

## OT-OV

### Lesson 31

1. Last week, as part of our study of Genesis chapter fourteen, I continued teaching 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 four.
3. War will always be with us, i.e., at least until the Lord returns at His Second Advent. There will never be world peace prior to the Second Advent of Christ. Individual nations can however stay out of war if they elect to maintain a dominant military and a will to use it.
4. Nations are God's way - He made this clear at the tower of Babel. It is Satan who wants to weaken the nations. Isa 14:12
5. 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 2:14-15
6. Mankind overlooks that God provides opportunity for salvation to all. Tit 2:11; Joh 1:8-10 and Rom 1:18-32.
7. 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.
8. It is God's will that we never have war. Jam 4:1-3
9. It is God's will that every nation be so strong militarily that other nations are afraid to attack. Satan has at times been successful in convincing the U. S. to reduce its military and to even seek international ties and treaties. The result has been war.
10. The successful wars of David brought peace to the land permitting Solomon to build the Temple. 1Ki 5:3-5
11. Civil wars between the northern and southern Kingdoms were common place beginning with their first kings. 2Ch 12:15
12. Wars are sometimes a curse to Kings who do not rely on the Lord for victory. 2Ch 16:7-9
13. During the Millennium war will be abolished therefore we know war is not of God; for in perfect environment there is no war. Two Scriptures are often misinterpreted as prohibiting war.

Mat 26:52 Then said Jesus unto him, "Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword."

Rom 13:4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

13.1 These verses both speak about using violence and rebellion against constituted authority. The military and our judiciary system are the principle protectors of the four divine institutions established to provide peace, prosperity and stability.

14. It should also be noted that the boundaries of the nations have been established for the needs of Israel. Nations are needed today for the protection of Israel.

14.1 The gathering of Israel into one land before the Lord's regathering is a Satanic trap.

15. We next studied a case study of military preparedness and how God used the military to protect His priest nation Israel.

15.1 A major portion of the citizenry of the southern kingdom (Judah) had just returned from an exile to Babylon.

15.2 The year is c. 443 B.C.

15.3 Nehemiah had received authorization from Artaxerxes to return to the land and rebuild the city with its walls.

15.4 In the ancient world it was imperative for every major city to have a defensive system. Usually such a system is centered around a defensive wall.

15.5 Nehemiah records the events surrounding the reconstruction of a new defense system; Nebuchadnezzar had destroyed the city and Solomon's Temple in c. 586 B.C.

15.6 There was significant opposition to a Jewish presence in the land, Haggai, Zechariah, Nehemiah and Ezra recorded the opposition.

15.7 Israel responded to the opposition by wisely developing a military force.

15.8 They first prayed to God and then they set guards on the walls; the watch system was designed to provide early warning of a pending attack. Neh 4:9

15.9 Additionally, Nehemiah restored the function of the priesthood in order to provide doctrine to the newly returned citizens; this is especially important when citizens are asked to become soldiers.

15.10 Nehemiah in effect formed an army of citizen soldiers, every adult male was expected to serve either on active duty or in the reserve.

15.11 The Jews of Jerusalem were prepared militarily even over the objections of many pacifist who seemed to think military preparedness might offend the enemy and cause their adversaries to attack. Neh 4:12

15.12 Israel's adversaries knew the value of the wall and therefore wanted to attack before the completion of the city's defenses. Neh 4:8

15.13 Nehemiah responded by placing armed bands of citizen soldiers behind the broken places in the wall. Neh 4:13

15.14 Nehemiah encouraged his newly formed militias much as did the priests during the time of Moses. Compare Neh 4:14 with Num 14:9 and Deu 1:29-30

15.15 The crisis passed without need for fighting. Neh 4:15

16. When Jehovah, Jesus Christ, led the Nation of Israel out of Egypt He told them at the Red Sea to watch Him fight for them. Exo 14:14

17. God told Moses to take Israel around the land of the Philistine because they had not as yet been trained in war. Exo 13:17

18. God left certain Gentile nations in the promised land so that Israel could be tested and learn war. There was a generation who had wandered in the wilderness and had never had the privilege of killing the enemy in battle. Jdg 3:1-2

19. Jesus taught David the art and skill of war. Psa 18:34

20. Jesus said a wise King seeks advice from his Military before going to war. Luk 14:31

21. God mandated military service for all males 20 years of age except for those with new homes, new businesses, new wives and cowards. Num 1:2-3; Deu 24:5; Deu 20:5-8

22. The effectiveness of a soldier is determined by his love for the Lord. Jos 23:10-11

23. God uses the military of various nations to discipline reversionistic nations. Assyria destroyed Israel and Babylon destroyed Judah. Israel's choices of false God's brought the discipline of war. Jdg 5:8

24. War is cruel. Losing a war is especially cruel. Zedekiah, as King of Judah, after being defeated by Babylon saw his sons killed and then the Babylonians put out his eyes; after which he was led to Chaldea as a prisoner. Jer 52:4-13

24.1 Women suffer greatly during war. Isa 3:24-26

25. Warfare demands stability and courage. For this reason the Priest spoke to the troops before they went into battle. Deu 20:1-2-5

Now for new material and point 26.

