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Suit up to win every battle against Satan! This book equips you with the proper armor and weaponry to prepare you for any battle so you can stand triumphant and victorious in your position over Satan.

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Jennifer B says

By far, the most complete book on spiritual warfare I've read!!

Carrie Daws says

This book is an incredible reference to the Roman soldier's uniform in New Testament times. And the author's discussion of the Greek terms and their meanings is tremendously helpful to visualizing and understanding what the apostle Paul meant when he describes the armor of God in Ephesians 6. I truly learned a lot without feeling talked down to or inadequate in any way.

That being said, I struggled with a few things in the book. First, the author makes quite a few absolute statements that require more thinking on my part--not that I won't agree with him, but I'm not convinced he's completely correct either. And a few of those statements are more supposition, so I'm not entirely sure anyone from the modern age can know for sure. Additionally, he is very repetitive, and at times wordy, going into far more explanation than is necessary. This became somewhat annoying, and I found myself skimming sections of most of the chapters. And once or twice, he skimmed over a critical detail without much discussion, which I think has caused some of the confusion in a few of the reviews I read of this book (like he declares the belt of truth is the written word of God while the sword of the Spirit is the spoken word of God).

This is a fantastic book for anyone who wants to better understand spiritual armor but should not be read (like all books) without carefully considering what's being presented. It's suitable for most audiences who can handle academic discussions of weapons and modes of war.

Sandy Van der meulen says

One of the most balanced book on spiritual warfare I've read. The armor section with full color pics was a huge plus!! He takes each piece of the armor and gives not only the historical background but also the spiritual implications of each. It was definitely a game changer!!

Adam Balshan says

1 star [Theology]

I have a rule about finishing books before writing a review. Thus, I finished this book only to warn the world against self-published authors who claim to be "Greek experts." Self-published, you ask? The publisher is "a division of Rick Renner Ministries." Any neutral publisher with one semester of exegetical training would have used the manuscript for toilet paper. I am sorry for the emotional effect this scathing review could evoke, because Renner is a brother in Christ. However, books must be judged on their merits, not on the

piety, intentions, or even good missionary work of their authors. Corruption of scholarship is a detriment to Biblical Studies.

Writing: 0.5 stars (Awful)

My Writing category's 1-star description is "Frustrating," but that would be too generous in this case. Hyperbole and dumbed-down prose are constant. The book repeats entire paragraphs. It employs exclamation marks and italics like a conspiracy theorist with a free blog. It artificially balloons concordance words into text ranging from paragraphs to pages long. The book ends at page 463, but if one were to take out every iteration of the words "very," "extremely," "always,"—and every other fluffy adjective, adverb, and superfluous phrase typically found in 3rd-grade essays, one might reduce the page count by 100.

Use: 1 star (as an Example of Gaping Holes)

Dressed to Kill is the best example I know of that warps Greek glosses into ill-fit, campy preaching characterized by unnecessary points. The book's only academic use would be to demonstrate to the analytical student who—having read an exegetical textbook like Carson or Barr—thought that their examples of fallacies were contrived, or couldn't happen in real life. Renner provides hundreds of them.

Truth: mostly 0.5 (Patently Untrue), with a small amount of 2.5 (Common Knowledge).

Exegetical fallacies riddle nearly every original-language attempt Renner makes. His knowledge seems to wholly depend upon the Etymological Fallacy and facile concordances like Strong's (which is so worthless in real exegesis that I was forbidden to use it in seminary). Apparently, none of his knowledgeable friends or colleagues have directed him to the last 100 years of linguistic theory.

The only bit of this book that rises to the mediocre is his spiritual application. Decent truths exist in some of them, but they are the sort most Christians have heard if they have gone to church more than a handful of years.

Finally, he ends the book by adding a seventh piece of "armor" to the Bible's six—the lance. He says Paul "clearly" had it in mind, without making any argument for it. He just asserts it a few times over the course of a few pages, then takes it for granted.

Conclusion

I implore you, reader: do not be deceived by glowing reviews of this book written by people who have possibly never even spelled the word "exegesis." Stay away from the works of original-language gurus who fabricate meaning based upon homiletic expedience. If you receive this book as a gift, truly its best use is fuel for a good campfire.

Michael Marcondes says

As a Russian preacher/teacher who started out when communism was at a high still and Catholics and others were being jailed or worst. The Lord gave him and his family the courage through other ministries like Kenneth Copeland on television and cassette teaching series back then to step out in faith. He started his own church when there were none and had inspired a massive following in Christ Jesus in Russia. Still teaching today he has the Word of God and teaches the reader so much about protection and more. A MUST read also!

Sean says

The Armor of God is an intriguing section of Ephesians. And while I appreciate the work and research that Renner put into this project, I can't really get behind it. The research for the armor itself is lacking, but what saves it is the full color inserts in the middle of the book. The historical armor is intriguing, but Renner's description of it is not entirely helpful. This is more of a survey/basic read and I actually found more historical information in the children's section of my local library. I bought this book because the cover was awesome and I used that to teach a series on this subject to my students. The pictures saved this purchase. It is very heavy on faith theology. At times it can be painfully redundant. And on more than one occasion I noticed creative liberty taking precedence over credible research (like when Renner goes so far as to add a piece of armor not found in Ephesians chapter 6). This book walks a fine line for me and wasn't exactly what I expected. It did give me some helpful insights and thoughts, but it's not one I would recommend to my family or my students.

Lana Jackson says

"Dressed to Kill" by Rick Renner is an in-depth look at Ephesians 6 passages about the Armor of God. Renner gives easy to understand Greek definitions for words used in the original writing, which enhance one's knowledge of the scriptures.

I especially liked the word-by-word breakdown of the passage, Ephesians 6:10 "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."

I also liked the different kinds of prayer that represent the staff of the Armor.

Tracy Fagan says

This is a very educational book explaining in detail what it means to put on the full armor of God for the spiritual battle we are in daily.

Brenda says

We had to read this book for work and I was less than enthusiastic. As we journeyed through chapter week by week I really began to learn and enjoy the process.

Sherri Hayes says

I enjoyed the concept of this book and how it went through each piece of armor. I saw some in a different perspective than I what I understood it to mean.

I do agree that is was redundant in several places, however it was very informative. I especially like the original Greek words and their meaning. This always adds so much depth to any type of Bible Study.

Shannon says

It's a bit of a hard read...the first 300 pages are very dry and I wanted to give up on this book several times but I kept on trucking. The book is intellectually and spiritually awesome, just a bit of a hard read until you get past the introduction in the first 300 pages and hit the meat of the matter - the Whole Armor of God - then it becomes what I hoped it to be all along - spiritually captivating and empowering! It is hard for me to say whether or not I would recommend this book because it is a terribly tough read, but so worth it!,

Tara Ferguson says

It looks long and daunting at first glance, but once I started I found it easy to finish. Renner is such an amazing teacher, and this book does not disappoint.

Lana Shaw says

I found this author to be up there with Derek Prince on balancing depth of material with simple execution. So although this book is rich with information, it is an easy read.

Darnell Reese says

Go to book for fortifying your spiritual walk. You will want to read this book periodically to keep your mind and spirit aware of the tricks and schemes of the devil.

Janes Swart says

Battle of the Mind

The greatest battle in life is the one of the mind. We have to walk in faith. Great explanation about the armor of God
