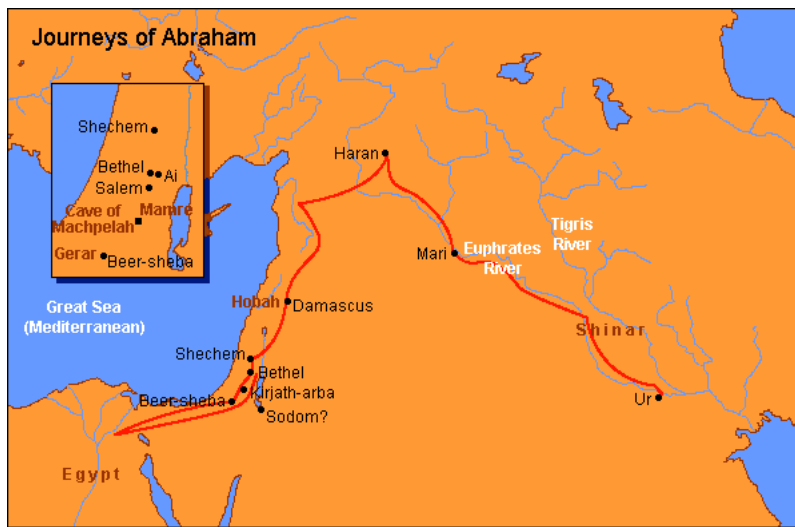


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Lesson 66

1. Last week I continued teaching the Doctrine of Moses; when time expired we were studying what the Bible teaches about war.
2. I want to review some of that learned and then we will resume our study on page two.
3. Our travelogue studied thus far can be tracked on three maps.

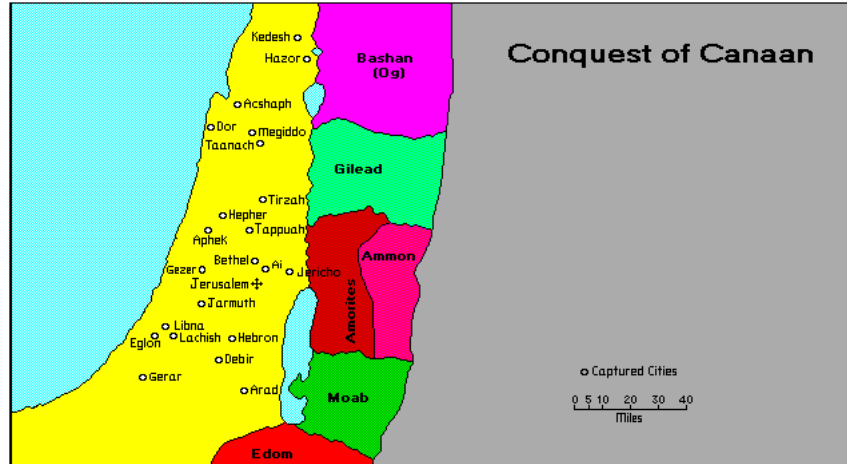
3.1 Abram's journey from Ur.



3.2 The Exodus



3.3 The Conquest



4. Now let's resume our categorical study of war.

War Moral or Immoral

1. War will always be with us, at least until the Lord returns at His Second Advent. Mat 24:6; Mar 13:7 and Luk 21:7-9

2. 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 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 14:2-7

3. 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 and 120:6-7

4. Nations are God's way--He made this clear at the Tower of Babel. Gen 11:1-9

5. It is Satan who wants to weaken the nations. Isa 14:12

6. Internationalism and other coalitions are evil and a tool of Satan. The Antichrist will be the ultimate "internationalist." Rev 13:3-5

7. 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 and Deu 32:8

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 2:14-15

9. Mankind overlooks the undoubted and self-evident truth "God provides opportunity for salvation to all." Tit 2:11; Joh 1:9 and Rom 1:18-28

10. Before death everyone has maximum opportunity to be saved. Death is gain to a believer and life is opportunity to serve Christ. Phi 1:21

11. 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. 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**.

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 4:1-3

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 nations, one of his chief ploys. Satan is described by Isaiah as the ultimate in arrogance and pride, but an ultimate failure. Is14:12-19 and Eze 28:12-19

14.1 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 12:3-10

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

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

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 14:19-20

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.

