

Strengthen Yourself In The Power of God

“In conclusion, strengthen yourselves in YeHoVaH and in the power which His supreme might imparts.” - Ephesians 6:10

In the journey of faith, the apostles underscored the importance of personal empowerment. Each believer is urged to actively engage in fortifying their spiritual strength. While divine support is ever-present, the onus of seeking and embracing this heavenly might falls upon the individual. The essence of this instruction is clear: strengthen yourself through consistent prayer, diligent study of scriptures, and unwavering faith in YeHoVaH's supreme power.

In the spiritual battles we face, it is essential to rely on the strength provided by YeHoVaH. This divine empowerment equips us to stand unwavering in the face of adversity, with a resolve fortified by His supreme might.

“Put on the complete armor of Elohim, so as to be able to stand firm against all the stratagems of the devil.

For ours is not a conflict with mere flesh and blood, but with the despotisms, the empires, the forces that control and govern this dark world--the spiritual hosts of evil arrayed against us in the heavenly warfare.” - Ephesians 6:11-12

The apostles taught about strengthening the defensive armor as well as the offensive weaponry of the unseen spiritual realms from the words of the prophets of old.

Isaiah 11:5

*Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins,
And faithfulness the belt about His waist.*

Isaiah 59:17

“He put on righteousness like a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head, and He put on garments of vengeance for clothing and wrapped Himself with zeal as a mantle.”

Isaiah 52:7

“How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who announces shalom, and brings good news of happiness, who announces salvation, and says to Zion, “Your Elohim reigns!”

To combat these unseen forces, Paul exhorts believers to clothe themselves in the complete/full armor of Elohim. This armor is not a mere metaphor but a spiritual reality, designed to provide divine protection and strength. Each piece of the armor symbolizes a vital aspect of the believer's spiritual defense: the belt of truth to guard against deception, the breastplate of righteousness to protect the heart from sin, and the shoes of the gospel of peace to stand firm in the good news.

In addition to these, the shield of faith is crucial for deflecting the fiery arrows of doubt, fear, and temptation, while the helmet of salvation guards the mind against thoughts that lead to despair or confusion. Finally, the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of Elohim, serves as both an offensive and defensive weapon in the hands of the believer, enabling them to counter the lies of the adversary (HaSatan) with the truth of Scripture.

Paul's apostolic teaching was intense due to the atmosphere of

idolatry in the region of Ephesus. This was the center of worship of the idol gods Artemis or Diana. The warfare against the ekklesia was severe, and believers needed to be equipped with the spiritual armor to withstand the relentless attacks.

*“Therefore put on the complete armor of Elohim,
so that you may be able to stand your ground on the day of battle,
and, having fought to the end, to remain victors on the field.
Stand therefore, first fastening round you the girdle of truth and
putting on the breastplate of uprightness
as well as the shoes of the good news of shalom,
a firm foundation for your feet.
And besides all these, take the great shield of faith,
on which you will be able to quench all the
flaming darts of the wicked one;
and take the helmet of salvation, and the
sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of Elohim.”*

- Ephesians 6:13-17 (WNT)

Let's look at our battles with the unseen realms as Yeshua viewed them and taught them to His disciples.

Luke 10:1 (LITV)

“After these things, the Master also appointed seventy others, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place, even to where He was about to come.”

Noticeably, Yeshua appointed 70 besides His 12 apostles. This brings to light the parallels for the number seventy and gives new meaning to this group of people.

The Significance of the Number 70 in the Bible

The number 70 holds substantial significance in the Bible,

symbolizing completion, fullness, and divine order. It frequently appears in various contexts, from the patriarchs to prophetic visions, indicating a period of judgment, restoration, and accomplishment.

Occurrences in the Old Testament

- In Genesis, the descendants of Noah through his sons comprised seventy nations, establishing the foundation of the world's peoples (Genesis 10).
- Jacob's family, which entered Egypt, consisted of seventy members (Genesis 46:27).
- During the Exodus, Moses appointed seventy elders to assist him in governing the Israelites, symbolizing a structured governing body (Numbers 11:16).

Occurrences in the New Testament

- In Luke 10:1, Jesus appointed seventy disciples and sent them out two by two to spread the message of the Kingdom and perform miracles. This mission illustrates divine commissioning and empowerment.

Symbolism and Interpretation

- Seventy often represents a period of judgment and subsequent restoration, as seen in the seventy years of Babylonian captivity prophesied by Jeremiah (Jeremiah 25:11).
- It is also understood to signify completeness and spiritual order, underscoring the fulfillment of divine purposes.
- The "Great Sanhedrin" of 70 judges, which, among other roles, acted as a supreme court, taking appeals from cases that lesser courts decided.

In essence, the number 70 encapsulates God's plans and purposes, bridging human history and divine intervention, marking significant events that lead to the fruition of spiritual and worldly transformations.

