



Bethany Bible Study & Discussion

Daniel (Part-18) (Chapter 10)

INTRODUCTION TO DANIEL'S 4th VISION

What was the timing of this vision? What was happening in Jerusalem at this time? What gave Daniel the understanding? What did Daniel's understanding prompt him to do? Why was Daniel in mourning? Who was the man that Daniel saw? What was Daniel's reaction? What message did Daniel receive? How is Daniel addressed? When was Daniel's prayer answered? What caused the delay in the receipt of message? Who is the prince of the Kingdom of Persia? Do we still battle such a prince? If so, what is the strategy of the prince and what should be our strategy?

Application: What can we learn from this chapter for our prayer life? What verse can we commit to memory?

Daniel's visions

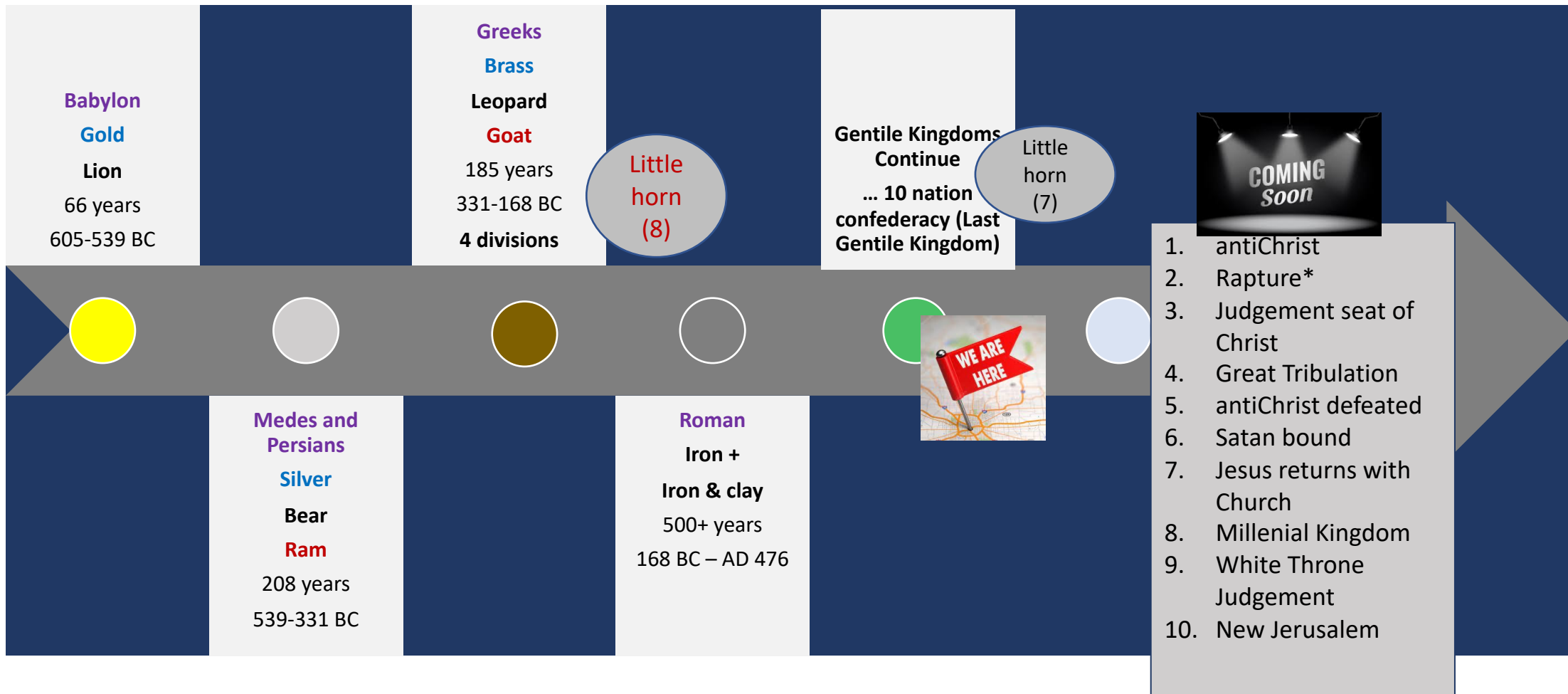
Visions of Beasts (Chapter 7)

