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Lesson 65

1. Last week I continued teaching the Doctrine of Moses and the Meaning of the Tabernacle Liturgy. Let's continue our travelogue of Israel's journey from Egypt to the promise land.

2. I want to review some of that learned and then we will begin new material on page two.

3. A partial travelogue of Israel from the Red Sea to Mount Sinai:

3.1 to Marah, a place of bitter water, Exo 15:23

3.2 to the oasis at Elim, a place of sweet water, Exo 15:27

3.3 to the wilderness of Sin, where the people murmured against Moses and Aaron, and were supplied with quail and manna, Exo 16:1-4

3.4 and to Rephidim, where the rock in Horeb gave forth water, Exo 17:1-7.

3.5 At Rephidim Moses' hands were held up by Aaron and Elur; as a result the Israelites defeated the Amalekites. Exo 17:8-16

3.6 Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, gave Moses some good advice concerning his organization. Exo 18:17-21

3.7 Moses arrived at Sinai, responded to the call of Jehovah, went up into the Mount of God, and received a message from God; the people were told to prepare for a divine communication. Exo 19:1-13

3.8 Moses then received the Decalogue, Exo 19:14-20:17 and conducted the ceremony of ratifying the covenant Exo 24:3; one particular warning soon would become particularly germane. Exo 20:22-23

3.9 Moses tarried 40 days upon the mount. Exodus chapters 21-23

3.9.1 Moses received the first tablets of stone. Exo 31:18

3.10 In Exodus Chapter 32, we have a vivid description of the indignation of Moses at the sin of Israel, in the worship of the golden calf. He destroyed the tablets which had been etched by the hand of God and called for volunteers to slay the idolaters. His zeal and passion are described in Exo 32:30-33:16.

3.11 A second set was provided, Exo 34:1-4.

3.12 A covenant was made with Israel, and after a second stay of 40 days on the mount, Moses returned to the people with his shining face covered with a veil. Exo 34:27-29

3.13 Moses then superintended the erection of the tabernacle and the preparation of the apparatus for worship. Exodus chapters 35-40

3.14 He received the listing of the various liturgies and the protocol for their use, Leviticus chapters 1-7.

3.14.1 The instruction began with the burnt offering. Lev 1:1-7

3.14.2 This to include the details concerning the guilt offering, the fellowship offering, the prohibition regarding fat and blood eating, the priest's share etc.

3.14.3 All of this had been given to Moses on Mount Sinai; in the Book of Leviticus Moses details their manner and incidence of use. Lev 7:37-38.

3.15 He consecrated Aaron and his sons for the priesthood, Leviticus chapters 8 and 9.

3.16 Judgment was executed upon Nadab, and Abihu, two of Aaron's four sons, Leviticus chapter ten. The Death of Nadab and Abihu was a sovereign decision of God for some error, the exact nature of which is unknown, Lev 10:1-9

3.17 Further regulation was promulgated. Leviticus chapters 11-27

3.17.1 There were regulations regarding clean and unclean food, purification after childbirth, care of infectious skin disease, rules regarding mildew, rules regarding festival days etc.

3.18 After this, Moses numbered the people, Numbers chapter 1; at God's command we have the first selective service bureau established.

Num 1:1 The LORD spoke to Moses in the Tent of Meeting in the Desert of Sinai on the first day of the second month of the second year after the Israelites came out of Egypt. He said:

Num 1:2 "Take a census of the whole Israelite community by their clans and families, listing every man by name, one by one.

Num 1:3 You and Aaron are to number by their divisions all the men in Israel twenty years old or more who are able to serve in the army.

A point or two about war might here prove helpful. War will always be with us said our Lord.

The Doctrine of War

1. War will always be with us, at least until the Lord returns at His Second Advent.

Mat 24:6 You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.

Mar 13:7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.

Luk 21:7 "Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"

Luk 21:8 He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them.

Luk 21:9 When you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away."

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 their overwhelming military power. A good king prepares for war during times of peace; a client nation does not overlook the possibility of future wars.