Luke 10:17-20

*“The seventy returned with joy, saying,
“Master, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”
He said to them, “I was watching Ha-Satan fall
from heaven like lightning. Behold, I have given you authority
{exousia: power to act, authority, dominion jurisdiction} to tread on
serpents and scorpions, and over all the power {dunamis:
(miraculous) power, might, strength} of the enemy,
and nothing will injure you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this,
that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that
your names are recorded in heaven.”*

The number seventy continues to hold incredible spiritual significance in Jewish tradition. One striking example is the belief that God spoke in seventy languages from Sinai. This profound event symbolizes the universal reach and inclusivity of divine communication, ensuring that every nation and people could understand the Torah. By speaking in multiple languages, God demonstrated that His message transcends cultural and linguistic barriers, aiming to unite humanity under His divine law.

The number seventy also appears in the context of the seventy nations descended from Noah, as listed in Genesis 10. This enumeration symbolizes the diversity of humanity and God's covenant with all people, not just the Israelites. It emphasizes the widespread impact of divine will and the interconnectedness of all nations under God's plan.

Moreover, the significance of seventy is further illustrated in the celebration of Sukkot, an important Jewish festival. During this

festival, seventy bullocks were offered over the week-long period, representing the seventy nations of the world. This act of offering highlights the inclusivity of God's blessings and the hope for universal peace and prosperity.

In essence, the number seventy encapsulates multifaceted layers of religious, historical, and cultural meanings. It serves as a beacon of divine order, completeness, and the inclusive nature of God's communication and covenant with humanity. Through various narratives and events, seventy stands as a testament to the profound depths of spiritual significance and God's omnipresent influence across time and cultures.

Yeshua empowered seventy (70) of His disciples and sent them out to spread the message of the Kingdom of Elohim. They were tasked with healing the sick and delivering people from demonic oppression.

Upon their return, the seventy disciples were filled with joy and exclaimed, "Master, even the demons are subject to us in Your name!" Yeshua responded by affirming their victory, saying, "I was watching Ha-Satan fall from heaven like lightning. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven."

These scriptures tell us of spiritual forces having spiritual powers. "Despotisms, the empires, the forces that control and govern this dark world--the spiritual hosts of evil arrayed against us in the heavenly warfare," the satan, etc.

Genesis 6:1-6 (LITV)

"It came about that men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them.

The sons of Elohim saw the daughters of men, that they were good,

*and they took wives for themselves from all those whom they chose.
And YeHoVaH said, My Spirit shall not always
strive with man; in their erring he is flesh.
And his days shall be a hundred and twenty years.
The giants were in the earth in those days, and even afterwards
when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men,
and they bore to them; they were heroes
which existed from ancient time, the men of name.
And YeHoVaH saw that the evil of man was great on the earth,
and every imagination of the thoughts of his
heart was only evil all the day long.
And YeHoVaH repented that He had made man on the earth,
and He was grieved to His heart.”*

These rebellious “Sons of Elohim” wanted their own inheritance, apart from the children of Elohim. They rebelled and did evil, and the result was Nephilim. Their transgressions brought forth a race of giants, which were men of renown, heroes of old. This great wickedness grieved YeHoVaH, and every imagination of the thoughts of man’s heart became continually evil.

Using responsible authority against these high-ranking rebellious spirits requires knowledge and understanding derived from the Holy Spirit and His Word.

Jude 8, 9,10 translated from the Hebrew codex:

*“And likewise those who despise the authority,
and curse the kingship. But the messenger Michael,
while disputing with Ha-Satan because of the grave of Mosheh,
did not even curse him but said to him,
“YeHoVaH condemns you.”*

*But these people curse while they know nothing,
and also what they do know, they despise.”¹*

Let's take a look at the battle that Noah faced and how he handled his intercession for his inheritance and his stand against these rebellious “sons of Elohim.”

Watchers From Jubilees Chapter Ten (10)

*“And in the third week of this jubilee, the unclean demons began to
lead astray the children of the sons of
Noah and to make to err and destroy them.*

*And the sons of Noah came to Noah their father, and they told him
concerning the demons which were leading astray and blinding and
slaying his sons' sons. And he prayed before*

YeHoVaH his Elohim and said:

*‘Elohim of the spirits of all flesh, who has shown mercy unto me,
and has saved me and my sons from the waters of the flood and
has not caused me to perish as You did the sons of perdition. For
Your grace has been great towards me, and great has been Your
mercy to my soul. Let Your grace be lifted up upon my sons and let
not wicked spirits rule over them lest they*

¹ Van Rensburg, Justin J.. The Hebrew Revelation, James and Jude: ספר אלה הסודות אגרת יעקב ואגרת (p. 295).

destroy them from the earth.

*But do bless me and my sons, that we may increase and multiply
and replenish the earth.*

*And You know how Your Watchers, the fathers of these spirits,
acted in my day, and as for these spirits which are living, imprison
them and hold them fast in the place of condemnation, and let them
not bring destruction on the sons of your servant, my Elohim; for
these are malignant, and created in order to destroy.*

*And let them not rule over the spirits of the living; for You alone can
exercise dominion over them. And let them not have power over the
sons of the righteous from henceforth and for evermore.'*

And YeHoVaH our Elohim bade us to bind all.