20. Rom 13:4 is often misinterpreted as prohibiting war. Such interpretation flies in the face of a categorical study of war. This verse speaks to the use of constituted authority against criminals.

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.

21. The military, law enforcement and the judiciary are the principle protectors of the four divine institutions; these institutions were designed to protect a nation and to offer its citizens peace, prosperity and stability. As earlier noted, the four are volition, marriage, family and nationalism.

22. As noted "one worldism" was first established by Satan at Babel. It should also be remembered that the boundaries of the nations were established for the needs of Israel. Nations are needed today for the protection of Israel.

22.1 The gathering of Israel into one land before the Lord's regathering is a satanic trap. A client nation must therefore protect the Jews living within its borders and develop pro-Semitic policies.

22.2 Satan has throughout history motivated various nations to work at eradicating the Jews. But it is important that there always be a remnant. Today it is quite small, only thirteen million Jews in a world of some seven billion people. The remnant will become even smaller during the Tribulation, when the Antichrist actively pursues their destruction. Nevertheless, God will miraculously protect His chosen people.

23. Several case studies show how God has used the military to protect His nation Israel.

Neh 4:13 Therefore set I in the lower places behind the wall, and on the higher places, I even set the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows.

Neh 4:14 And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.

Neh 4:15 And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work.

23.1 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 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

23.2 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 And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt:

23.3 God left certain nations in the Promised Land so that future generations of Israel who had not learned war could be tested. There was a generation who had never fought for their freedoms.

Jdg 3:1 Now these are the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them, even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan;

Jdg 3:2 Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof;

23.4 Jesus taught King David the art and skill of war.

Psa 18:34 He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

23.5 Jesus said a wise king seeks advice from his military leaders before going to war.

Pro 24:5 A wise man has great power, and a man of knowledge increases strength;

Pro 24:6 for waging war you need guidance, and for victory many advisers.

Luk 14:31 "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand?"

Luk 14:32 If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace.

23.6 God mandated military service for all males twenty years of age except for those with new homes, new businesses or new wives—and cowards.

Num 1:2 Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of their names, every male by their polls;

Num 1:3 From twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel: thou and Aaron shall number them by their armies.

Deu 24:5 When a man hath taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business: but he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken.

Deu 20:5 The officers shall say to the army: "Has anyone built a new house and not dedicated it? Let him go home, or he may die in battle and someone else may dedicate it.

Deu 20:6 Has anyone planted a vineyard and not begun to enjoy it? Let him go home, or he may die in battle and someone else enjoy it.

Deu 20:7 Has anyone become pledged to a woman and not married her? Let him go home, or he may die in battle and someone else marry her."

Deu 20:8 Then the officers shall add, "Is any man afraid or faint hearted? Let him go home so that his brothers will not become disheartened too."

23.7 The effectiveness of a soldier is determined by his love for the Lord.

Jos 23:10 One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you.

Jos 23:11 Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God.

23.8 God has historically used the military of certain nations to discipline Israel and the nations. Assyria destroyed Israel, Babylon destroyed Judah, Persia destroyed Babylon, Greece destroyed Persia, Rome subjugated Greece and the United States disciplined both Nazi Germany and Japan, etc.

23.9 When the Israelites entered the Promised Land, their election to embrace the idolatrous practices of the indigenous peoples rather than destroy them brought horrific discipline.

Jdg 5:8 They chose new gods; then was war in the gates: was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel?

24. War is cruel—losing a war is doubly cruel.

24.1 After being defeated by Babylon, Zedekiah, king of Judah saw his sons killed and they put out Zedekiah's eyes and led him as a prisoner to Babylon. Jer 39:4-7

Jer 39:4 And it came to pass, that when Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls: and he went out the way of the plain.

Jer 39:5 But the Chaldeans' army pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgment upon him.

Jer 39:6 Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah.

Jer 39:7 Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with chains, to carry him to Babylon.

24.2 Women suffer greatly during war.

Isa 3:24 And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty.

Isa 3:25 Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war.

Isa 3:26 And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she being desolate shall sit upon the ground.

25. Warfare demands stability and courage. For this reason the priest spoke to the troops before they went into battle.

Deu 20:1 When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

Deu 20:2 And it shall be, when ye are come nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people,

Deu 20:3 And shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them;

Deu 20:4 For the LORD your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

Deu 20:5 And the officers shall speak unto the people, saying, What man is there that hath built a new house, and has not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it.

