

Biblical Basis for War

- 1. God is a Warrior.**
- 2. When is the time for war? When God says its time...Prayer Council.**
- 3. Fight to win so you don't have to fight again.**
- 4. 4 Things to stay within God's will:**
 - a. Holy Cause;
 - b. Holy Leader;
 - c. Holy Army; and
 - d. Holy Camp.
- 5. 4 Ways to know its time to fight:**
 - a. God reveals His will to the leader;
 - b. Leader inquires of God...Prayer Council;
 - c. God puts it on the hearts of the people; or
 - d. God starts the fight.
- 6. Things for a Holy Army**
 - a. Sacrifice/Worship/Prayer;
 - b. Circumcision/Saved;
 - c. Vow (consecration to the Lord);
 - d. Trumpets/Ark;
 - e. Atonement/Money; and
 - f. Praise to God Before/During/After.
- 7. 5 Facts of War:**
 - a. War is a fact of life.
 - b. God is with us and the battle is His.
 - c. Numbers are inconsequential.
 - d. Armaments are inconsequential.
 - e. Isaiah 57:1 – Why Righteous Men are Killed...
- 8. 4 Qualifications of a Warrior:**
 - a. 18 years old or older;
 - b. Able bodied Man;
 - c. Single Minded in Battle; and
 - d. Stable Home.
- 9. 5 Exemptions from Service:**
 - a. Training Family – New Home;
 - b. Newlyweds – New Wife;
 - c. Farmer – New Crops;
 - d. Scared – Fear Means a Lack of Faith (Offer to Leave); or
 - e. Priests – Duty to Ministry in Temple.

10. Rules of War

- a. Conduct a census of all able bodied males (18-45).
 - i. Identify Exemptions (see above).
 - ii. Appoint Captains of 10's, 50's, 100's and 1000's.
- b. Avoid blood shed if possible.
- c. Make an offer of Peace before declaring war.
 - i. Not a negotiation or compromise of righteousness.
 - ii. Must surrender on terms of justice and righteousness:
 1. Stop all abortions;
 2. No same-sex marriage;
 3. No idolatry or occultism;
 4. No communism; and
 5. Must obey Biblical law.
 - iii. If they yield – must pay share of work or taxes.
 - iv. If they do not yield – kill all males.
- d. War is not waged against nations but against man (no scorched earth or Sherman's march to the sea).
- e. Cut down only non-food trees necessary for supplies (safeguard production over politics or retribution).
- f. Do not attack or kill productive citizens. They are your base of support after the enemy is defeated.
- g. Law of Booty
 - i. $\frac{1}{2}$ went to those who fought.
 - ii. $\frac{1}{2}$ went to those who didn't.
 - iii. Divide evenly to the individuals...each gives tribute to Lord.
 1. Tithe to Church & Ministry
 2. None to Government – Removes temptation to fight.
 3. May use your part to give to those who helped.
 4. Commanders received the same portion. If a greater portion then they would have an incentive to fight.

11. Organizational Structure for War

- a. Captains of 5/10/50/100/1000
 - i. 5 = Team Leader (Corporal)
 - ii. 10 = Squad Leader (Sergeant)
 - iii. 50 = Platoon Leader (Lieutenant/Sergeant First Class)
 - iv. 100 = Company Commander (Captain/First Sergeant)
 - v. 1000 = Battalion Commander (Colonel/Sergeant Major)
- b. Small Standing Army (Quick Reaction & Shell Leadership).
- c. Only Muster in War Time.

12. Biblically Dealing with Tyranny

- a. Tyranny is never a divinely appointed means of government.
- b. A tyrant is someone who rules without God.
- c. Tyranny is not a lawful form of government.
- d. "Godless civil rulers are no more than bands of robbers." *St. Aug.*
- e. When the rule of law dies as sin prevails throughout the land, tyranny is not far behind.
- f. Book of Judges – Sin = Tyranny.
- g. Deuteronomy 28:1 – Blessings for Obedience.
- h. Deuteronomy 28:15 – Curses of Disobedience.
- i. Judges 3 – The Lord will test you to see if you Obey Him.
- j. No such thing as "rebellng against tyranny." RESTORATION
- k. Deuteronomy 4:34 – God brings His people out of tyranny.
 - i. God doesn't use majorities. The majority is usually wrong.
 - ii. Hebrews 11:32 – Heroes of Faith that conquered tyrants.
- l. Options:
 - i. Use of Deception
 - 1. Not generally speaking only very specifically.
 - 2. Avoiding being an accomplice to sin.
 - 3. Do not owe the truth to someone who will abuse it.
 - ii. Avoidance
 - 1. This does not mean cowardice.
 - 2. Conflict with tyranny also is preventing wickedness from harming property, lives, family when you don't have the strength or resources to overcome.
 - iii. Assassination & Sabotage
 - 1. Assassination to remove tyrants is just, not murder.
 - 2. 2 Chron. 23:12 – Dietrich Bonhoeffer – Plot for Hitler.
 - iv. Armed Resistance & Guerilla War.
- m. Considerations Before Beginning War – Prayer & Contemplation
 - i. Strength and Resources.
 - ii. Ability to go full-scale on a long-term basis to win.
 - iii. Not a temporary action based on emotion.
 - iv. Review the Declaration of Causes and Necessity.
 - v. Reasonable hope of winning, God is on your side. If not wait.
 - vi. Is God directing? Ex. 33:14-15, 2 Chronicles 7:14, Gamaliel.
 - vii. People are tired of tyranny & sin w/ hearts set on Freedom?
OR People accustomed tyranny and don't know who God is?
 - viii. Micah – Patriots who want to serve God not "libertine."

13. Warrior Priests

- a. Living Sacrifice.
- b. Intercession through prayer and action.
- c. Adam was told to tend and guard ("Abad & Shamar").
- d. Warrior = Guardianship.
- e. 2 Chronicles 23:8-9 - Armed Guards & weapons in the tabernacle.
- f. Prayer Humility, Wisdom, Courage, and Protection.
- g. James 4:8 - Draw near to God and purge double mindedness.
- h. James 4:17 - Not doing the right thing is sin.
- i. Proverbs 21:31 - "Prepare your horse for battle, but the battle is the Lord's."

14. Freedom is in Jesus Christ.

Where the Spirit of God is, there is Liberty.