*And the chief of the spirits, Mastemi, came and said, 'Master,
Creator, let some of them remain before me, and let them hearken to
my voice, and do all that I shall say unto them; for if some of them
are not left to me, I shall not be able to execute the power of my will
on the sons of men; for these are for corruption and leading astray
before my judgment, for great is the wickedness of the sons of men.'*

*And He said: 'Let the tenth part of them remain before him and let
nine parts descend into the place of condemnation.'*

*And one of us He commanded that we should teach Noah all their
medicines, for He knew that they would not walk in uprightness,
nor strive in righteousness.*

*And we did according to all His words: all the malignant evil ones
we bound in the place of condemnation, and a tenth part of them we
left that they might be subject before the Satan on the earth. And we
explained to Noah all the medicines of their diseases, together with
their seductions, how he might heal them with herbs of the earth.
Noah wrote down all things in a book [scroll] as we instructed him
concerning every kind of medicine. Thus, the evil spirits were
precluded from (hurting) the sons of Noah. And he gave all that he*

had written to Shem, his eldest son, for he loved him exceedingly above all his sons.

And Noah slept with his fathers and was buried on Mount Libar in the land of Ararat. Nine hundred and fifty years he completed in his life, nineteen jubilees and two weeks and five years.

And in his life on earth, he excelled the children of men save Enoch because of the righteousness, wherein he was perfect. For Enoch's office was ordained for a testimony to the generations of the world, so that he should recount all the deeds of generation unto generation, till the day of judgment."

Does your armor need attention? Let's talk about what needs to be done.

Isaiah 54

"Shout for joy, O barren one, you who have borne no child; Break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud, you who have not travailed;

For the sons of the desolate {shamem; a prim. root; to be desolated or appalled;} one will be more numerous

Than the sons of the married {baal; a prim. root; to marry, rule over fig. espoused} woman," says YeHoVaH.

"Grow wide the place of your tent.

Stretch out the curtains of your dwellings/tabernacles, do not withhold.

Lengthen {arak; a prim. root; to be long} your cords and strengthen your pegs.

"For you will breakthrough {parats; a prim. root; to break through} to the right and to the left. And your seed/descendants will possess nations and will resettle the desolate {shamem; a prim. root; to be desolated or appalled;} cities.

“NO Fear! You will not be put to shame. Do not feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced, but you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.

“For your baal/husband is your Maker, Whose name is “YeHoVaH of the legions of warriors”:

Your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel

Who is called the God of all the earth.

“For YeHoVaH has called you, like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, like a wife of one’s youth when she is rejected,” says your Elohim.

“In a brief moment I forsook {left} you, but with great compassion I will gather you.

“In an overflowing/outburst of anger I hid/concealed My face from you for a moment, but with everlasting lovingkindness {chesed: goodness, kindness, mercy, love} I will have compassion on you,” says YeHoVaH your Redeemer.

“For this is like the days of Noah to Me, when I swore that the waters of Noah would not flood {abar: to pass over, through, or by, pass} on the earth again. So I have sworn that I will not be angry with you or rebuke you.

“For the mountains may be removed and the hills may shake, but My lovingkindness {chesed: goodness, kindness, mercy, love} will not be removed from you, and My covenant/connection of shalom will not be shaken,” says YeHoVaH who has compassion {racham: to love, have compassion} on you.

“Oh, afflicted/humbled one, storm-tossed, and not comforted, behold, I will stretch forth stones for you in bright paint/dye, and your foundations I will lay in sapphires.

“I will make your battlements of ruby, and your gates carbuncle stones, and all your borders pleasing stones.

“All your sons will be taught of YeHoVaH, and the well-being of your sons will be great.

“In righteousness {tsedaqah: righteousness} you will be established, you will be far from oppression/extortion, for you will not fear. Terror will not come near you.

“Surely no harm can be done without My consent. Whoever would harm you, shall fall because of you.

“Behold/Look at this! I Myself have created the smith whose breath is the fire of coals. He brings out a weapon for its work. I have created/fashioned the destroyer {chabal: act corruptly} to ruin {shachath: to go to ruin}.

“No weapon that is formed against you will prosper {tsalach: to advance, prosper}. Every tongue that contends with you at law you shall condemn/defeat.

This is the inheritance of the servants of YeHoVaH.

Their vindication {tsedaqah: righteousness} is from Me,” declares YeHoVaH.”

YeHoVaH lovingly created the smithing angel that not only manufactures the armor of the spirit but is able to repair the armor with divine precision, ensuring that it protects the faithful from any harm. Shabbat – rest, is the time for this smithing angel to bring your armor into alignment.

“No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; and every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of YeHoVaH, and their vindication is from Me,” declares YeHoVaH.

Thus, the spirit’s armor and the righteous authority of YeHoVaH protect the servants of YeHoVaH and vindicates them.