



SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Spiritual warfare begins with...

“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” James 4:7 (NLT)

In the Greek:

- Submit - hupotagēte - military context: lining up in formation under a commanding officer's authority
- Resist = antistēte -standing one's ground against an opponent

Dressed for Victory

Armor of God – Part 1



Ephesians 6:10-15 (NLT)

¹⁰ A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. ¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

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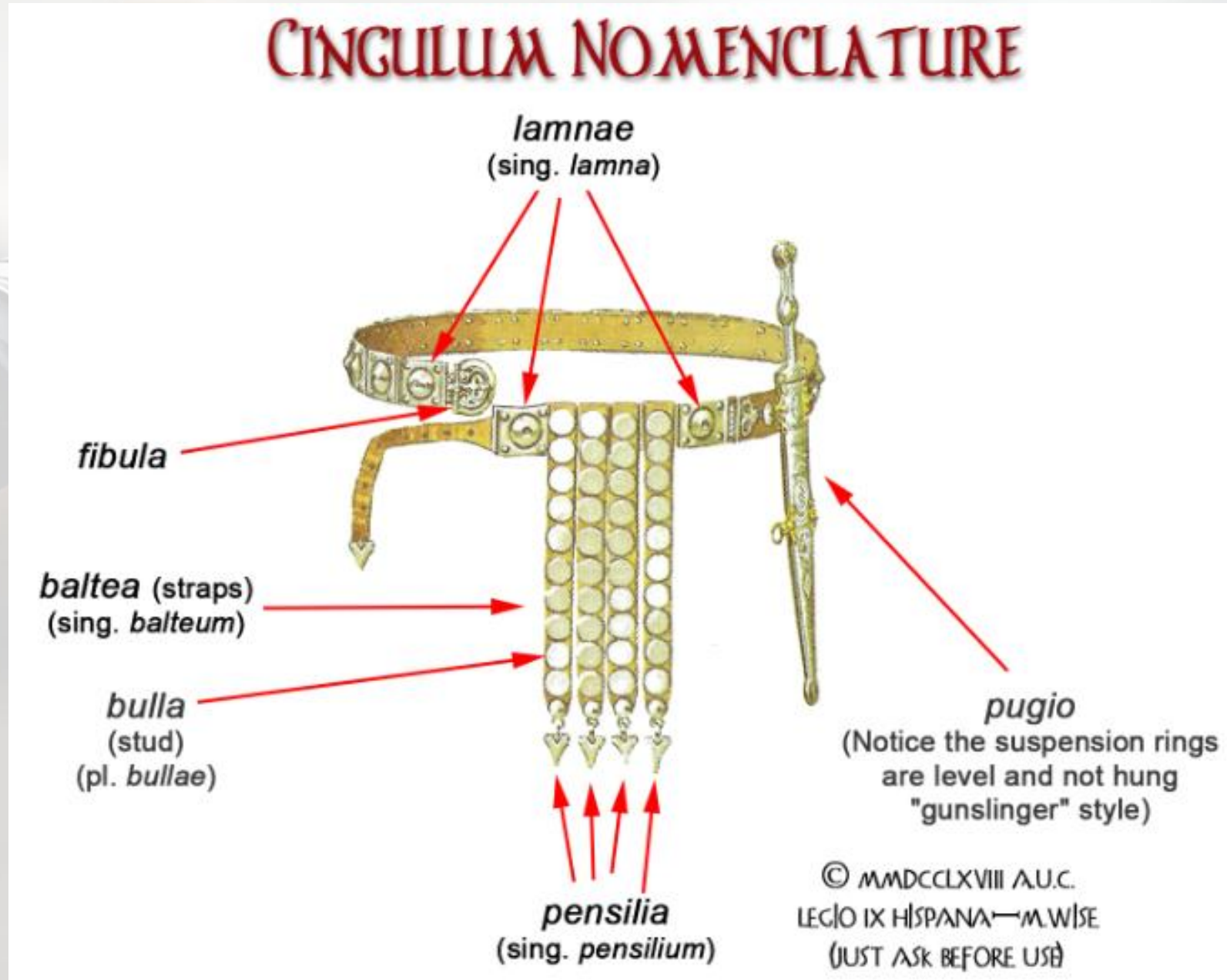
¹³ Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.

¹⁴ Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor (breastplate) of God's righteousness.

¹⁵ For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared.

The belt of truth

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The belt of truth

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6 (NLT)

Truth is not relative, truth is a person

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Breastplate of righteousness

¹⁴ ...and the **body armor** (breastplate) of God's righteousness. (Eph 6)



Significance of the breastplate

- Protection against accusations
- Guarding the heart
- Practical righteousness (holy living)
- Identity and assurance

We must guard our inner life by walking in righteousness

Jesus the Righteous One, covers us

When Satan accuses us, we rest in His righteousness

Shoes

¹⁵ For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared (Eph 6)

Put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace (NIV)



Shoes of the gospel of peace

- Shoes give stability – the gospel gives peace
- Shoes enable movement – the gospel sends us out
- Peace as readiness
- Offensive and defensive

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Working together as a foundation

- Truth gives clarity
- Righteousness gives protection
- Peace gives stability and readiness

We are anchored, secure and prepared before picking up the pieces in part 2 – shield of faith, helmet of salvation, sword of the Spirit