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# The Roman Army (Legion)

- .The Roman army was made up of groups of soldiers called **legions**. There were over 5,000 soldiers in a legion. Each legion had its own number, name, badge and fortress. There were about 30 legions around the Roman Empire.
- .Tombstones at Chester indicate that some men joined the legions young; two men (boys) had been only fourteen when they had joined up.
- .A legion had commanders, officers and ordinary soldiers. There were also doctors, engineers and other skilled workers.

# The different sections of a Legion

The Roman army was divided into legions of about 5,000 men.

**Contubernium:** consisted of 8 men.

**Centuria:** (century) was made up of 10 contubernium with a total of 80 men commanded by a **centurion**.

**Cohorts:** (cohort) included 6 centurie, a total of 480 men.

**Legio:** (Legion) consisted of 10 cohorts, about 5,000 men.

**Eques Legionis:** Each legio had a cavalry unit of 120 attached to them.

# A Soldier's Kit



# 7 Passages Using “Cohort” (NASB)

Matt 27:27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole Roman cohort around Him. ***(NKJ – Garrison)***

Mrk 15:16 The soldiers took Him away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium), and they called together the whole Roman cohort. ***(NKJ – Garrison)***

John 18:3 Judas then, having received the Roman cohort and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons.  
***(NKJ – detachment of troops)***

John 18:12 So the Roman cohort ***(NKJ – detachment of troops)*** and the commander ***(NKJ – captain)*** and the officers of the Jews, arrested Jesus and bound Him,

Act 10:1 Now there was a man at Caesarea named Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian cohort, **(NKJ – Regiment)**

Act 21:31 The crowd was trying to kill Paul when a report reached the tribune of the cohort that all Jerusalem was in an uproar. **(NKJ - Garrison)**

Act 27:1 When it was decided that we would sail for Italy, they proceeded to deliver Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion of the Augustan cohort named Julius. **(NKJ – Regiment)**