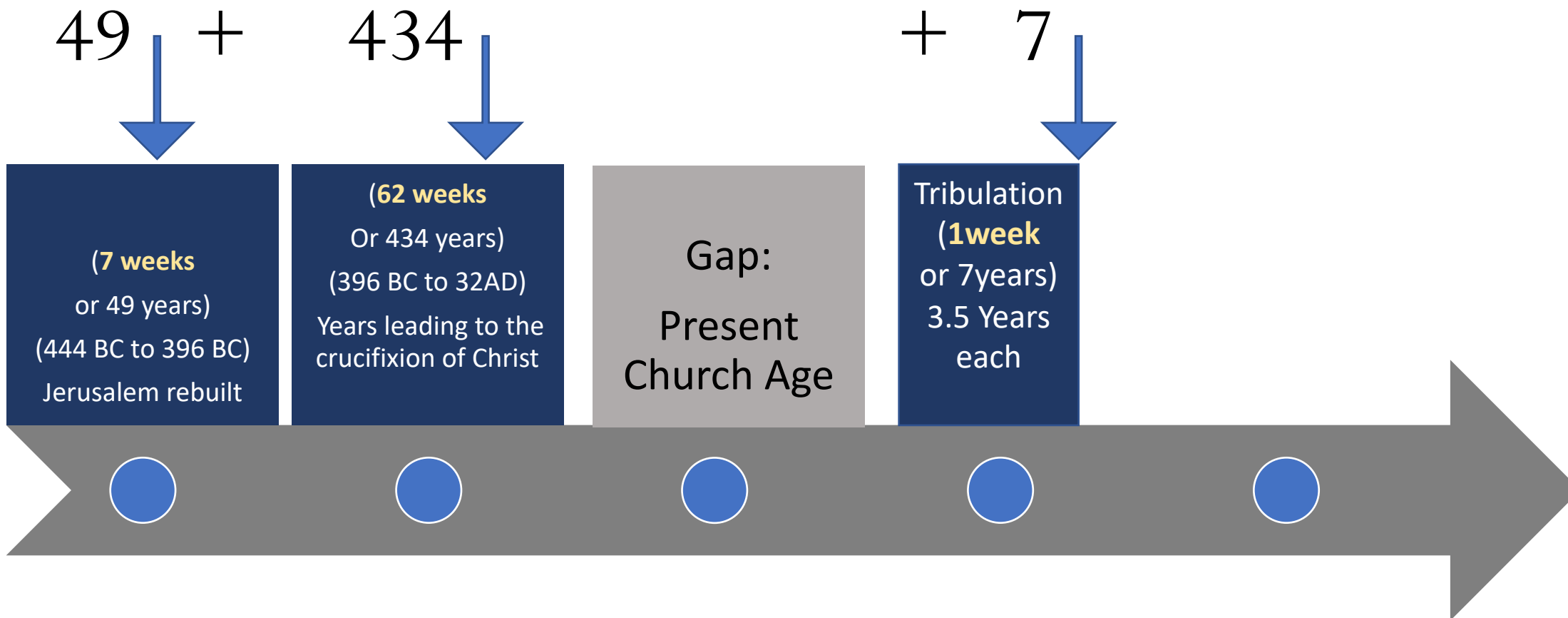
Ram and goat vision (Chapter 8)

Seventy weeks vision (Chapter 9)

Fourth vision (Chapters 10-12)

600 BC to Today to end times to rest of Eternity (Chapters 2, 7, 8)





Correction (from last week): Mathew 24:39-41

Passage refers to second coming (not Rapture)

Second coming Versus Rapture (future study)

Fourth Vision Introduction (Ch. 10)

Daniel's Mourning (1-3)

Vision of a glorious man (4-9)

**Reason for delayed response
(10-14) Spiritual warfare**

Daniel's interaction with the
messenger (15-21)

Timing of Fourth vision

3rd Year of King Cyrus, King of Persia (1)

- **King Cyrus** ... issued a decree that Jews can return home after 70-years of bondage in Babylon
- First group of Israelites had returned under Ezra
- How about Daniel? Did he return?

