

A black and white photograph of a war-torn city street. The foreground is covered in a thick layer of rubble, including broken bricks, wood, and debris. On the left, a large, multi-story building has been severely damaged, with its facade crumbling and its structure exposed. In the center, another building stands with a jagged, partially collapsed roof. To the right, a tall, thin, leafless tree stands amidst the ruins. In the background, more damaged buildings line the street, and a utility pole is visible. The sky is a uniform, light gray, suggesting an overcast day or the aftermath of a bombing. The overall atmosphere is one of desolation and the aftermath of conflict.

the war

Armor and Weapons

Eph. 6

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

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¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

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¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

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¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

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¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

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BELT

Is. 11.5

Righteousness will be his belt and
faithfulness the sash around his waist.

Breastplate of righteousness

Is. 52

⁷ How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace,
who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion,
“Your God reigns!”

Shield of Faith

- Eph. 2
- ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.
- Whose faith?

Helmet of Salvation

Is. 59

¹⁷ He put on righteousness as his breastplate,
and the helmet of salvation on his head;
he put on the garments of vengeance
and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak.

Sword of the Spirit

Rev. 19

¹⁵ Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations.

Heb. 4.12

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¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven

Pray

- Heb. 4

¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

What's the Point

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- Put on Christ!

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