

## **THE ARMOR OF GOD, FAITH AND THE MARK OF THE BEAST**

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Heavenly Father, we come before your great majestic throne to thank you for this opportunity to meet together in security and peace and to be blessed with your instruction. Thank you for the wisdom, knowledge and the understanding that you give us in our individual lives of your words, your purpose and plan of salvation and life. Thank you for your great love for us and those you have called to be first fruits in this day, age and generation. Thank you for your merciful kindness. Help us to become more like you –to develop your character in our hearts and our minds and grow strong in your Holy Spirit. Help us not to take counsel of our fears. Make us into your mighty servant warriors filled with your Spirit of power, of your love and of a sound mind that will enable us to stand firm. Guide us, Father, in your way—the way of eternal life in the name of Yeshua’s holy name. Amen.

From October 1 through 16, the United States federal government entered a shut down and curtailed most routine operations after Congress failed to enact legislation appropriating funds for fiscal year 2014, or a continuing resolution for the interim authorization of appropriations for fiscal year 2014. Regular government operations resumed October 17 after an interim appropriation bill was signed into law. Also, on October 1, 2013, many aspects of the Affordable Care Act implementation took effect. The politicians seem to be doing what they do best—playing politics. The US debt jumped above 17 trillion dollars for the first time in history, the Treasury Department said on Friday. The debt at the close of business on Thursday, after Congress hiked the debt limit, was 17.075 trillion dollars. After weeks of stalemate and a government shutdown, Congress agreed on Wednesday to lift the debt ceiling until February 7, when the battle will resume again unless Republicans and Democrats come to an agreement before then. It would be nice if we would just cancel the nation debt, turn back to God and begin to live life as we earn income and pay as we go.

We are continuing to putting four or five generations ahead of us in greater debt, until someone slams the door shut. At that point we will have chaos, confusion and riots, with people going hungry and homeless.

When King Solomon finished the house of the Lord in Jerusalem and dedicated it to the Lord in a prayer before all the congregation of Israel, he prayed to God to hear his prayer for Israel and maintain their cause and forgive His people, if they would return to God with all their heart, and all their soul. The Lord appeared to Solomon by night and said to him, “I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for a house of sacrifice.” Let’s get right to the point of what we need to do. This nation needs to return to God.

God said to his people in **2 Chronicles 7:14**—“**If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.**” That means us here today in the United States of America, modern day Ephraim and the tribes of Israel who had been taken into captivity and dispersed among the nations. Then our great nation was founded about two hundred and fifty years ago by people who believed the Bible—the Puritans and the Pilgrims. Our forefathers were largely Christians who read the Bible and based their belief upon the laws of God in the Old and New Testaments. These men were very influential in the early Congress and government of the United States. Since that time, our country and government has forsaken God and despised its heritage and trampled the laws of God under foot and cast the Bible out of the schools. President Obama said June 28, 2007, “Whatever, we once were, we are no longer a Christian nation – at least, not just. We are also a Jewish nation, a Muslim nation, a Buddhist nation, and a Hindu nation, and a nation of nonbelievers.” A lot of people today, admit that the Bible is the word of God, but they do not really study it or know what is in it, but they do not obey his laws or “live by the Bible.” America has gone astray and turned our back on God. The Bible record of the lives of Job and David who really repented are written for our example and teaching us the enormity of sin. They sought (inquired of) God instead of running away from God.

In the 1950’s and 1960’s television aired some shows with an honest degree of humor, like “I Love Lucy”, Jack Benny, George Burns and Gracie Allen, Bob Hope, Red Skeleton, Carol Burnett, Mary Tyler Moore and Dick Van Dyke—really funny, clean humor. Today, even the humor is disgusting and perverted on TV. Subjects of witchcraft, sorcery, werewolves, vampires, witches, horror stories, murder, sexual immorality, violence and destruction dominate and continue to dominate the programming—with less and less uplifting thought.

Jude was the half-brother of Jesus Christ, because they both had the same mother. James was the biological son of Joseph. However, Christ was conceived by Mary through the Holy Spirit from God the Father in heaven which joined with the egg in Mary’s womb and became the Messiah, the Savior of mankind. The father of Christ was not Joseph. Jude wrote the book of Jude. Jude quotes the prophet Enoch who lived before the flood in Noah’s time. **Jude 4**—“Enoch the seventh (generation) from Adam, prophesied about men who crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained (prepared) to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.” **Jude 14-16**—Enoch prophesied saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly manner, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him (God). These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaks great swelling words, having men’s persons in admiration because of advantage.” These people cause division. The most division causing president we have had in the White House is now sitting in the Oval office today.