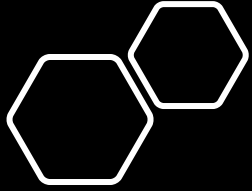
Ezra 1:1-3 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, ² Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The Lord God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. ³ Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the Lord God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem.

Timing of Fourth vision

Daniel did not return

- Old age
- Chose to remain with those left behind
- More effective in Babylon as an advocate for Israelites
- Engaged in prayer warfare

- Building efforts were lead by Ezra and Nehemiah
- But stalled for 15-years due to opposition (Ezra 3:1-6) until the time of Haggai.

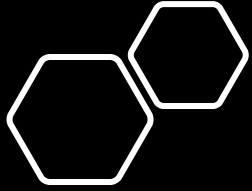


Response to the vision

As Daniel gained understanding through vision, he chose to mourn, fast (partial) & pray for 3-weeks (similar to Chapter 9)

Why was Daniel Mourning?

Does our understanding of scriptures & revelation prompt us to pray with burden?



Daniel in mourning & sorrow

- for opposition to rebuilding efforts,
- for the stalled work & discouragement among those who returned due to opposition,
- for many Jews who chose not to return,
- the message of great war (NIV) and suffering for Jews

Daniel in mourning & sorrow

Daniel's mourning is not for himself but for others and God's Temple in Jerusalem

- **I Corinthians 12:26** (if one member suffer, all suffer with it)
- **Hebrews 13:3** (Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourself also in the body)

When was the last time we fasted, prayed, and mourned for the suffering of others?

Glorious vision (4-6)

- Clothed in linen, loins girded with fine gold
- Body like beryl
- Face as the appearance of lightning
- Eyes as lamps of fire
- Arms and feet like polished brass
- Voice of his words like voice of a multitude

Who is This?

Who is this?

Pre-incarnate Christ?

Angel?

Or both (2

Who is this? Is it pre-incarnate Jesus Christ?

Similarities of Daniel 10:5-6 to Revelation 1:13-15

¹³ And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

¹⁴ His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

¹⁵ And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

- Daniel calls him my Lord (16, 17, 19)

Who is this?

Daniel 10:10-11, 15, 16

- ¹⁰ And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands. ¹¹ And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. ¹⁵ And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward the ground, and I became dumb. ¹⁶ And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength.
- Daniel calls him my Lord (16, 17, 19)
- But ... if Lord, why would He need the help of Michael (13)?
- Or is verses 10-15 a different angel?
 - **So who is this?**
 - Pre-incarnate Christ, Angel or both?
 - No conclusive answer

A special vision

- Only Daniel could see (7)
 - Road to Emmaus (Luke 24)... two men walked with the Lord but did not recognize him ... Lord has to open our eyes to see Him!
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- ⁷ And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.

Daniel's reaction following the vision

- Trembles (10,11),
- dumb (15),
- without strength (8, 16,17),
- Without breadth (18)

- Later, strengthened (18)
and made strong (19)

(Our) Prayers are heard instantly

- ¹² Then he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.”
- Daniel’s prayer leads to action from God.
- All prayers of believers, with cleansed hearts, are heard (and answered) Do you believe it?

Spiritual Warfare:

Answer to Daniel's prayer blocked and delayed

What caused the delay in the receipt of message? How long was the delay?

Who is the prince of the Kingdom of Persia?

Do we still battle such a prince?

If so, what is the strategy of the prince and what should be our strategy?

Prayers blocked by fallen angel

10: 21

And now I must return to
fight with the prince of Persia;
and when I have gone forth,
indeed the prince of Greece
will come.

Battles in Persia(13) and
Greece (21)

10: 13

But the prince of the
kingdom of Persia withstood
me twenty-one days; and
behold, Michael, one of the
chief princes, came to help
me, for I had been left alone
there with the kings of
Persia.

Michael – Archangel

Gabriel – Messenger

Lucifer – Fallen angel

Our fight continues ...

