

MOSES, AND THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD-PART 4-A  
SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON  
EPHESIANS 6:14-17 ARMOR OF GOD

NOTE: Before beginning the study on the patriarchs of the Bible and the "Armor of God", I have listed below information for the reader's benefit in understanding the phrases in Ephesians 6:14-17. I hope the reader enjoys the lessons as much as I did in researching the information.

"Stand...having your loins girded about with truth...."

"Stand"-maintain our ground, not yielding or fleeing.

"Truth"-Strong's, Greek, 226, - Not as concealing,  
to be true in doctrine,  
speak the truth, don't hide it.

John 17:17,"thy **word is truth**".

"And having on the Breastplate of Righteousness..."

"Breastplate"-Strong's, Greek, 2382, the chest, thorax, corselet.

"Righteousness"-Strong's, Greek, 1343, Psalms 119:172,"for **all  
thy commandments are righteousness**".

(Note-joins with "truth", faith working righteousness in love.

"And your Feet shod with preparation..."

"Shod"-Strong's, Greek, 5265, - bind on one's feet, take the Truth  
with you wherever you go.

"Preparation"-Strong's, Greek, 2091/2680-to prepare, make ready  
"inside" as in internal fitness, to construct,  
make, ordain, prepare, to prepare  
thoroughly

(Note, prepared to do and suffer all that God wills)

"Of the gospel of peace..."

"Gospel"-good news/tidings

"Peace"-Strong's, Greek, 1515, peace, rest quiet (to join), the peace  
within, in contrast to the raging of the  
outward conflict

Psalms 112:7, 8, **He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.**  
**8, His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.** (Insures success against enemies.)

"Above all, Taking the shield of faith whereby you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked..."

"Shield"- Strong's 2375-lit. or fig. door, gate, a large shield as door shaped

"Faith"-Strong's 4102-conviction of religious truth, reliance upon God for salvation, assurance, no doubt you shall be able, not you may be able.

Note: I John 5:18,...**but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.** (The faithful he, Satan cannot hurt.)

II Peter 1:12, **Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.** (In other words, be steadfast.)

(Note: Satan's power exists only in respect to the unbelieving, the unfaithful)

NOTE INSERT-"Fiery darts"-found at the end of the shaft of an arrow that would set fire to tents and woodwork.

"Take the helmet of salvation"

"Take"-means accept, receive, offered by God!

"Helmet"-Strong's, Greek, 2776, as the part most taken hold of, around, through, 4012-unchangeable

(Note), the head was the soldier's principal part to be protected as this is where the

deadliest strokes might fall and the head commands the entire body.

Romans 5:5, **And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.**

Note-the head, when one knows and lays hold of the sure tidings or truth or gospel and eternal life, one will not receive false doctrines or give in to Satan's temptations.

"Salvation"-Strong's, Greek 4991, rescue, safely deliver

Note-Subjoined to the "shield of faith" as inseparable accompaniment,

Romans 5: 1, 5, **Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Note-Not an uncertain hope but knowing that God is recreating us in His own image, Gen. 1:26 and the good news or tidings/gospel is that we will be like HIM!!

"Sword of the spirit"

"Sword"-Strong's 3162, fighting, striving

Ephesians 6:17-...**the sword of the spirit, which is word (4487) of God.**

Note-The "sword of the spirit" cuts both ways, striking some with conviction and conversion and others with condemnation.

Also note-there is no armor on the back-means we shouldn't turn our back on the foe but face them and resist them ceaselessly.

Consider the following: How can we fight with the sword if we don't know what the Word of God says. Here's how:

