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Lesson 30

1. Last week 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 2.
3. Instead of living in peace, prosperity, and happiness, Lot and Abram found themselves in the middle of a war.
4. A coalition of powerful warring armies from the east invaded the land of Palestine and havoc.
5. Abram 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 city states 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 was 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. The capital of Elam was Susa from which he developed a vast Elamite Empire.
Gen 14:13
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 felt obligated to attempt a rescue.
10. A powerful empire had 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 Second Advent.
Mat 24:6; Mar 13:7; Luk 21:9
2. There will never be world peace prior to the Lord's return.

3. Individual nations can however stay out of war if they elect to maintain a dominant military and a will to use it.
4. When a nation goes to war, it is because the nation failed to follow the protocol plan of God by maintaining such a military and/or by refusing its timely use.
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. Isa 14:12
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 2:14-15
9. Mankind overlooks that God provides opportunity for salvation to all. Tit 2:11; Joh 1:8-10 and Rom 1:18-32.
10. 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
11. 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.
12. It is God's will that we never have war. Jam 4:1-3
13. It is God's will that every nation be so strong militarily that other nations are afraid to attack.
14. Satan has at times been successful in convincing the U. S. to reduce its military and to even seek international ties and treaties rather. The result has been war.
15. The successful wars of David brought peace to the land permitting Solomon to build the Temple. 1Ki 5:3-5
16. Civil wars between the northern and southern Kingdoms were common place beginning with their first kings. 2Ch 12:15
17. Wars are sometimes a curse to Kings who do not rely on the Lord for victory. 2Ch 16:7-9
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, Psa 46:9 and Mic 4:3

19. 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.

20. These verses both speak about using violence and rebellion against constituted authority.

21. The military and our judiciary system are the principle protectors of the four Divine Institutions established to provide peace, prosperity and stability.

22. As noted "one Worldism" as a concept was first established at Babel. 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.

22.1 The gathering of Israel into one land before the Lord's regathering is a Satanic trap. A client nation recall will protect the Jews living within their borders and develop Pro-Semitic policies.

22.2 When a nation has a coterie of positive believers who are positive to the Word, God will protect that nation. Recall the characteristics of a Client Nation:

22.2.1 internal evangelism,

22.2.2 external evangelism,

22.2.3 freedom to teach the Word,

22.2.4 establishment principles based on God's Word

22.2.5 freedom to accept or reject that Word

22.2.6 religious freedom for all

22.2.7 Pro-Semitic policy

23. Let's look at a case study of military preparedness and how God used the military to protect His priest nation Israel.

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

23.2 The year is c. 443 B.C.

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

23.4 Earlier in c. 536 B.C. Zerubbabel had led approximately 50,000 Jews back to the land where they rebuilt what became known as Nehemiah's Temple; the work was completed in c. 516 B.C.

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

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

23.7 There was significant opposition to a Jewish presence in the land, Haggai, Zechariah, Nehemiah and Ezra recorded the opposition. For example:

Neh 4:7 But when Sanballat, (a Samaritan King) Tobiah (a Persian Satrap), the Arabs (a King of Saudi Arabia), the Ammonites (a King of Jordan) and the men of Ashdod (a Philistine King) heard that the repairs to Jerusalem's walls had gone ahead and that the gaps were being closed, they were very angry.

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

23.9 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 But because of the opposition Israel offered a prayer to God, and they set a watch against their enemies. The watch continued both day and night."

23.10 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.

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

23.12 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 And it came to pass, that when the Jews which dwelt by them came, they said unto us ten times, From all places whence ye shall return unto us they will be upon you.

23.13 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 They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it.

23.14 Nehemiah responded by placing armed bands of citizen soldiers behind the broken places in the wall.

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.

23.15 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

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.

Num 14:9 Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will swallow them up. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them."

Deu 1:29 Then I said to you, "Do not be terrified; do not be afraid of them.

Deu 1:30 The LORD your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as he did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes,

23.16 Notice the crisis passed without need for fighting.

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.

24. 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.

25. 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:

26. 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 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;

27. Jesus taught 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.

28. Jesus said a wise King seeks advice from his Military before going to war.

Luk 14:31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?

29. 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 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."

30. 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 he hath promised you.

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

31. God uses the military of various nations to discipline reversionistic nations. Assyria destroyed Israel and Babylon destroyed Judah.

32. Israel's choices of false God's brought the discipline of war.

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?

33. 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 So in the ninth year of Zedekiah's reign, on the tenth day of the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon marched against Jerusalem with his whole army. They camped outside the city and built siege works all around it.

Jer 52:5 The city was kept under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah.

Jer 52:6 By the ninth day of the fourth month the famine in the city had become so severe that there was no food for the people to eat.

Jer 52:7 Then the city wall was broken through, and the whole army fled. They left the city at night through the gate between the two walls near the king's garden, though the Babylonians were surrounding the city. They fled toward the Arabah,

Jer 52:8 but the Babylonian army pursued King Zedekiah and overtook him in the plains of Jericho. All his soldiers were separated from him and scattered,

Jer 52:9 and he was captured. He was taken to the king of Babylon at Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he pronounced sentence on him.

Jer 52:10 There at Riblah the king of Babylon slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes; he also killed all the officials of Judah.

Jer 52:11 Then he put out Zedekiah's eyes, bound him with bronze shackles and took him to Babylon, where he put him in prison till the day of his death.

Jer 52:12 On the tenth day of the fifth month, in the nineteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan commander of the imperial guard, who served the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.

Jer 52:13 He set fire to the temple of the LORD, the royal palace and all the houses of Jerusalem. Every important building he burned down.

33.1 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.

34. 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.

End Lesson