Roaring Lion, Angel of Light

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a **roaring lion**, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: (I Peter 5:8)

for Satan himself is transformed into an **angel of light**. (II Corinthians 11:14)

False prophets, and deception

Beware of false prophets, which come to you **in sheep's clothing**, but **inwardly** they are ravening **wolves**. (Mathew 7:15)

Our battle & our armor

- 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. (**Ephesians 6:12**)
- ¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
¹¹ **Put on the whole armour of God**, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (**Ephesians 6:10-11**)
- Praying always (**Ephesians 6:18**)
- Resist the devil and he will flee from you (**James 4:7**)

Purpose of vision

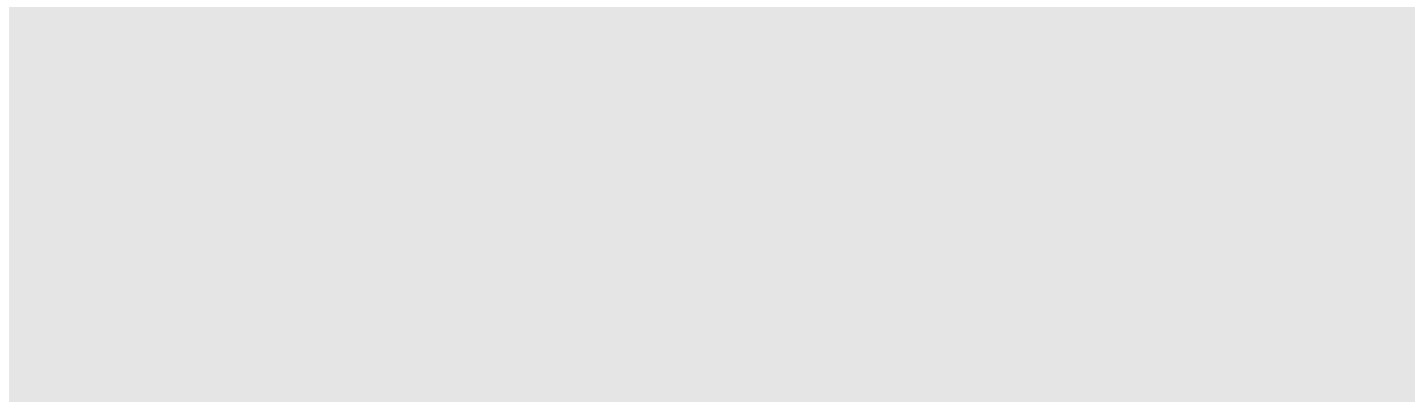
Covered in chapters 11 and 12

- 21 But I will teach thee that which is noted in the **scripture of truth**

¹⁴ Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for vision *refers to many days yet to come.*”

19 “Let my Lord speak; for thou has strengthened me”

From Ephesians Chapter 6 Study: The Battle & Armor of God



The enemy (12)

Wrestle ==> Active war (not like a dormant volcano but an active volcano)

The enemy: Invisible, wicked spirit
Not flesh & blood (not family, friends, bosses, church, terrorists)
Satan, fallen angels, demonic forces, evil spirits

Location: Spiritual wickedness heavenly places (Air between earth and the stars)

Who is Present in heavenly places:

Christ (Ephesians 1:20), Believers (Ephesians 2:6) Evil forces (Ephesians 6:12)

Know the enemy & his strategy...

Satan

- ❑ Satan attacks at our weakest point ... what should be our **response**?
 - we must know our weaknesses;
 - Response ... stand up & fight with spiritual armour (Ephesians 6), (Resist, James 4:7; Hide, Proverbs 22:3; Run, Genesis 39:12)
- ❑ It is an **ongoing battle** (departed from Jesus for a season, Luke 4:13)
 - we must be always ready for Satan's surprise attacks
- ❑ Satan is powerful and has many schemes (as seen before)... don't be proud or underestimate him (I Corinthians 10:12)
 - **but Our God is greater!** (see next slide)

Some of the titles given to Satan

Devil, Satan, Old Serpent, Deceiver, great dragon (Revelation 12:9)

Accuser (Revelation 12:10)

Prince of the air (Ephesians 2:2)

Prince of this world (John 14:30)

Beelzebul (Prince of the devils) (Matthew 12:24)

Ruler of demons (Matthew 9:34)

Evil one (Matthew 13:19)

Enemy (Matthew 13:39)

Liar (John 8:44)

