

## Allusions to End-Times Passages in Ephesians 6:10-20

### Ephesians 6.11, 13, 14 “Stand”

“You may be able to **stand** against the schemes of the devil... Able to **withstand** in the evil day... Stand therefore.”

Compare Jesus’ instructions: “Stay alert at all times, praying that you may have strength ... to **stand** before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36).

### Ephesians 5:8, 11; 6:12 “Darkness”

“This present **darkness**, against the spiritual forces of evil.”

Compare: “You are not in **darkness**, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the **darkness**” (1 Thess. 5:4-5).

### Ephesians 6:14, “Truth”

“Having fastened on the belt of **truth**.”

Compare 2 Thessalonians 2:10, 12, 13, “They found no place in their hearts for the **truth** so as to be saved... Who have not believed the **truth**... Sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the **truth**”.

### Ephesians 6:17, “Helmet of salvation”

“Take the **helmet** of **salvation**.”

Compare: “[The LORD] ... his desire to **deliver** is like a **helmet** on his head” (Isa. 59:17).

### Ephesians 6:17, “Word of God”

“The sword of the Spirit (which is the **word** of **God**).”

Compare: “All **Scripture** is breathed out by **God** and profitable (2 Tim. 3:16).

### Ephesians 6:18 “Alert ... praying”

“With every **prayer** and petition, pray at all times in the Spirit, and to this end be **alert**.”

Compare: “Stay **alert** at all times, **praying** that you may have strength to escape all these things that must happen, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36).

**Ephesians 6:18, “Time = *kairos*, season”**

“Praying at all **times** in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.”

Compare: “You know what holds him back, so that he will be revealed in his own **time**” (2 Thess. 2:6).

Compare: “Concerning the times and the **seasons**, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you”(1 Thess. 5:1)

Compare: “In the last days difficult times will come” (2 Timothy 3:1).

Compare: “The devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his **time** is short!” (Rev. 12:12).

Compare: “The woman ... is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time” (Rev. 12:14).

**Ephesians 6:19, “Gospel”**

“Put on the readiness given by the **gospel** of peace.”

Compare “This **gospel** of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole inhabited earth as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Compare: “To this he called you through our **gospel**, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Thess. 2:14).