

Sunday
September 22, 2024

Armor of God

Salvation

Righteousness

Faith

Truth

Gospel

Word of God

Eph 6:14-18 Stand therefore,
having girded your waist with
truth,
having put on the breastplate of
righteousness,
15 and having shod your feet with
the *preparation of the gospel of
peace*;
16 above all, taking the shield of
faith with which you will be able to
quench all the fiery darts of the
wicked one.
17 And take the helmet of
salvation, and
the sword of the Spirit, which is
the *word of God*



1Cor 3:9-12 . . . *you are God's building.* . .

11 For *no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

1Cor 3:16 Do you not know that *you are the temple of God* and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

Eph 2:20-22 . . . the Lord, **22** in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

1Pet 2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house

“The Hand of God” was on us

Ezra 7:6 . . . *the hand of the LORD his God upon him.*

Ezra 7:9 . . . *the good hand of his God upon him.*

Ezra 7:28 . . . *the hand of the LORD my God was upon me;*

Ezra 8:18 . . . *the good hand of our God upon us . . .*

Ezra 8:22-23 . . . *The hand of our God is upon all those for good who seek Him. . .*

Neh 1:10 . . . Your servants and Your people, whom You have redeemed by Your great power, and *by Your strong hand.*

Neh 2:8 . . . *the good hand of my God upon me.*

Neh 2:18 *And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me. . .*

Ezra 8:22-23 . . . *The hand of our God is upon all those for good who seek Him. . .*

1Pet 5:6-7 . . . humble yourselves under the mighty *hand of God*. . .

Ezra 7:10 For Ezra had *prepared his heart* to *seek* the Law of the LORD, and to *do* it, and to *teach* statutes and ordinances in Israel.

Obstacles to Building the House of God

Obvious Physical Obstacles:

900 mile journey

Age. 87 y/o

Jerusalem is a destroyed mess

Other Physical/ Mental Obstacles:

Ease, Security, Comfort

Only 3% wanted to go.

Opposition to Building the House of God

Enemies on the 900 mile journey.

Enemies waiting when you get to Jerusalem

Ezra 3:12 Complainers stuck in the past

Ezra 4:1-3 False Peace - "let us build with you"

Ezra 4:4 People already in the land

6 Hired counselors

7, 8, 9, 11, 23 Writing letters constantly. Accusations.

23 Caused the work to stop!

Opposition to Building the House of God - Continued

9x "and when the enemy heard"

Enemy within the people

Mocking.

Sin in leadership & in Israel

Complacency

Hag 1:4 "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?"



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1Pet 5:6-7 . . . humble yourselves under the mighty *hand of God*, . . . **7**
casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Matt 16:18 "I will build My church, and the gates of
Hades shall not prevail against it."

Emmanuel – God is with us