26. Draft dodgers are evil; it is their sin that God will not overlook.

Num 32:6 And Moses said unto the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here?

Num 32:7 And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD had given them?

Num 32:8 Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Kadeshbarnea to see the land.

Num 32:9 For when they went up unto the valley of Eshcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel that they should not go into the land which the LORD had given them.

Num 32:10 And the LORD'S anger was kindled the same time, and he sware, saying,

Num 32:11 Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me:

Num 32:12 not one except Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite and Joshua son of Nun, for they followed the LORD wholeheartedly.'

Num 32:13 The LORD'S anger burned against Israel and he made them wander in the desert forty years, until the whole generation of those who had done evil in his sight was gone.

Num 32:14 "And here you are, a brood of sinners, standing in the place of your fathers and making the LORD even more angry with Israel.

Num 32:15 If you turn away from following him, he will again leave all this people in the desert, and you will be the cause of their destruction."

Num 32:16 Then they came up to him and said, "We would like to build pens here for our livestock and cities for our women and children.

Num 32:17 But we are ready to arm ourselves and go ahead of the Israelites until we have brought them to their place. Meanwhile our women and children will live in fortified cities, for protection from the inhabitants of the land.

Num 32:18 We will not return to our homes until every Israelite has received his inheritance.

Num 32:19 We will not receive any inheritance with them on the other side of the Jordan, because our inheritance has come to us on the east side of the Jordan."

Num 32:20 Then Moses said to them, "If you will do this-- if you will arm yourselves before the LORD for battle,

Num 32:21 and if all of you will go armed over the Jordan before the LORD until he has driven his enemies out before him--

Num 32:22 then when the land is subdued before the LORD, you may return and be free from your obligation to the LORD and to Israel. And this land will be your possession before the LORD.

Num 32:23 "But if you fail to do this, you will be sinning against the LORD; and you may be sure that your sin will find you out.

Num 32:24 Build cities for your women and children, and pens for your flocks, but do what you have promised."

27. God said the land rested because of successful military victories.

Jos 11:23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

28. Jesus Christ wins the battle of Armageddon and saves Israel from destruction.

Rev 19:21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

29. God will protect the mature believer even in time of War.

Job 5:20 In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword.

30. Great Old Testament warriors performed expertly because they had Doctrine in their souls.

Heb 11:34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

31. Wisdom is needed for war.

Pro 20:18 Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.

32. Jesus is often described as a warrior.

Jos 5:13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?

Jos 5:14 And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?

Jos 5:15 And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.

33. Summary:

33.1 To preserve the USA:

33.1.1 Show up when Bible Doctrine is taught.

33.1.2 Support a strong military.

33.1.3 Support leaders who know the importance of maintaining and using (if necessary) a strong military.

33.1.4 Train our children in the Word of God.

34. So much for the war and Abram's victory.

Now let's return to the record of that which occurred after Lot's rescue.

Gen 14:18 Then Melchizedec king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was a priest of God Most High,

Gen 14:19 and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth.

Gen 14:20 And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Gen 14:21 The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself."

Gen 14:22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, and have taken an oath

Gen 14:23 that I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the thong of a sandal, so that you will never be able to say, 'I made Abram rich.'

Gen 14:24 I will accept nothing but what my men have eaten and the share that belongs to the men who went with me-- to Aner, Eshcol and Mamre. Let them have their share."

1. Other Melchizedec Scriptures:

Psa 110:4 The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedec."

Heb 5:4 No one takes this honor upon himself; he must be called by God, just as Aaron was.

Heb 5:5 So Christ also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father."

Heb 5:6 And he says in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedec."

Heb 5:7 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

Heb 5:8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered

Heb 5:9 and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him

Heb 5:10 and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedec.

Heb 6:19 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain,

Heb 6:20 where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedec.

Heb 7:1 This Melchizedec was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him,

Heb 7:2 and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, his name means "king of righteousness"; then also, "king of Salem" means "king of peace."

Heb 7:3 Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, like the Son of God he remains a priest forever.

Heb 7:4 Just think how great he was: Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth of the plunder!

Heb 7:5 Now the law requires the descendants of Levi who become priests to collect a tenth from the people-- that is, their brothers--even though their brothers are descended from Abraham.

Heb 7:6 This man, however, did not trace his descent from Levi, yet he collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.

Heb 7:7 And without doubt the lesser person is blessed by the greater.

Heb 7:8 In the one case, the tenth is collected by men who die; but in the other case, by him who is declared to be living.

Heb 7:9 One might even say that Levi, who collects the tenth, paid the tenth through Abraham,

Heb 7:10 because when Melchizedec met Abraham, Levi was still in the body of his ancestor.

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Heb 7:11 If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the law was given to the people), why was there still need for another priest to come-- one in the order of Melchizedec, not in the order of Aaron?

Heb 7:15 And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedec appears,

Heb 7:17 For it is declared: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedec."

End Lesson