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Lesson 29

1. Last week I completed our study of Genesis chapter thirteen and the first fourteen verses of chapter fourteen. When time expired we were reviewing the Doctrine of War.
 2. I want to review some of that learned and then we will return to our study of what the Bible has to say about War on page 3.
 3. Instead of living in peace, prosperity, and happiness, Lot and Abram found themselves in the middle of a war.
 4. Powerful warring armies from the east invaded the land of Palestine, and wrought much havoc.
 5. Abram became deeply involved because of his love for Lot, and soon revealed himself as a warrior to be reckoned with when his nephew is kidnapped. Lot became a prisoner of war when his city, Sodom, and several neighboring kingdoms were defeated by the invaders.
 6. Chedorlaomer was King of Elam, a well-known mountain region near the head of the Persian Gulf.
 7. Chedorlaomer seemed to be the most powerful of the four kings who made up this eastern expeditionary force. He established control over the other kings of Babylonia and Palestine.
 8. His name Kudur-Lagamer means "servant of Lagamer," one of Elam's gods. The capital of Elam was Susa and as we saw last week from our map of Babylonia, the forces of Chedorlaomer had created a vast Elamite Empire.
- Gen 14:13 One who had escaped came and reported this to Abram the Hebrew. Now Abram was living near the great trees of Mamre the Amorite, a brother of Eshcol and Aner, all of whom were allied with Abram.
- Gen 14:14 When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit as far as Dan.
9. Quickly the news of the battle reached Abram at Hebron. Abram had not been involved in the fighting, but since his nephew was a prisoner, he was doubly obligated to attempt a rescue.
 10. The great trees of Mamre were located in the valley of Eshcol which is just north of Hebron; a place where the twelve spies sent out by Moses plucked huge clusters of grapes, symbolic of the fruitfulness of the land.

11. A powerful empire has extended its hegemony and now it is up to Abram to determine where Lot is being held, develop a plan, pick and train his men and then rescue his nephew.

Now let's return to the Doctrine of War:

1. War will always be with us, i.e., at least until the Lord returns at His 2nd Advent.

2. There will never be world peace prior to the Second Advent of Christ.

3. Individual nations can however stay out of war if they elect to maintain a dominant military with a population and leadership willing to use its overwhelming military force.

4. When a nation has to go to war, it is because the nation failed to follow the protocol plan of God by maintaining such a military and/or displayed a reluctance to use its dominant force.

5. Nations are God's way - He made this clear at the tower of Babel.

6. It is Satan who wants to weaken the nations.

7. Internationalism like the U.N. and other global forces are evil and a tool of Satan.

8. Man has reacted emotionally to war because of an apotheosis of life. Life is glorified, death is feared; this fear is sponsored by Satan.

Heb 2:14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil--
Heb 2:15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

9. Mankind overlooks that God makes sure all men receive the gospel. Tit 2:11;
Joh 1:8-10 and Rom 1:18-32.

10. Before death everyone has maximum opportunity to be saved.

11. Death is gain to a believer. Suicide is arrogance and assumes God does not any longer have a plan for poor little me. Suicide like murder violates the principle "if you are living God has a purpose for your life." Phi 1:21

12. The Word of God does not prohibit killing; in fact it authorizes killing as in capital punishment, self-defense, war and protection of private property.

13. It is God's will that we never have war. Jam 4:1-3

14. It is God's will that every nation be so strong militarily that other nations are afraid to attack. Satan is the one who weakens the nation, one of his chief ploys.

15. Wars are a result of not heeding God's edict to wield the big stick. Satan has been at times successful in convincing the U. S. A. to reduce its military and to even seek international ties and treaties.

16. Satan is the sponsor of internationalism. Internationalism began at the Tower of Babel our first United Nations. Gen 11:1-9

17. War will always be with us said our Lord.

Mat 24:6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

Mar 13:7 And when ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet.

Luk 21:9 But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by.

Now for new material and point 18.

18. War makes for some interesting friends.

2Sa 8:7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

2Sa 8:8 And from Betah, and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king David took exceeding much brass.

2Sa 8:9 When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the host of Hadadezer,

2Sa 8:10 Then Toi sent Joram his son unto king David, to salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and smitten him: for Hadadezer had wars with Toi ...

19. The successful wars of David brought peace to the land permitting Solomon to build the Temple.

1Ki 5:3 Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house unto the name of the LORD his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.

1Ki 5:4 But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil occurrent.

1Ki 5:5 And, behold, I purpose to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name.

19.1 Recall David was not permitted to build the Temple because he had loved and used war to a fault.

1Ch 22:8 But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight.

1Ch 22:9 Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days.

20. Civil wars between the northern and southern Kingdom were common place beginning with their first kings.

2Ch 12:15 Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, are they not written in the book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the seer concerning genealogies? And there were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

21. Wars are sometimes a curse to Kings who do not rely on the Lord for victory.

2Ch 16:7 And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa (The third king of Judah, son and successor of Abijah), and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand.

2Ch 16:8 Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand.

2Ch 16:9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

22. During the Millennium war will be abolished therefore we know war is not of God; for in perfect environment there is no war. Isa 2:4, Psa 46:9 and Mic 4:3.

Isa 2:4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Psa 46:9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.

Mic 4:3 And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

23. Many wars are mentioned in Scripture; God commanded Israel to keep a record of their wars.

Num 21:14 Wherefore it is said in the book of the wars of the LORD, What he did in the Red sea, and in the brooks of Arnon,

Jos 12:1 Now these are the kings of the land, which the children of Israel smote, and possessed their land on the other side Jordan toward the rising of the sun, from the river Arnon unto mount Hermon, and all the plain on the east:

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