

VIDEO 2- Full Armor Series INTRO - SCRIPT

The Full Armor of God Introduction.

Welcome to Torah for Women's Mountain Moments – I am Judith Garton

I wanted to show you something that occurred to me a while ago – it was perfect timing. Around the first week of January 2021, I had only a couple of pages left in this, my old prayer journal, and with all the changes happening in life and in the world, it was perfect timing to start a new journal. I had this old proof journal in a crate, and decided to use it! So, here it is, my fresh journal. New year – new journal!!!! New pages to record new things that will be happening in life – one of the first things recorded is the birth of our newest, and third, grandchild.

I was hoping to have TFW's second journal available to show you today, but I have not yet received my proof copy. Yes, we are publishing a second women's journal in which you will be able to record your prayers, Yahweh's responses, dreams, and what not. We will intro that one in an upcoming video. I am already planning a list of special journaling lessons for that one as well.

Torah for Women ministries currently has this Virtuous Women's prayer journal available for you to purchase at Amazon.com. The link for purchase will be available in the description below. In the very near future, we will add the link for the NEW journal focusing on the Gifts of the Spirit, too! So keep an eye out for that addition as well!

Now, Today we are starting a series of lessons on journaling which Yahweh impressed upon me just a week or so ago – I have been promising for some time that we would start doing this together – discuss how to journal and what to journal. Let's face it – 2020 was a truly wonky year all the way around, wasn't it! And things sometimes seem to be changing moment by moment, so we need to ensure we are ready for what lies ahead of us.

I have been asking Yahweh in prayer for lessons and messages to use for the prayer journaling with you. He has given me many different ones to guide us through – and many truly do apply to this up-coming year. But my favorite series to prepare is the one from January 13th this year. It was the most moving message of all, so this is where we are going to start. Get ready for:

The Armor of God.

Ephesians 6:10-17 (KJV)

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 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. 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. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:”

Now I know, every ministry has done messages and lessons on the armor of God from scripture. Yet my hope is that our messages together will help you to not only understand the scripture verses on armor, but to also know WHAT MANY OF US DO to actually get in the way of Yahweh as He tries to instruct us on how to don that armor every single day. Because we do – we get in His way.

How? Well, you see, we don't just need to PUT ON the armor to go into battle. As a warrior does before he is going into battle, we need to ready ourselves through preparation, study, training, and practice. Together we will discover ways to put on the armor correctly, if it is not fastened strongly & properly, it could come lose in battle, swing to the side, uncover our vulnerable parts to the adversary, then cause us harm or injury from which we need to recover and heal. And YES, this is even possible from a spiritual perspective (which IS what these verses are talking of) as well as physically.

First, I want to take a few moments her to be clear, WE do not teach that the armor of god is the priestly garb from the OT, and you need to know that from the beginning. A lot of people try to justify the claim, then state emphatically that the armor mentioned in Ephesians is the Levitical Priestly clothing. Yet they are not at all the same. Paul was speaking to the people who were in and around Ephesus - Gentiles who had accepted Yeshua's teachings. They would have been very familiar with the Roman Soldier's armor. It would have been akin to using a modern analogy to help someone understand your description or idea.

There are pieces to the soldier's armor mentioned by Paul that are not accurately compared to anything the priest wears. In fact, there are even pieces missing from the Priestly garb that is only on the style of armor worn by a Roman soldier, as well as pieces missing from the Roman Soldiers' armor that is worn by the Priest. What do we mean? Let's take a look:

Comparing Exodus 28 and Ephesians 6, the Priest is to wear a breastplate, ephod, robe, broidered coat, mitre (or turbin), and a girdle. There are a few additional pieces as well, such as the censor for incense, the bells and Pomegranates. AND the priest wears NO SHOES. None – they are to be barefoot. The Roman Soldier is to wear a breastplate, tunic, helmet, belt or girdle, and shoes, while carrying a shield and sword. Although not mentioned in scripture specifically, historically many soldiers wore a form of tunic under their armour. We chose to include this historical information into the chart included, only to show the comparison between the priest and soldier.

