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The aim of this thesis is to map the way of manufacturing of roman armour, its appearance and primarily decoration and its motifs. It will contain body armour, helmets, greaves, shields and belts. In terms of time its main aim is period of principate in terms of place, it will concentrate on all empire and beyond, wherever the foot of roman soldier stood.

Roman army was the strongest and most efficient war machine of the world for almost five hundred years and its equipment reflected that. Roman equipment could bear from small and simple motifs to elaborate and stunning demonstration of craftsmanship. Although the roman equipment was decorated in countless ways, some of them were more favoured than others and the favoured ones are connected with roman army, its gods or protection against bad luck.