, sublime doctrines or philosophy set forth to defy the knowledge of God (2 Cor. 10:5). All the boasted gods, lords, sacrificial and mediatorial systems fell before the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Word of God. All false doctrine falls before the preaching of the crucified and risen Christ. Heathenism shrank before the Gospel and called on secular powers to defend it.

3. Bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ-

We take every thought prisoner and lead it into captivity to obey Christ (2Cor. 10:5). Lascivious, vain and evil thoughts of all kinds are brought down and made obedient to His laws. That includes any thinking, which is contrary to virtue, purity and righteousness. See Matthew 15:19; Mark 7:21-22; I Cor. 13:5; Galatians 5:19; Phil. 4:8; Genesis 6:5; Proverbs 15:26; Isaiah 55:7; Isaiah 59:7; Jeremiah 4:14.

4. Having in readiness to avenge all disobedience-

We stand at all times ready, so to speak, to court-martial any opposing the Gospel of Christ, after separating ourselves from them (2 Cor. 10:6). The whole picture here is that of a strong fortified city where the enemy makes his last stand; entrenching in about the walls; raising towers and preparing engines of defense and offense upon the walls to insure victory. The Gospel and the whole Word of God beaks down the enemies fortifications, walls, towers, and castles into utter defeat, causing victory for the Saints..

The Power of the Whole Amour of God

- The Helmet of Salvation protects Brain from false doctrine (mind of understanding), Ears, (how you hear the word, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear" Luke 8:8 | View whole chapter | See verse in context), allows you to hear the Word of God and prevents the enemy from making you dull of understanding. Mouth (what you say-How you talk –")
- 2. **The Breastplate of Righteousness** Protects the Heart & vital organs (*guard the Word of God in your heart against the enemy stilling it*)
- **3.** The Girdle of Truth Defensive weapons support (secures the "Truth"... an offensive weapon that ward off lies and anything the devil says
- 4. The Sword of the Spirit represents the anointed Word of God, which is used to fight the enemy when attacked (*get to know the Word of God*)
- 5. The Shield of Faith an offence & defensive weapon which believes and trust God's Word (standing in faith believing without doubting God or His Word) combating and thrusting back all doubt and disbelief
- 6. The Brazen Boots of Peace Having you feet prepared by and walking in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, trotting under feet all: wood, hay, stubble, thrones, rocks, stones and anything or anyone that stands up against the word of God

Commentary

Actually, the battle is "not" yours' or mine, the true combat is between the powers of darkness (evil) and the power of light (good) and this is not a new conflict, it has been going on way before the creation of humankind. I believe the warfare is over control of all creation to dominate in wickedness or to dominate it in righteous and the opposing characters are God and His holy angels and Lucifer and his fallen angles.

The Christians' fight a spiritual warfare against spiritual wickedness in high places, to conquer; one must fight the enemy of all unrighteousness by being prepared and fully clothed with the whole armour of God.

Finally me brethren be strong – (*In summery*) After all the battling, warring, and fighting, stand in alert mood, expecting the enemies ' return to continue to battle again, and again, and again. Be on the lookout always ready to fight off attacks from the devil trying to devour your soul "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary athe devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: "<u>1 Peter 5:8</u> | <u>View whole chapter</u> | <u>See verse in context</u>.

Stand fast as a fully dressed solider standing at the ready to do battle in the mist of the enemy. In addition, we are strong in God with His armour, in the power of His might of His weapons. We must be fully clothed with the Spiritual Armour of God that makes soldiers ready for warfare against everything that opposes the Christian way of life and the things of God.

Fully Clothed Christian Solider with the Whole Armour of God (battle ready)

Armour of Light <u>Romans 13:12</u> | <u>View whole chapter</u> | <u>See verse in context</u> Armour of Righteousness: 2 Corinthians 6:7 | View whole chapter | See verse in context

1. The Helmet of Salvation

For helmet in the Greek, we use *perikepkalaia;* Meaning helmet for the head, which will keep the mind of Christ freshly at work in the Believer. The Saint's spiritual head gear. It will cause one to walk in the light of the Lord and not in the darkness of this World. It protects the mind from the temptations of the world.

3. The Girdle of Truth

Greek: *zoma*, the girdle—for the loins to brace the armor tight against the body, and support daggers, swords and other weapons

4. The Sword of the Spirit

Greek: *machaira*, The sword to destroy the enemy bring him to utter defeat - The Sword of the Spirit stands for the live anointed Word of God

2. The Breastplate of Righteousness

Greek: *thorax*, the breastplate in two parts—one to cover the breast and the other to cover the back to protect the vital organs of the body. It extended down to the legs

5. The Shield of Faith

Greek: thureos shield, to protect the body and its vital organs from sudden blows. It is a defensive as well as an offensive weapon.

6. The Brazen Boots of Peace

Greek: *knemides*: greaves to cover the shins. A kind shoe was often used to protect the feet from rocks, thrones and things that could make one stumble, and fall. Conquered all, stand, ready to do battle again.

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