26. Draft dodgers are evil; it is their sin that God will not overlook. God has reserved a special discipline for them.

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 hath 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:

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 last battle of the Armageddon campaign 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 because of their faith these men 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. The Bible taught Israel that war is hell and complete destruction of the enemy is the way to wage war.

Deu 2:32 When Sihon and all his army came out to meet us in battle at Jahaz,
Deu 2:33 the LORD our God delivered him over to us and we struck him down, together with his sons and his whole army.

Deu 2:34 At that time we took all his towns and **completely destroyed them-- men, women and children. We left no survivors.**

Deu 3:3 So the LORD our God also gave into our hands Og king of Bashan and all his army. We struck them down, leaving no survivors.

Deu 3:4 At that time we took all his cities. There was not one of the sixty cities that we did not take from them-- the whole region of Argob, Og's kingdom in Bashan.

Deu 3:5 All these cities were fortified with high walls and with gates and bars, and there were also a great many unwalled villages.

Deu 3:6 **We completely destroyed them, as we had done with Sihon king of Heshbon, destroying every city-- men, women and children.**

Jos 6:21 **They devoted the city to the LORD and destroyed with the sword every living thing in it-- men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep and donkeys.**

Jos 6:22 Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, "Go into the prostitute's house and bring her out and all who belong to her, in accordance with your oath to her."

Jos 6:23 So the young men who had done the spying went in and brought out Rahab, her father and mother and brothers and all who belonged to her. They brought out her entire family and put them in a place outside the camp of Israel.

Jos 6:24 Then they burned the whole city and everything in it, but they put the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron into the treasury of the LORD'S house.

Jos 6:25 But Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, because she hid the men Joshua had sent as spies to Jericho-- and she lives among the Israelites to this day.

1Sa 15:2 This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them as they came up from Egypt.

1Sa 15:3 Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy everything that belongs to them. **Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.**"

1Sa 27:8 Now David and his men went up and raided the Geshurites, the Girzites and the Amalekites. (From ancient times these peoples had lived in the land extending to Shur and Egypt.)

1Sa 27:9 Whenever **David attacked an area, he did not leave a man or woman alive, but took sheep and cattle, donkeys and camels, and clothes.** Then he returned to Achish.

1Ki 20:28 The man of God came up and told the king of Israel, "This is what the LORD says: 'Because the Arameans think the LORD is a god of the hills and not a god of the valleys, I will deliver this vast army into your hands, and you will know that I am the LORD.'"

1Ki 20:29 For seven days they camped opposite each other, and on the seventh day the battle was joined. **The Israelites inflicted a hundred thousand casualties on the Aramean foot soldiers in one day.**

1Ki 20:30 The rest of them escaped to the city of Aphek, where the wall collapsed on twenty-seven thousand of them. And Ben-Hadad fled to the city and hid in an inner room.

34. Israel's reputation as a nation with military power and the will to use it resulted in fear among the nations, and thus Israel had an extended period of peace.

Exo 15:15 The chiefs of Edom will be terrified, the leaders of Moab will be seized with trembling, the people of Canaan will melt away;

Exo 15:16 terror and dread will fall upon them. By the power of your arm they will be as still as a stone-- until your people pass by, O LORD, until the people you bought pass by.

Exo 15:17 You will bring them in and plant them on the mountain of your inheritance-- the place, O LORD, you made for your dwelling, the sanctuary, O Lord, your hands established.

Exo 15:18 The LORD will reign for ever and ever."

Exo 15:19 When Pharaoh's horses, chariots and horsemen went into the sea, the LORD brought the waters of the sea back over them, but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground.

35. To preserve the United States we must show up when Bible doctrine is taught, support a strong military, train our children in the Word of God and avoid ant-Semitism.

35.1 In answer to the age old "WWJD—What Would Jesus Do?"--we know from Scripture what Jesus will do when He returns as King of kings and Lord of lords. John in the Apocalypse describes the events.

Rev 14:14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

Rev 14:15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

Rev 14:16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

Rev 14:17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

Rev 14:18 And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

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.