2Ch 14:2 Asa did what was good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God.

2Ch 14:3 He removed the foreign altars and the high places, smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles.

2Ch 14:4 He commanded Judah to seek the LORD, the God of their fathers, and to obey his laws and commands.

2Ch 14:5 He removed the high places and incense altars in every town in Judah, and the kingdom was at peace under him.

2Ch 14:6 He built up the fortified cities of Judah, since the land was at peace. No one was at war with him during those years, for the LORD gave him rest.

2Ch 14:7 "Let us build up these towns," he said to Judah, "and put walls around them, with towers, gates and bars. The land is still ours, because we have sought the LORD our God; we sought him and he has given us rest on every side." So they built and prospered.

4. When a nation has to go to war, it is because the nation did not maintain a strong military force. God is pleased when nations prepare for war and thus avoid war. Nations that delight in war are subject to God's discipline.

Psa 68:30 ... Scatter the nations who delight in war.

Psa 120:6 Too long have I lived among those who hate peace.

Psa 120:7 I am a man of peace; but when I speak, they are for war.

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

Gen 11:1 **And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.**

Gen 11:2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

Gen 11:3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

Gen 11:4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

Gen 11:5 **And the LORD came down to see the city** and the tower, which the children of men builded.

Gen 11:6 **And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.**

Gen 11:7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

Gen 11:8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

Gen 11:9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; **because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad** upon the face of all the earth.

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

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, **you who did weaken the nations!**

7. Internationalism and other coalitions are evil and a tool of Satan. The Antichrist will be the ultimate "internationalist."

Rev 13:3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: **and all the world wondered after the beast.**

Rev 13:4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

Rev 13:5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

7.1 Nationalism is an institution provided by God to protect people within certain geographical boundaries. Borders were established uniquely for the needs of Israel, according to the Scripture.

Gen 10:5 **By these were the borders of the nations divided in their lands; everyone after his tongue after families in their nations.**

Deu 32:8 When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when he divided all mankind, **he set up boundaries for the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel.**

8. Man has reacted emotionally to war because of an apotheosis of life. Life is glorified and 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 the undoubted and self-evident truth "God provides opportunity for salvation to all."

Tit 2:11 For the grace of **God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.**

Joh 1:9 The true light that **gives light to every man** was coming into the world.

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Rom 1:19 Because **that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them.**

Rom 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Rom 1:21 **Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not** as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened ...

Rom 1:28 **Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God,** he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done.

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

11. Death is gain to a believer and life is opportunity to serve Christ.

Phi 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

11.1 "Ah then let's all commit suicide!" But wait, suicide is arrogance and assumes God does not any longer have a plan for "poor little me."

11.2 Suicide like murder violates the principle "if you are alive God has a purpose for your life."

1Th 5:18 In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

11.3 As a wonderful friend said to me many years ago "I would be afraid to attempt suicide because it may not be my time and I would simply put myself in a comatose state."

11.4 Is suicide an unforgivable sin? No! Just one of many sins for which Christ died!

11.5 So much for our brief divertissement. Let's return to our subject of war.

12. The Word of God does not prohibit killing. In fact, it authorizes killing as in capital punishment, self-defense, war and the protection of private property. The command in Exo 20:13 is better translated "Thou shalt not commit homicide."

12.1 The word for kill in the Hebrew is **Qatal**; the word for homicide or murder is **Ratsach**. In Exo 20:13 we have **Ratsach** not **Qatal**.

Exo 20:13 in the KJV has been translated "Thou shalt not kill." It is better rendered "You shall not murder."

13. It is God's will that we never have war. Wars come from the cumulative lust patterns being exercised within a national entity.

Jam 4:1 From whence come wars and fighting among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?

Jam 4:2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

Jam 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

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 nations, one of his chief ploys. Let's take a look at several Scriptures describing the antics of Satan.

14.1 Satan is described by Isaiah as the ultimate in arrogance and pride, but an ultimate failure:

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, you who did weaken the nations!

Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Isa 14:15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Isa 14:16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

Isa 14:17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

Isa 14:18 All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.

Isa 14:19 But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcass trodden under feet.

14.2 He is described by Ezekiel as a created being who was "the living end" but then he fell, was sentenced and is now awaiting the execution of his sentence. Satan is placed in the Lake of Fire at the end of the appeal phase of the angelic conflict: the end of the Millennium.

Eze 28:12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

Eze 28:13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

Eze 28:14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Eze 28:15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast **created**, till iniquity was found in thee.

Eze 28:16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Eze 28:17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

Eze 28:18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

Eze 28:19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

14.3 Satan is described by John as the loser in a battle with Michael. In the middle of the Tribulation Satan and his minions are cast down to earth.

Rev 12:3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

Rev 12:4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

Rev 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

Rev 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

Rev 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

Rev 12:8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

15. Satan is not simply the personification of evil influences in the heart, as many liberal theologians have asserted. He is a real created being. Moreover, his personality is asserted in both the Old Testament and the New Testament.

16. Wars are a result of not heeding God's edict to wield the big stick. Satan has successfully convinced the United States and many other nations to reduce their military and to even seek international ties and treaties. This clearly has resulted in a great loss of life and the repeated fighting of "wars to end all wars." Keep in mind, politicians, in the manner of new puppies, begin wars, and the military has to clean up their collective messes.

17. Jeremiah understood how the permissive will of God had permitted false prophets to deceive Judah into thinking they would have peace--thus there would be no need to prepare for Babylon's attack.

Jer 4:10 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! surely thou hast **greatly deceived this people** and Jerusalem, **saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul.**

18. 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 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.

18.1 Until Christ returns as the ultimate warrior, nation shall rise against nation. The first act of Christ at His Second Advent is to defeat His enemies, "the blood shall run as deep as the horses' bridle, and then Christ, as the victor, will judge both Israel and the nations.

Rev 14:19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

Rev 14:20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, **and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.**

19. The word war in the NIV can be found 134 times. Many wars are mentioned in Scripture. In fact, God commanded Israel to keep a record of those wars.

Gen 14:2 Abram went to **war** against Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar).

Num 31:3 So Moses said to the people, "Arm some of your men to go to **war** against the Midianites and to carry out the LORD'S vengeance on them.

Num 32:6 Moses said to the Gadites and Reubenites, "Shall your countrymen go to **war** while you sit here?"

Deu 20:1 When you go to **war** against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army greater than yours, do not be afraid of them, because the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt, will be with you.

Jos 4:13 About forty thousand armed for battle crossed over before the LORD to the plains of Jericho for **war**.

Jos 11:18 Joshua waged **war** against all these kings for a long time.

Jos 11:20 For it was the LORD himself who hardened their hearts to wage **war** against Israel, so that he might destroy them totally, exterminating them without mercy, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Jos 11:23 So Joshua took the entire land, just as the LORD had directed Moses, and he gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal divisions. Then the land had rest from **war**.

1Sa 8:12 Some he will assign to be commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and others to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and still others to make weapons of **war** and equipment for his chariots.

1Sa 15:18 And he sent you on a mission, saying, 'Go and completely destroy those wicked people, the Amalekites; make **war** on them until you have wiped them out.'

1Sa 17:20 Early in the morning David left the flock with a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the **war** cry.

1Sa 19:8 Once more **war** broke out, and David went out and fought the Philistines. He struck them with such force that they fled before him.

2Sa 11:1 In the spring, at the time when kings go off to **war**, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

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 11:16 So Joshua took all that land, the hills, and all the south country, and all the land of Goshen, and the valley, and the plain, and the mountain of Israel, and the valley of the same;

Jos 11:17 Even from the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir, even unto Baalgad in the valley of Lebanon under mount Hermon: and all their kings he took, and smote them, and slew them.

Jos 11:18 **Joshua made war a long time with all those kings.**

Jos 11:19 **There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon: all other they took in battle.**

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:

End Lesson