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Spiritual Weapons to Defeat the Enemy: Overcoming the Wiles, Devices, and Deception of the Devil

4. Introduction

This introduction frames the whole book: the Early Church was born into a hostile world much like ours, yet Satan's plan to destroy it failed because believers were equipped with the whole armor of God. The same armor still works for the Church today.

Key takeaways

- The first-century world—violent, pagan, politically upheaved—mirrors our own, yet the Church rose in the Spirit's power to meet it.
- Satan tried to crush the Early Church with torture and persecution but could not.
- The whole armor of God (belt of truth, breastplate, shoes, shield, helmet, sword, plus prayer) is still fully effective for believers now.

Scripture referenced

- **Ephesians 6:10-18** -- the whole armor of God
- **2 Corinthians 10:4** -- spiritual weapons mighty to pull down strongholds