



# WAR AND PACIFISM

The New Testament

# “A TIME FOR PEACE”

Ecclesiastes 3:8

NATION

“Say to the king and the queen mother, take a lowly seat, for *your beautiful crown has come down* from your head” Jeremiah 13:18

TERRITORY

“Those who had escaped from the sword he *carried away* to Babylon; and they were servants to him and to his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia”  
2 Chronicles 36:20

ARMY

” The weapons we fight with are *not the weapons of the world*. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds”  
2 Corinthians 10:4

# TRANSITION

Numbers 1:45, 47-50

“But the *Levites* after the tribe of their fathers were not numbered among them.  
…Only thou shalt not number the tribe of Levi, neither take the sum of them among the children of Israel”

1 Peter 2:9

“But ye are a chosen generation, a *royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people*; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light”

# The 70 Weeks Prophecy of Jesus the Messiah



“The people of Israel, including the priests and the Levites, have not kept themselves separate from the neighboring peoples with their detestable practices, like those of the Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Jebusites, Ammonites, Moabites, Egyptians and Amorites. They have taken some of their daughters as wives for themselves and their sons, and have mingled the holy race with the peoples around them. And the leaders and officials have led the way in this unfaithfulness”  
Ezra 9:1–2



“For Christ himself has brought us peace by making Jews and Gentiles one people. With his own body he broke down the wall that separated them and kept them enemies” Ephesians 2:14

# DEVELOPMENT: JOHN THE BAPTIST

Luke 3:14

SOLDIERS

“... Soldiers also asked him, And we, what should we do?...”

REGULATION

“Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages”

Do not inflict violence on anyone. Do not even intimidate others with the threat of violence.

Do not make false charges against people in order to defraud them of the things that make for their peace and safety.

Instead of using your power and authority to extort others of their money and possessions, learn to be content with your wages. View your allotment as enough.

# DEVELOPMENT: SERMON ON THE MOUNT

“... Blessed are the *peacemakers*, for they will be called children of God” <sup>9</sup>

“... whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the *kingdom of heaven*” <sup>19</sup>

“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall *not murder*, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.” <sup>22</sup>

“I tell you that anyone who is *angry* with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment” <sup>22</sup>

“... anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘*Raca*,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘*You fool!*’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.” <sup>22</sup>

“... I tell you, do *not resist an evil person*. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also” <sup>39</sup>

“... I tell you, *love your enemies* and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven” <sup>44, 45</sup>

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# DEVELOPMENT: JESUS ATTRIBUTES

“... Prince of Peace” Isaiah 9:6

“My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, ...” John 18:36

“Put your sword back into its place; for all those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword” Matthew 26:53

“Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul” Matthew 10:28

“...If I said something wrong, Jesus replied, testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?” John 18:23

“...I have told you all this so that you may find peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but be brave: I have conquered the world” John 16:33

“...Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself” Matthew 22:40

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# DEVELOPMENT: APOSTLES

JAMES

“... It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword’ Acts 12:1-2

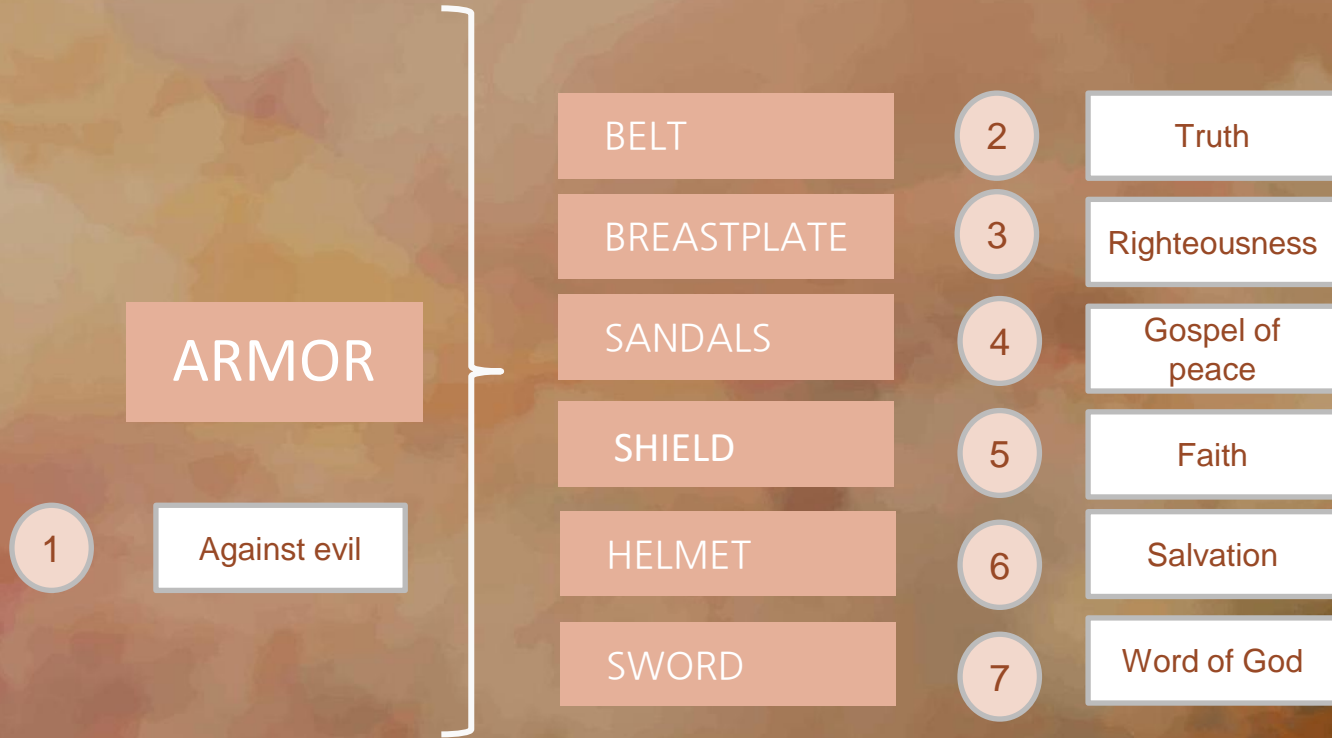
PETER

“... Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go. Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God” John 21:18, 19

PAUL

“...For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing” 2 Timothy 4:6–8

# DEVELOPMENT: The Armor of God



# DEVELOPMENT: 7 CHURCHES

1

Ephesus

“You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary”

Revelation 2:3

2

Smyrna

“Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death,…”

Revelation 2:10

3

Pergamum

“You did not renounce your faith in me, not even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives”

Revelation 2:12

4

Thyatira

“I will not impose any other burden on you, except to hold on to what you have until I come”

Revelation 2:24, 25

5

Sardis

“Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast,…”

Revelation 3:3

6

Philadelphia

“I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name,…”

Revelation 3:8

7

Laodicea

“Here I am! I stand at the door, and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come…”

Revelation 3:20

# DEVELOPMENT: The New Earth

Revelation 21:4