**Jude 17-21**—“But, beloved, remember you the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who

should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These are they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. But you, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.”

**Exodus 16:4**—To prove (tested them) whether Israel would walk in the Law of God or not, He rained bread from heaven with specific instructions to *gather it daily* (otherwise it spoiled), but on the sixth day they were to gather twice as much as they gathered daily, enough for two days (and it did not spoil). But on the seventh day, there was no manna, it was the rest of the holy Sabbath unto the Lord. This was a cycle of six days and the seventh day was the Sabbath (Friday sunset to Saturday sunset.). No mention of lunar moons here or in Genesis 1. No moon is involved; it is just a weekly count of seven – *ad infinitum*, forever; that is the principle. The month depends on God’s word, and he says a month begins with the new moon as sighted in Jerusalem, Israel. The first visible crescent is the new moon and begins the new month. But the week is independent of the month and a separate institution.

Recognize that we are living in the end of the age. I received a phone call from a woman who is attending a Messianic group who decided the Sabbath day is governed by the new moon and observes a rotating weekly Sabbath day causing it to change to a different day every month. A former associate of mine was with me in this ministry down in Southern California and gave me a paper espousing the new moon day and a rotating Sabbath. He counted the weeks beginning from the new moons each month which means there is no continuation of the week based upon seven days at all—we are to go by the “new moon”. So he started his own false ministry and went off further and further into heresy that goes back to the Babylonians. Now he is teaching that the real father of Christ is Joseph and that Christ has no preexistence. **Genesis 1**—The Bible teaches a Creation Week of seven days. In six days God finished the Creation and rested on the seventh day. The seventh is the Sabbath day of the Lord your God in which no servile work is to be done. This *Messianic* group is ignorant because they do not study the scriptures. The Jews have the fundamentals right and which day is the Sabbath, but base some things on too many traditions of their rabbis and in that sense they depart from the laws of God as Christ said in **Matthew 15** and **Mark 7**—“you deny (invalidate) the commandments of God by your traditions.”

**Ephesians 6:10-12**—“finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might (strength). Put on the whole armor of God that you might be able to stand up against the wiles of the devil. We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual hosts.” We are entering days of confusion and misleading information to the point that people can’t recognize the light of the truth. How are we going to stand strong in this time of temptation and confusion and deceit? Surround yourself with the truth of God—study to know His truth. **Verse 13**—take up the **WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD** (protect yourself):

1. Gird your waist with the **BELT of TRUTH** – the scriptures. **John 10:35**— scripture cannot be broken. **John 17:17**—thy word is truth (God’s word). **John 8:32**—the truth shall make you free.
2. Put on the **BREASTPLATE of RIGHTEOUSNESS**—**Ps.119:172** all thy commands are righteousness. Righteousness is obeying the commandments of God). **Matt. 19:17**—If you will enter into life, keep the commandments.
3. Have your feet shod with **GOSPEL of PEACE**
4. Above all take the **SHIELD of FAITH** with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. **Hebrews 11:1**—faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (Hebrews 11 is the faith chapter).
5. Take the **HELMET of SALVATION**
6. Take the **SWORD of the SPIRIT** which is the word of God. It is our weapon.

**Hebrews 11:6**—“but without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that comes to God must believe that he is, and the he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” How are we to conduct this spiritual warfare? **Ephesians 6:19**—“praying always in the Spirit with all prayer and supplication, watching (be alert) to this end with all kinds of prayers and requests with perseverance (keep on praying) for all the saints.” Be led by God’s Spirit in prayer, draw close to God letting His Spirit energize your mind and thoughts. We are to be in a constant state of prayer daily. We are all standing in the need of prayer and each other’s prayers, caring for one another as part of the body. This is what we are commanded to do.

**Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego had unshakable faith. Daniel 3:1-30**—It was reported to King Nebuchadnezzar that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (captive Jews) refused to worship his gods and his golden image. Furious with rage, King Nebuchadnezzar summoned them and asked if it was true and verified that it was true. He gave them the chance to fall down and worship as he commanded when they heard the music, or be immediately cast into a fiery furnace. “*Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?*” They replied, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king that we will not serve your gods nor worship the image of gold that you have set up.” Furious with rage, his attitude toward them changed. Nebuchadnezzar had them firmly tied and cast fully dressed into the midst of an exceedingly blazing fiery furnace, seven times hotter than normal. The king’s commandment was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire slew those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisors, “Weren’t there only three men bound and thrown into the fire?” They replied, “True, O king.” He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth is like the Son of God.” King Nebuchadnezzar went near and called them by name saying, “Servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!” So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of

the fire and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around these men on whose bodies the fire had no power; the hair of their head was not singed, their garments were not scorched and no smell of fire was on them.

The same type of thing happened to Abraham in the days of King Nimrod, soon after the flood according to the book of *Jasher* and elsewhere. Abraham (Abram before God changed his name to Abraham) was also appointed by God to be his prophet. Abram was sent away to the house of Noah to be thoroughly taught in the ways of God for fifty years until Abram was of age, and then returned to Babylon where his father Terah lived. Terah was Commander-in-Chief of Nimrod's army, and he still followed *strange* gods. "Abram knew the Lord, and he went in His ways and instructions and the Lord his God was with him. Abram came to his father's house and saw twelve great images standing there in their temples, and the anger of Abram was kindled when he saw these images in his father's house. Abram was clothed with the Spirit of God and determined that 'as the Lord lives, not one of the images would remain in his father's house; so shall the Lord who created me do unto me, if in three days' time I do not break them all.' Then he asked his father, 'Tell me **where** is God who created heaven and earth, and who created you and me.' Terah took him to the inner court of the house where the room was full of the twelve and lesser gods of wood and stone without number saying these are they who created all mankind. Abram went to his mother and said, 'My father has shown me those who made heaven, earth and all the sons of men. Make a savory meat offering for me to give them so I can see the result.' For two days in a row, he brought savory meat, sat before them and watched them all day. (His father Terah did not know of it.) Behold they had neither voice nor hearing (no response to his words), nor did one of them stretch forth his hand to eat the meat."

"In the evening of the second day in that house Abram was clothed with the Spirit of God. He called out and said, 'Woe unto my father and this wicked generation, whose hearts are all inclined to vanity, who serve these idols of wood and stone which can neither eat, smell, hear nor speak, who have mouths without speech, eyes without sight, ears without hearing, hands without feeling, and legs which cannot move; like them are those who made them and trust in them.' Abram broke all the images and put the hatchet in the hand of the hand of biggest one present. Terah was angry with Abram's tale— "the large god was angry with the works of all the rest in the house and destroyed them with the hatchet which is still in his hand." "You speak lies to me. Is there in these gods' spirit, soul or power to do all you have told me? Are they not wood and stone, when I myself have made them? It is you who smote them all." Abraham answered, "How can you then serve these idols of wood and stone *in whom there is no power to do* anything. Surely it is not good for you or the sons of men connected with you to do these things. Are you so silly, foolish or short of understanding that you will serve wood and stone after this manner and forget the Lord God who made heaven and earth and who created you in the earth and bring great evil upon your souls in this matter by serving wood and stone? How can you continue— thereby bringing the anger of the God of the universe upon you? Now, therefore my father, refrain from this and don't bring evil upon your soul and the souls of your household." "Then, Abram took the hatchet from the hand of the largest idol and broke it and ran away."

Terah went to the king, and told him what his son Abram had done to his gods and requested that the king find Abram and judge him according to the law that “we may be delivered from his evil.” Three of King Nimrod’s men servants were sent for Abram who was brought before the king, and all his princes, and servants who were that day sitting before him, and Terah sat also before them. The king asked Abram, “What is this that you have done to your father and to his gods?” Abram gave the same answer to the king that he had given his father. “The large god that was with them in the house did to them what you have heard. If there is no power in them why do you serve them and cause the sons of men to err through your follies?”