Ephesians 6:18-**Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;**

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- Say - Welcome to Sabbath School, let's bow our heads and ask God for understanding as we study today. Continuing in our series on The Whole Armor of God, this lesson will focus on the life of Moses and how he wore the whole armor of God. We have talked about Noah whom God called "His servant", Abraham, "My friend" and "Jacob whom I loved" and now, Moses, the "Lawgiver and Deliverer". As always we will look to the Bible for our answers.
- Say - Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible as God directed him. These books, Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, are known as the Torah or Pentateuch, both meaning, divine instructions, direction or law. These books are referred to in scripture as the "law of Moses" or "law of the Lord". It is difficult to fully appreciate or understand the New Testament without an understanding of the Law/Torah for they are the foundation or background for both the Old and New Testament.
- Say - The story of Moses begins in the second book of the Torah, Exodus, and for the complete story of his life and work as the "Lawgiver and Deliverer", one must continue on through Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. The genealogy of Moses begins in Ex. 6:14-20.
- Say - It is important to understand the spiritual significance of the story of Moses and the Nation of Israel for the story parallels the life of a Christian which each of us must take when we are called of God. We begin as slaves to sin and through Christ, when we repent and are baptized and receive God's spirit, and we endure until the end, we will live with God forever in the Promised Land, ultimately the soon coming Kingdom of God.
- Say - As we travel along on the journeys with Moses, it is an opportunity for us to "look in on" how God called Moses and, through him, how God orchestrated the deliverance of the Nation of Israel out of the land of Egypt, a land symbolizing sin. We will see Moses, like us, had to put on the whole "Armor of God" to survive in a sin sick world.
- Say - Remember the book of Genesis ended with the death of Joseph and all the descendants of Jacob/Israel, 75 in all, living in Goshen

- where Joseph, when he was the Prime Minister of Egypt, had arranged for his family to come and escape the famine in Canaan.
- Say - From the death of Joseph until the birth of Moses was about 300 years. Moses was born in Goshen in Egypt to Israelite parents. By now the Israelites had grown to a mighty nation; the Bible says, "The land was filled with them", Ex. 1:7.
- Say - It is important to make note that a new pharaoh (King) of Egypt knew nothing about the Hebrew nation and the relationship Joseph and his family had established with the former pharaoh. The new pharaoh regarded them with dislike and scorn, Ex. 1:8.
- Say - With all things divinely arranged by God, the Land of Goshen the Israelites had been given, lay along the eastern branch of the Nile River. The soil was rich and fertile and filled with natural meadows; it was perfect for the Hebrew shepherds to graze their flocks, Gen 47:6, 11, Psalms 78:72. However, "Shepherds were an abomination (hated) unto the Egyptians". The Bible does not say why but probably because the Egyptians worshipped animals as their gods, Gen. 46:34.
- Say - The new pharaoh was jealous of the prosperity of the Hebrew people and he feared them as a threat to his kingdom. He chose slavery as a means of controlling them and being the Hebrew people were foreigners, they lacked the "rights" given to the native Egyptian people.
- Say - Soon the once peaceful, contented Israelites now had ruthless taskmasters over them. Working from daylight until dark, they built large cities, Pithom and Ramses in Goshen, replacing the beautiful verdant pastureland. Working in the hot sun, they formed bricks with mud from the banks of the mighty Nile River. Others became skilled carpenters and craftsmen. For the Israelites it was the beginning of many years of bondage and slavery, Exodus 12:40.
- Say - However, as hard as Pharaoh and his Egyptian taskmasters tried to wear down the Israelites, the Bible tells us, "they prevailed and God made them stronger than their enemies", Psalms 105:13-24, Gen. 46:3, Ex. 1:12.
- Say - Finally Pharaoh declared a royal edict, a public law, designed to keep them in subjection. He ordered the murder of all Israelite baby boys. What would the Israelite people do? What would you have done?

Say - The Hebrew women, against Pharaoh's orders, did not obey Pharaoh but obeyed their true God, Ex. 1:17 (See definitions, "Faith", Jn. 5:18). It was at this time a beautiful son was born to Amram and Jochebed and knowing it was wrong to destroy the child, she hid the baby boy for three months.

Say - Finally the day came when Jochebed could no longer hide the beautiful baby. She gathered some reeds from the river's edge and together with pitch and slime she carefully made a tiny reed box, (Strong's, Heb. 8394, ark/box) and placed it by the shallow edge of the river.

Note: It is interesting to note that the word, "Box" means "Ark" and just as the "Ark" was the "Helmet of salvation" for Noah as God "Shut him in" and "Covered him round about" in the "Ark" from the raging waters of the great flood, so God had provided an "Ark", a "box or basket" as the "Helmet of salvation" for Moses in the mighty Nile River!

Say - Miriam, the baby's sister, stood back to see what would happen to the baby. She didn't have to wait long. Soon Pharaoh's daughter and her maidens came down to the river to bathe. She saw the tiny reed box floating in the river; she went over and opened it.