Rev 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

Rev 19:12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

Rev 19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

Rev 19:14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Rev 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Rev 19:16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Rev 19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

Rev 19:18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

Rev 19:19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

Rev 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

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.

Rev 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

Rev 20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

Rev 20:3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Rev 20:5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Satan's Doom

Rev 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

Rev 20:8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

Rev 20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

Rev 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

So much for War, now let's continue our study of Moses and the book of Numbers.

1. On the way to the Promised Land, Moses also gave directions respecting unclean persons, trespass, Nazarites, etc. Numbers chapters 5 and 6

Num 5:2 "Command the Israelites to send away from the camp anyone who has an infectious skin disease or a discharge of any kind, or who is ceremonially unclean because of a dead body.

Num 5:3 Send away male and female alike; send them outside the camp so they will not defile their camp, where I dwell among them."

The Test for an Unfaithful Wife

Num 5:11 Then the LORD said to Moses,

Num 5:12 "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'If a man's wife goes astray and is unfaithful to him

Num 5:13 by sleeping with another man ... and her impurity is undetected Num 5:14 and if feelings of jealousy come over her husband and he suspects his wife--or if he is jealous and suspects her even though she is not impure--

Num 5:15 then the husband will take his wife to the priest. The husband will ... prepare a grain offering for jealousy ...

Num 5:16 The priest shall ... have her stand before the LORD.

Num 5:17 Then he shall take some holy water in a clay jar and put some dust from the tabernacle floor into the water.

Num 5:18 ... the priest ... shall ... place in her hands the ... the grain offering for jealousy, while he himself holds the jar of bitter water that brings a curse.

Num 5:19 Then the priest shall put the woman under oath and say to her, "If no other man has slept with you and you have not gone astray and become impure while married to your husband, may this bitter water that brings a curse not harm you.

Num 5:20 But if you have gone astray while married to your husband and you have defiled yourself by sleeping with a man other than your husband"

Num 5:21 here the priest is to put the woman under this curse of the oath-" may the LORD cause your people to curse and denounce you when he causes your thigh to waste away and your abdomen to swell.

Num 5:22 May this water that brings a curse enter your body so that your abdomen swells and your thigh waste away." ""Then the woman is to say, "Amen. So be it ...

Num 5:24 He shall have the woman drink the bitter water ...

Num 5:27 If she has defiled herself ... her abdomen will swell and her thigh waste away, and she will become accursed among her people.

Num 5:28 If, however, the woman has not defiled herself and is free from impurity, she will be cleared of guilt and will be able to have children.

Num 5:29 ""This, then, is the law of jealousy when a woman goes astray and defiles herself while married to her husband,

Num 5:30 or when feelings of jealousy come over a man because he suspects his wife ...

Rules For The Nazarite

Num 6:1 The LORD said to Moses,

Num 6:2 "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'If a man or woman wants to make a special vow, a vow of separation to the LORD as a Nazarite,

Num 6:3 he must abstain from wine and other fermented drink and must not drink vinegar made from wine or from other fermented drink. He must not drink grape juice or eat grapes or raisins.

Num 6:4 As long as he is a Nazarite, he must not eat anything that comes from the grapevine, not even the seeds or skins.

Num 6:5 ""During the entire period of his vow of separation no razor may be used on his head. He must be holy until the period of his separation to the LORD is over; he must let the hair of his head grow long.

Num 6:6 Throughout the period of his separation to the LORD he must not go near a dead body.

5. A Nazarite was a lay person of either sex who was bound by a special vow of consecration to God's service for a defined period of time or for life. His abstinence was an individual matter, not as a member of a group.

5.1 Ordinarily the vow was made voluntarily, but occasionally the parents made the dedication for the child for life, as in the cases of Samson (Jdg 13), of Samuel (1Sa 1:9-11), and of John the Baptist (Luk 1:15, 80; Mar 1:6).

5.2 A Nazarite (1) could not partake of the fruit of the vine; (2) had to leave his hair uncut; (3) had to remain free from all impurities including the touching of dead bodies (Num 6:3-8).

5.3 In case of defilement a ritual of purification was prescribed (Num 6:9-12). At the end of the period of separation the Nazarite followed a specified procedure for release from his vow, which included appearing before the priest with certain prescribed offerings and shaving his head and burning the hair (Num 6:13-21).

End Lesson