Abraham talked to King Nimrod about the one true God who sees all the wicked and will judge them. “Why will you not serve the God of the whole universe, who created you and in whose power it is to kill and to keep alive? Woe to you, foolish, simple, ignorant king. I thought you would teach your servants the upright way, but you have not done this, but have filled the whole earth with your sins and the sins of your people who have followed your ways. Do you not know, or have you not heard that this evil which you do, our ancestors sinned therein in the days of old, and the eternal God brought the waters of the flood upon them and destroyed them and also destroyed the whole earth on their account? Will you and your people rise up now and do likewise bringing down the anger of the Lord God of the universe and bring evil upon you and the whole earth? Put away this evil deed that you do, and serve the God of the universe, as your soul is in his hands, and then it will be well with you.”

Nimrod sentenced Abram to burn to death in a fiery furnace. Likewise, God protected him. Abram’s heart was perfect with the Lord and all the servants of the king saw him walking around in the fire, three days and three nights unharmed. Only his bonds were burned off. Nimrod came and called to Abram, ‘O servant of the God who is in heaven, come to me from the midst of the fire.’ And Abram came and stood before the king and all of his servants. Nimrod asked, ‘How is it that you were not burned in the fire?’ Abram answered, ‘The God of heaven and earth in whom I trust and who has all in his power, he delivered me from the fire into which you cast me.’” Nimrod was amazed, but remained a despicable tyrant in the earth. I have given you this example, brethren, because we need to have this kind of absolute powerful faith—endurance in faith that God will intervene and save us

In the days of King Nebuchadnezzar and King Nimrod who were world rulers, worshipping them was a type of the mark of the beast and idol worship. Semiramus (*Astarte*) the wife of Nimrod, worshipped the sun god, Baal and Ishtar (Easter). We must keep reviewing God’s law and promises to keep them in our mind so we never forget them.

The Spirit of God within us, the word of God in us is our sword—the sword of the Spirit. We are to use the sword of the Spirit to fight our battles. How did Christ conquer the devil in the wilderness after fasting forty days and nights? He conquered Satan with the word of God.

1. **Matthew 4:1-4**—“Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.” The tempter came to him and said, “**If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.**”

Jesus answered, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.”

2. **Verses 5-7**—“then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.” “**If you are the Son of God**, he said, “**throw yourself down for it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.**”

Jesus answered him, “*It is also written*: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

3. **Verses 8-10**—“Again the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor,” “**All this I will give you**,” he said, “**if you will bow down and worship me** (acknowledge my authority over you).”

Jesus said to him, “Away with you Satan! For *it is written*: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only’.”

The devil quoted the word of God in verse 6, but he quoted verse 6 OUT OF CONTEXT! Thus, he deliberately misquoted God’s word—misinterpreted it. We are all free moral agents and have to decide whether we are going to follow God or follow the devil. Christ did not succumb to temptation.

**2 Chronicles 7:14**—we have to be willing to repent and humble ourselves and deliberately obey God and stop sinning. **Malachi 3:6**—for example, tithing is one of the commands of God, and if we obey his commands faithfully He will bless us. “I am the Lord, I do not change; therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob. Return to me and I will return to you. Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed me. But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’ In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. Bring the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.” It is a matter of the heart with God. **Matthew 23:23**—on another occasion Christ said “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.”

The Bible has been proven to be the word of God and proof of the Bible is not only the contents themselves, but the proof of fulfilled divinely inspired prophecies throughout the Old Testament that were prophesied hundreds and thousands of years before events happened. -- not the Koran, not the Book of Mormon, and not any other holy book of any other “religion”. The prophecies about Christ were foretold in the Old Testament and have come to pass. We find references in the New Testament to the Old Testament that have been literally fulfilled in the person of Christ. It is incredibly amazing and astonishing! Read my articles on “The Astonishing Case for Christ”, “Daniel 9 proves Jesus is the Christ”, and “The 70 Weeks Prophecy”.

**Revelation 13** talks about the rising up of the kingdom of the antichrist, the New World Order called Babylon the Great (Isaiah 10) and is being formed around us. The United States of America and Washington, D.C., together with Europe and England are the collective throbbing

heart of the resurrection of the Roman Empire or the end time Babylon the Great. Many prophecies in the Bible are dual in application and have more than one interpretation. In other words, they can have two major fulfillments.

**Revelation 17:1-2**—“one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls (of wrath) came and talked with me, saying to me, “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits (controls) on many waters (nations) with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication.” They have accepted her teachings and way of life and New World Order teachings. Verse 3—“So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which had ten horns. This beast is the beast of the New World Order in Revelation. The nations comprising it are led by one harlot nation (the woman).