Say - Just think, being a daughter of Pharaoh, she could've had the same hardness of heart but God was in control of all of these events and as she opened the box, the baby cried and being a childless woman she had compassion on the baby and wanted the child very much for her own.

Say - Pharaoh's daughter realized the baby boy was from a Hebrew slave woman. "Go call the child's mother and bring her to me and nurse him", Ex. 2:7, 8. How wonderful God had reunited the beautiful baby with his mother. The tiny reed box was a physical type of "Helmet of Salvation" for this special baby who was to become the future leader of God's "Chosen people".

Say - This event was the beginning of God's plan of salvation to rescue his people from the bondage of slavery out of Egypt which was symbolic of sin (See definitions, "Salvation"). Pharaoh's daughter allowed the baby's mother to stay with the baby for awhile. During time spent with his mother, he was taught the "truth" (See definitions, "Stand"/"Truth", "Thy word is truth", Jn. 17:17) of God, the ways of God, His nature, His kindness and His Laws of righteousness (See definitions, "Breastplate of Righteousness").

Say - Soon the baby was old enough to move to the Royal Court of pharaoh's daughter and the baby became her son. She named the baby "Moses" because she had "drawn (born) him out of the water", Ex. 2:10.

Say - Moses grew and grew and he was instructed with all the wisdom and great learning of the Egyptians. What a mother Moses' mother had been. Temptations of the surrounding heathen Gods could not alter the early lessons Moses had learned of the true God and he never changed his childhood faith, (See definitions, "Faith", the conviction, or confidence of religious truth and reliance upon God for physical and spiritual salvation). The Bible tells us, "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, ..., Heb. 11:24, 25, (See definitions, "Shod", "Preparation").

Say - The remaining story of Moses and how he wore the whole armor of God will continue in Part "4-B" and "4-C.

MEMORY VERSE  
SHE NAMED THE BABY MOSES  
EXODUS 2:10

BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR  
TOTS.

MOSES AND THE HEBREW NATION  
PART "4-A"

The Hebrew people had grown to two million strong;  
In Egypt, the land of sin, they lived but to God they belonged.  
Egypt had a king; Pharaoh was his name;  
With so many Hebrews, His plans would have to change.

The Pharaoh worried he would lose control;  
Over all the Hebrews that had grown to a million and more.  
He made them slaves. He put them in bondage, he thought, for evermore;  
From daylight 'til dark they worked until they were tired and sore.

He made their lives bitter; no slave could be a quitter;  
With bricks and stones, the slaves served him with rigor.  
In the heat of the sun, brick by brick, day after day;  
No matter how long; the work was never done.

Then one day in an announcement to the Hebrews, the Pharaoh said;  
all baby boys must be dead!  
But the Hebrews disobeyed and let their babies live;  
"It is to the true God our obedience we must give".

They hid the boys here and hid the boys there,  
they hid the baby boys everywhere;  
One day, a beautiful baby, named Moses was born;  
And his sister stood by, she was so worried and forlorn. Ex. 2:4

Quickly the Hebrew mother made a basket of reeds;  
More pitch and slime was all she would need.  
She made it waterproof and then to God she did kneel;  
Please protect my baby only You know my need.

Among the tall reeds in the bulrushes the basket did float;  
And soon the Pharaoh's daughter came down to the river to soak.  
She spied the little basket among the reeds and to her maidens she spoke;  
The basket she opened and the baby cried as he awoke! Ex. 2:6

The Pharaoh's daughter hugged the baby and held him near;  
Sister Miriam asked, "Shall I fetch his mother here?" Ex. 2:7  
Baby Moses' mother came; reuniting was so dear;  
Together they would be; God had led them that was plain to see.

Moses grew up and became wise and strong;  
His mother taught him the difference between right and wrong.  
He became a shepherd tending flocks in the wilderness all day long;  
But he missed his family, still slaves to Pharaoh, with the Hebrew  
Nation he knew was where he belonged.

PLEASE FIND AN APPROPRIATE PICTURE TO COMPLEMENT THE BIBLE STORY AND BELOW ARE THE MEMORY VERSES TO BE CUT OUT AND PLACED WITH THE APPROPRIATE PICTURE FOR THE CHILDRENS' SABBATH SCHOOL NOTEBOOKS.

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