



You Have Heard It Said

I am about to
rattle some cages
upset some carts
and
ruffle some feathers
so fasten your seatbelts

Weapons of Warfare



Introduction

No doubt you have heard it said about Ephesians 6:11-18 that:

“Paul is describing a Roman soldier’s armor.”

What a load of balderdash, codswallop, hogwash, manure, twaddle – pick your favorite expletive!

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 – *“The weapons of our warfare are not human weapons.”*

If the weapons of our warfare are **not human weapons**, then why do so many teach that we are to put on a Roman soldier’s armor which are clearly human weapons? It may be mistaken perceptions, or more likely just unsound teaching.

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1 Samuel 17:38-39 – *“Then Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail, and David strapped his sword over his armor. . . Then David said to Saul, “I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them.” So David put them off.”*

When David went against Goliath, he took off the human weapons that King Saul gave him.

1 Samuel 17:45 – *“I come to you in the name of Yahweh Tzva’ot.”*

David then went against Goliath in the Name of Yahweh, the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.

In other words, David went against Goliath in the whole Armor of Yahweh!
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Let's see if the *Armour of Yahweh*
applies more to the
Garments of the High Priest,
who is anointed for battle,
than to a *Roman Soldier's Armor!*

Ephesians 6:11-18

6:11-13 – *“Put on the whole armour of Yahweh, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood [human beings], but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of Yahweh, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”*

Paul starts by admonishing us to put on the whole armor of Yahweh, then goes on to describe each part of that armor, quoting from the Older Covenant scriptures, especially Isaiah, with commentary from his Epistles in the Newer Covenant.

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6:14 – “*Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness.*”

Paul says righteousness will be the belt of our waist, and faithfulness the belt of our loins, quoting from Isaiah.

In other words we are to wear the breastplate of the High Priest (Isaiah 59:17) and to be girded about with Yeshua who is our righteousness (Isaiah 11:5) and who is the faithful one (Isaiah 25:1).

[See also Deuteronomy 7:9, Psalm 71:22, etc.]

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6:15 – “*And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace . . .*”

Isaiah 52:7 puts it this way: “*How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news [the gospel], proclaiming shalom.*”

In other words, we are to be messengers – swift of feet – who are bringing the gospel of peace – the good news of Yeshua’s death, burial, and resurrection which brings us back into fellowship with Yahweh, our Heavenly Father.

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Ephesians 6:11-18

6:16 – *“And take the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. . .”*

2 Samuel 22:31 and Psalm 18:30 say: *“Yahweh acts in a faithful manner; . . . he is a shield to all who take shelter in him.”*

Psalms 59:11, 84:11, and 115:11 also describe Yahweh as our shield.

Psalm 91:4-5 puts it this way: *“His faithfulness is like a shield or a protective wall. You need not fear the terrors of the night, the arrow that flies by day. . .”*

Terrors of the night alludes to a sneak attack by enemies in the darkness of night – i.e. from the wiles of the devil.

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Ephesians 6:11-18

6:17 – *“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of Yahweh . . .”*

The original Hebrew of Isaiah 59:17 literally reads *“And his desire to Yeshua [H3444] is a a kowba [H3553] upon his rosh [H7218]”* – His desire to save is a helmet upon his head.

Isaiah 59:17 goes on to say *“he clothed himself with garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in a mantle of zeal,”* which is another way of saying he took up the Sword of the Spirit and the Word of Yahweh.

[See also 1 Thessalonians 5:8 and Revelation 2:16]

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6:18 – *“And pray at all times in the Spirit, with all kinds of prayer and supplication.”*

In summation, Paul admonishes us to pray at all times and in all ways. While not found in Isaiah, it can be found in many other places, including:

- Psalm 72:15 – *“Pray for him continually; yes, bless him all day long.”*
- Luke 18:1 – Then Yeshua told them that they *“must always keep praying and not lose heart.”*
- Romans 12:12 – *“Continue steadfastly in prayer.”*
- Colossians 4:2 – *“Keep persisting in prayer.”*
- 1 Thessalonians 5:17 – *“Pray regularly.”*

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- Yeshua acts in a faithful manner.
- Yeshua is our Helmet of Salvation.
- Yeshua is our Shield of Faith.
- Yeshua is our Breastplate of Righteousness.
- Yeshua is the Living Word of Yahweh – the Sword of the Spirit.
- Yeshua comes back making war wearing his High Priestly Garments.

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Paul consistently states that the Armor of Yahweh, according to Isaiah, **is the clothing of the High Priest** – not the armor of a Roman Soldier.

The High Priest is the one who is standing in the gap through intercessory prayer against the accuser of the brethren.

We would do well to wear our priestly garments to stand against the wiles of the devil.

The Roman Soldier Armor paradigm is a load of manure
– and just like Biff Tannen . . .

I Hate Manure