**Isaiah 47** speaks of this woman as the daughter of Babylon, the leader of a great kingdom, but she is female. The end-time Babylon is the daughter of ancient Babylon. **Ezekiel 23:2-4**—“Son of man, there were two women, daughters of the same mother. They became prostitutes in Egypt, engaging in prostitution from their youth. The older was named Oholah (Israel--10 tribes) and her sister was Oholibah (Judah).” God calls Oholah a great whore because she departed from God’s laws and entered into alliances of idolatrous relationships with Gentiles and lusted for Assyrian lovers who stripped her naked, took away her sons and daughters and killed her with the sword. Verse 11--Her sister Oholibah “saw this, yet in her lust and prostitution she was more depraved than her sister and went the same way carrying her prostitution still further.” So both the Jews and the Israelites were both whores in God’s sight. Both Oholah and Oholibah sold themselves to the Gentiles, and both are characterized as wanton women and harlots.

The doctrine of this scarlet woman (in Revelation 17) and world power has to be the United States of America, Great Britain and The Western Alliance. America is spreading throughout the world—Coke, Pepsi, American music, Hollywood, pornography, and American politics of Democracy being peddled to the world which is not working too well in the Middle East with the Arabs. The woman has a golden goblet full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. America is pushing everything that God despises. On her forehead is written a name—here is her identity—Mystery Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth. John marveled with great amazement, but the angel says “why do you marvel, I will tell you the mystery of the woman (great empire nation) and the beast with the seven heads and the ten horns that carries her” (the United World Order). Some have said that this woman was the Roman Catholic Church which indeed is also a great harlot who has trampled the world and taught her harlotry of false doctrines around the world. Splitting off from her were other harlot churches, so the Catholic Church is called the mother of harlots and abominations. The Protestant churches are also harlots because they teach Christmas, Easter (Baal worship) in the guise of Christianity under the cover of Christian words and mysteries which are of Satan the devil. So this is a great system of false religion, but this also pictures a great political system of false worldly politics—it is dual, BOTH political and spiritual power which are both harlots.

**Revelation 13:** --in the end time this beast power with seven heads and ten horns that rises up, apparently is divided into ten regions throughout the earth, with seven heads which are economic

powers which could well be the group of seven with Russia sitting in. The Security Council of the United Nations could be the ten regions. The beast who is going to lead it is a man who has great power and authority. However, he has been dealt a deadly mortal wound which is not evident yet. **Verse 6**—the man will have a big mouth, and given a position of authority to rule over the world 42 months (3 ½ years) or 1260 days. This is going to happen in our time and within the next few years.

Verse 11—“Another beast rises up out of the earth which commands the world to worship the first beast, with two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon and exercises all the power of the first beast.” He is going to perform signs and wonders that brings the world to worship the first beast. I see this beast as the new one-world religion dominated by the Roman Catholic Church in unison with the United States of America and the Protestant and Catholic churches in America. It looks religious, but it speaks from its heart like a dragon – the doctrines of the devil (Revelation 12:9)—it is false doctrine. He exercises all the power of the first beast and causes those who don’t worship the first beast and don’t receive its mark, to be beheaded (killed). You can read the rest of this. This mark of the beast is a sign of those who follow the beast, New World Order and religious amalgamation led by the Catholic Church and new functioning religious system (modern day Hellenism) of all the churches of the earth including witchcraft, voodoo, Muslim, Protestant and Catholic working together, but all are anti Christ and anti God of the Bible. We all have a choice. Are we going to follow God or the Anti-Christ beasts and religion? The mark of the beast is the opposite of the mark of God. **2 Corinthians 2:22**--God’s people have the seal of the Holy Spirit in their heart and mind, keep the commandments and have the faith and testimony of Jesus Christ and have the sign of the Sabbath and holy days.

Our faith is not to stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God (1 Cor. 2:5; Revelation 12:11 and 17). **Revelation 19:10**—“worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. Those who take the mark of the beast are going to drink of the wrath of God poured out in full strength into the cup of indignation on the day Christ returns. Those who worship the beast and his image will be destroyed (2 Thessalonians 1:5-9).

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his Spirit taking hold of the Shield of Faith to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked and be counted among the faithful when Christ returns in glory. **1 Peter 1:3-11**—Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy has begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead—the salvation of our souls!