

The War Bible Study

1. There are various sources of war that are described in the Bible.
 - a. According to Numbers 31:1-2 what was the reason God told the Israelites to go to war? _____.
 - b. According to Deuteronomy 7:1-4 why did the Lord tell the Israelites to completely destroy the enemy in war? _____.
 - c. According to Judges 5:8 why did war come to the city? _____.
 - d. According to Psalm 82:3 what would be a reason to go to war? _____.
 - e. According to Hosea 13:16 why was there war? _____.
 - f. According to Matthew 24:4-6 why will there be wars and rumors of wars? _____.
 - g. According to James 4:1-2 why do people go to war or fight? _____.
 - h. According to Revelation 13:5-7 who did the beast (anti-christ) make war against? _____.

2. The Bible also gives some insight about when to go to war.
 - a. According to 2 Chronicles 11:4 what did God tell the soldiers of the nation of Judah to do? _____.
 - b. According to Psalm 46:9 what is God able to do if he does not agree with a war? _____.
 - c. According to Ecclesiastes 3:8 what are we told about war? _____.
 - d. According to Joel 3:9-11 what should be done before going to war? _____.
 - e. According to Luke 14:31 what does a wise king do before he goes to war? _____.

3. The Bible addresses attitudes about war.
 - a. According to Deuteronomy 20:1-4 when we are in right standing before the Lord what should be our attitude about war? _____.
 - b. According to Psalm 55:21 what is an evil attitude about war? _____.
 - c. According to Psalm 68:30 what does God do to nations who take joy in going to war? _____.
 - d. According to Matthew 5:44 what attitude is the Christian to have toward his enemies? _____.
What is your attitude about your enemies? _____.

4. It is important to understand who is to declare war and who is to fight.
 - a. According to Numbers 21:14 what are some wars considered to be in God's view? _____.

- b. According to Joshua 1:14 who is to fight in war and who is not to fight in war? _____.
 - c. According to 2 Samuel 22:35 what does God do for his people? _____.
 - d. According to Romans 13:1-4 who has the right to determine when it is time to go to war? _____.

5. We must also consider the nature and effects of war.
 - a. According to 1 Samuel 15:2-3 how devastating was the war to be between Israel and the Amalekites? _____.
 - b. According to Song of Songs 3:8 what comes to soldiers who are prepared for battle? _____.
 - c. According to Isaiah 1:7 what is a typical effect of war? _____.
 - d. According to Jeremiah 18:21 what sometimes happens to family members when war comes? _____.
 - e. According to Zechariah 14:2 what are some of the horrors of war? _____.
 - f. According to Matthew 26:51-52 what will happen to people who live by the sword (eager to be violent)? _____.

6. The Bible also tells us what is needed to win wars.
 - a. According to Joshua 7:13 the Israelites had some sinful things in their midst. What did they need to do in order for God to give them victory? _____.
 - b. According to Psalm 20:7 what is more important to trust in than military strength and hardware? _____.
 - c. According to Proverbs 21:22 what kind of man is needed to know what to do in the time of war? _____.
 - d. According to Proverbs 21:31 who is the one that decides the outcome of wars? _____.
 - e. According to Proverbs 24:6 what is needed in order to successfully wage war? _____.

7. For Christians there is a war going on all the time that is more important than any military conflict.
 - a. According to Romans 7:23 what type of war are Christians fighting? _____.
 - b. According to 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 what type of weapons do Christians have to fight this war? _____.
 - c. According to Ephesians 6:12 who is our real enemy? _____.
 - d. According to Ephesians 6:13-18 what are five weapons we have to fight this war? _____.
 - e. According to James 4:7 who must we submit to and who must we resist if we are to win the war? _____.