Priest	Soldier
Breastplate	Breastplate
Ephod	
Robe	Tunic
Broidered Coat	
Mitre (turban)	Helmet
Girdle	Belt or Girdle
Bells and Pomegranates	
Censor for incense	
Barefoot	Shoes

	Shield
	Sword

As you can see from this simple table, the Levite priestly garments have more items and more details than does the description used for the Roman soldier's armor in Ephesians. A few blatant differences are the soldier having a shield, sword, AND is wearing shoes! The priest has neither of those pieces of weaponry, nor does he have any shoes – in fact, he is commanded to walk barefoot on holy ground. IN addition, many will make claim to the Mitre or turban being the same as the helmet of the soldier. One is NOT equal to the other. I will make a point here, too: those who claim this about the turban also claim that the censor is equal to sword and/or the shield. I have seen this vary from teacher to teacher.

It is clear by simple comparison, though, that they are vastly different. THIS is the point where we often get attacked with how we are seeing this only from a WESTERN mindset, or that we clearly don't understand Hebrew idioms. Recently Jim did a comparison for me: this would be like saying that someone cannot understand the instructions to make a pan of lasagna unless they are able to comprehend the Italian mindset to make it properly. Or to say that you are not properly understanding the teachings in Catholicism unless you can understand Latin Idioms. Would any of us honestly make THESE CLAIMS? No – yet whenever topics like the Armor of God come up – we get this attitude FREQUENTLY.

We do not need a specific nationality, cultural, or familial mindset to be able to understand the Word of God when it is THIS CLEAR. Paul is speaking of Roman armor which we must don for spiritual battle. The part about spiritual battle is what throws people off from Paul's words – because it IS spiritual, people assume that he MUST be talking about the priestly outfit since IT has clear spiritual meaning to it all. Yet, it is unmistakable that Roman armor has spiritual application, because Paul uses it to show us HOW!

In addition to these points, it can also be seen from the word used in Ephesians that the word for armor is a defensive AND offensive form of armor. It is a complete set for battle, including weapons. The armor to put on will be made up of everything needed to wage a successful battle – offensive and defensive, against your adversary. Is the priestly garment one that is worn into battle? No.

Because we will be battling against spiritual forces, not just physical ones, we will need to be properly equipped. And the priestly garments are not designed for a warrior's bloody combat. And in these days ahead, we may see many we know who become spiritually "bloodied" so to speak, falling by the wayside; weary, lost, confused, beaten, broken, destroyed, and more. We will each need the full resources which Abba grants to every believer in the form of armor, so they can each wage war successfully as well as protect the vulnerable against the fiery darts of the adversary. A shield itself provides AMAZING protection as you will see when we get to that part in our discussion!

So where do we go from here? In our next video, we are going to start discussing the whole armor of god - piece by piece using additional scripture to fill in the blanks. We are going to explore how we stand in God's way as He tries to help us place each piece of armor. Our hope is to help each individual discover ways to get out of Yahweh's way. We hope to help you discover what strengths and weaknesses you have, suggest ways to fortify against them, and HOW to properly wear and use each piece of armor by overcoming. Then we will be

ready with the best battle worthy armor we can assemble – ready to defend our families, loved ones, strangers, and ourselves from the spiritual warfare waging all around us.

A note I will share in every video: will we be perfect every time? Of course not. And I would not expect anyone to be – we may stumble, fall, get minor wounds as we go through battle in these upcoming months and years. But we will, my prayer is, be better equipped to heal more quickly, stand more firmly, and battle more fiercely for those things Yahweh impresses upon each of us to accomplish in our life. My battles may be different than yours, and yours different from your siblings' or children's'. Yet the basic mechanics we each learn through this process will be more easily applied as we go forth as warriors for God. May you be blessed and shalom.

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