

THE FULL ARMOR OF YAH

PART 1 | WHY DO WE NEED THE ARMOR?

- Ephesians 6 through the lens of the Hebrew Scriptures

The Armor Belongs to YHWH

ISAIAH 59:16-17

- Righteousness is His breastplate.
- Salvation is His helmet.
- Paul is drawing from the prophets, not inventing a Roman sermon illustration.

Righteousness and Faithfulness

ISAIAH 11:5

- Righteousness is the belt of His loins.
- Faithfulness is the belt of His waist.
- The armor expresses YHWH's own character.

Put On His Armor

EPHESIANS 6

- Believers are not told to forge their own armor.
- Putting on another warrior's armor represents authority, identity, inheritance, victory, and role.
- We participate in YHWH's battle under His authority and strength.

Why Do We Need Armor?

EPHESIANS 6:10-13

- Our struggle is not merely against flesh and blood.
- Paul names principalities, powers, rulers of darkness, and spiritual hosts of wickedness.
- Part 1 examines the opposition before Part 2 examines the pieces of armor.

Principalities

HIGH-RANKING SPIRITUAL AUTHORITIES

- Paul uses language of first rulers, chief powers, and ruling authorities.
- Colossians 1 presents principalities and powers as created realities.
- The Teaching identifies rebellious angelic authorities within the kingdom of darkness.

The Watchers and the Nephilim

GENESIS 6 • JUDE 6 • 2 PETER 2

- The Teaching distinguishes the Genesis 6 watchers from other fallen angels.
- Jude describes angels who left their proper domain and are kept for judgment.
- This distinction shapes the Teaching's interpretation of Ephesians 6.

Spiritual Powers and Nations

DEUTERONOMY 32 • DANIEL 10 • DANIEL 12

- The “sons of God” are connected with the nations.
- Michael stands watch over Israel.
- The princes of Persia and Greece illustrate hostile spiritual powers connected with earthly kingdoms.

The Conflict Is Personal

“WE WRESTLE”

- Wrestling suggests close, hand-to-hand conflict.
- The Teaching compares the language with Jacob’s wrestling.
- Spiritual opposition is not merely a distant cosmic event.

Powers

DELEGATED AUTHORITIES AND JURISDICTIONS

- The Teaching sees an organized hierarchy beneath higher principalities.
- The kingdom of darkness creates chaos, but is not itself chaotic.
- Its forces work in coordinated opposition.

A Counterfeit Kingdom

MATTHEW 12:25-26

- Yeshua speaks of Satan as having a kingdom.
- Paul's language is read as describing an organized spiritual structure.
- The visible conflict is deeper than politics, governments, and human disagreement.

Rulers of Darkness

DECEPTION • IGNORANCE • LAWLESSNESS

- Darkness represents blindness to truth, sin, rebellion, death, and false worship.
- Isaiah, Psalms, and Proverbs repeatedly use darkness this way.
- The Teaching calls believers to recognize the reality of deception around them.

Spiritual Hosts of Wickedness

THE UNSEEN REALM

- The Teaching presents these as wicked spiritual beings operating at a lower level.
- It connects demonic spirits with the departed spirits of the Nephilim.
- “Heavenly places” describes an unseen realm whose conflict affects the visible world.

Psalm 82 and the Divine Council

YHWH JUDGES AMONG THE ELOHIM

- Psalm 82 is used to explore created spiritual beings under YHWH's authority.
- Job 1 likewise pictures heavenly beings presenting themselves before YHWH.
- Even hostile powers remain subject to His ultimate authority.

Awareness Without Obsession

KEEP THE FOCUS ON YHWH AND HIS WORD

- Believers need awareness of the spiritual conflict.
- Speculation beyond what Scripture reveals can become a distraction.
- The goal is not fascination with darkness - it is faithfulness and readiness to stand.

Why the Armor Is Necessary

STAND IN THE EVIL DAY

- Behind human rebellion stands a real spiritual kingdom encouraging opposition to YHWH.
- The believer is called to stand rather than be removed from the field.
- YHWH has not left His people unarmed.

Preparing for Part 2

WHAT IS THE ARMOR?

- Part 1 establishes where the armor comes from and why it is needed.
- Part 2 will examine truth, righteousness, salvation, faith, the Word, and the remaining armor imagery in depth.