Lucifer (Isaiah 14:12)

God of this world (II Corinthians 4:4)

Roaring Lion (I Peter 5:8)

Know our Savior: our God is greater

- **HE IS THE HEAD** And ye are complete in Him, which is the **head** of all principality and power (Colossians 2:10) and having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, **triumphing** over them in it (Colossians 2:15)
- **HE DESTROYS DEVIL** For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested, that He might **destroy** the works of the devil (I John 3:8)
- **WE ARE SECURE IN HIM** **Nothing** can separate us from the love of God ... nor principalities nor powers ... more than **conquerors** (Romans 8:38-39) Wicked one cannot touch us (I John 5:18)
- **THE END OF DEVIL** Then cometh the **end**, when he shall have delivered up the Kingdom of God, even the Father; when he shall have **put down** all rule and all authority and power (I Corinthians 15:24)

Some of the titles given to Jesus ..

The Bread of Life (John 6:35)

The Light of the World (John 8:12)

The Gate for the Sheep (John 10:7)

The Good Shepherd (John 10:11)

The Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)

The Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6)

The True Vine (John 15:1)

Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6)

And many more wonderful names!

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye maybe able to stand against the wiles of the devil (11) (13)

PUT ON

We have to make a choice to receive His power and be strong

WHOLE ARMOUR

Not partially dressed but fully dressed & equipped for the battle

PURPOSE

- To remain standing (Satan is also pictured standing, I Chronicles 21:1)
- To deflect and defeat the wiles (schemes) of the devil

The 6-piece Armour:

1. Belt
2. Shield
3. Shoes
4. Sword
5. Breastplate
6. Helmet

What about our
back?

Armour of God

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 (Ephesians 6:13 KJV).

Belt of Truth

(Ephesians 6:14)

Sword of the Spirit

(Ephesians 6:17)

Feet of Peace

(Ephesians 6:15)

Helmet of Salvation

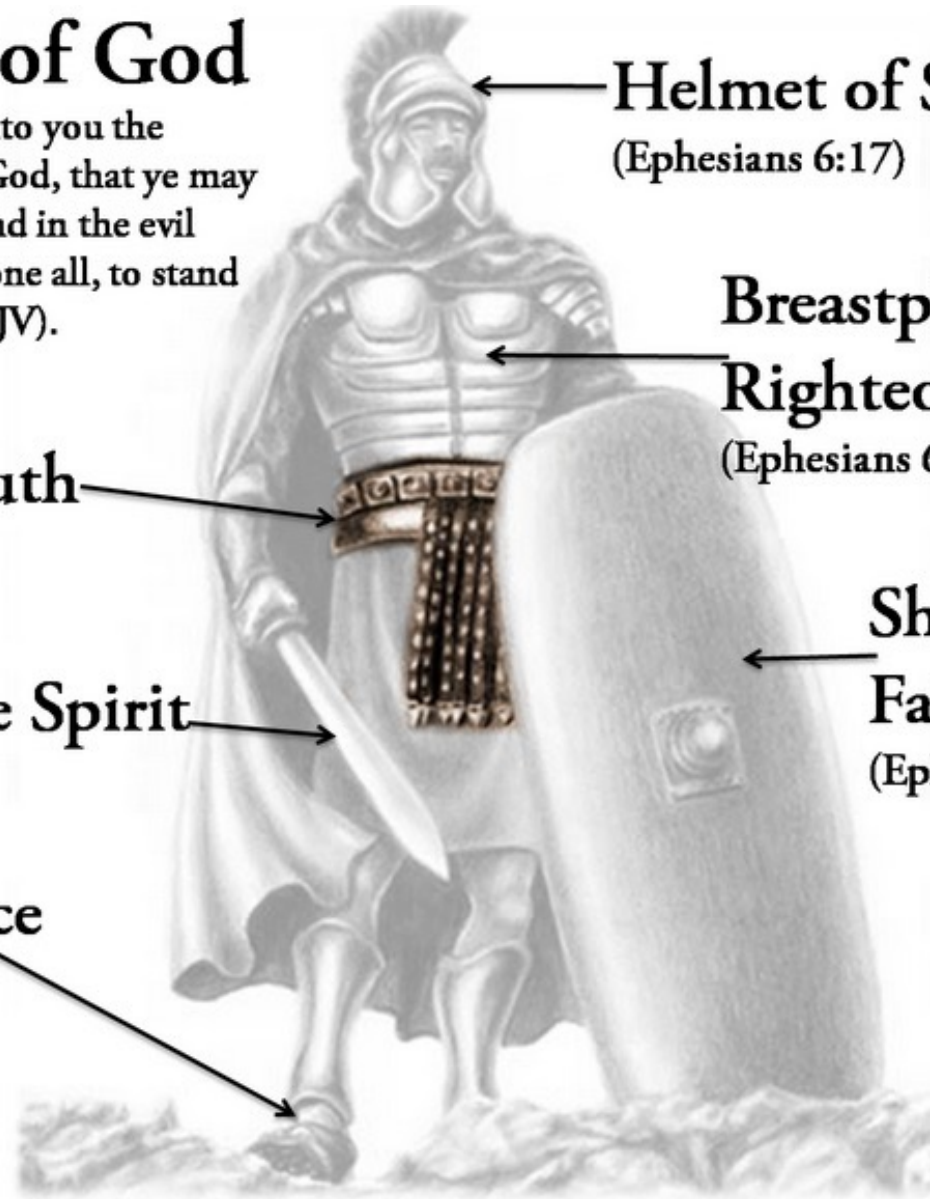
(Ephesians 6:17)

Breastplate of Righteousness

(Ephesians 6:14)

Shield of Faith

(Ephesians 6:16)



Belt of Truth

Belt ... keeps everything secure and together

Our life must be secured by truth. Lies and hypocrisy are from Satan.

TRUTH ... We must **Know** the Truth, **Believe** in the Truth, **Act** in Truth

Jesus is the Truth (John 14:6) Spirit of truth is in us (John 14:17)

Thou desirest truth in our inner part (Psalms 51:6)

A life of Truth is critical to winning victories and for our personal testimony

Breastplate of Righteousness

- Protects our vital organs, the heart
- **Out of the heart proceeds defilement ... Mathew 15:18-20**
- For a believer, righteousness of Christ is imputed ... it gives us confidence to enter holy of holies for grace and mercy (**Hebrews 4:16**), there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus (**Romans 8:1**)
- We must strive to live a righteous life (right relationship with the Lord)

Feet prepared with gospel of peace

Our **Feet** must be prepared and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace ... we must be instruments of peace and reconciliation

Gospel leads to **Peace** ... Peace with God, Peace with others, and Peace in our hearts. How lovely are the gospel feet (**Isiah 52:7**)

- We can stand strong since we have accepted the gospel (that gives us peace within and with God)

Shield of faith ... to fight fiery darts

- This is the victory over the world, even our faith (I John 5:4)
- Faith is our invisible weapon to conquer the invisible enemy!
- Our faith represents our faith in the wonderful attributes of God (His power, His sovereignty etc.), faith in the salvation plan, faith in the eternal promises of God
With such faith we can defeat all the fiery darts!

“Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” **Hebrews**
11:1

Helmet of Salvation

Helmet protects the head ... our mind, our thoughts, our decisions

- Helmet protects us from evil thoughts, Satan's deception, and poor judgement; Reminds us of the blessings of salvation experience.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. **Philippians 4:8**

Sword of the Spirit

Jesus overcame temptations by using The Word (Matthew 4)

Scripture can be used to fight and defeat every argument and deception of Satan. When we are ignorant of scriptures, we become easy victims of Satan (including false teachings)

Thy word have I hid in my heart that I may not sin (**Psalms 119:11**)

All scripture is profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness ... to make us perfect and equipped for good works (**II Timothy 3:16-17**)

Prayer (20)

- Always (I Thessalonians 5:17, pray without ceasing)
- In the spirit (Romans 8:26 ... Spirit maketh intercession)
- Watching (Matthew 26:41 ... watch & pray that you enter not into temptation)
- With perseverance (Luke 18:7 ... shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night)
- Pray for for all saints and our personal spiritual warfare

What memory verse?

1:8a

2:22

7:18

3:17-18

4:34

8: 19

5:25

6: 27

9:

10: