

# GOD DECLARES WHAT IS HOLY



- Holy War is the subject of Deuteronomy 20 and 21
- God declares the start and end to His Holy War
- Spiritual Warfare is patterned after Holy War
- Holy War revolves around humans but it also has a spiritual component
- War in the Heavens is purely spiritual (spirit fighting spirit)
- Spiritual Warfare is humans in direct confrontation with evil spirit beings



# THE SUPERNATURAL IS TO BE EXPECTED IN HOLY WAR

- In Holy War the outcome is predetermined by God
- A great irony: God uses warfare to achieve the goal of Peace on Earth and Goodwill among Men



# HELMET OF SALVATION

BREASTPLATE OF  
RIGHTEOUSNESS

SWORD OF  
GOD'S WORD



BELT OF TRUTH

SHIELD OF FAITH

SHOES OF PEACE



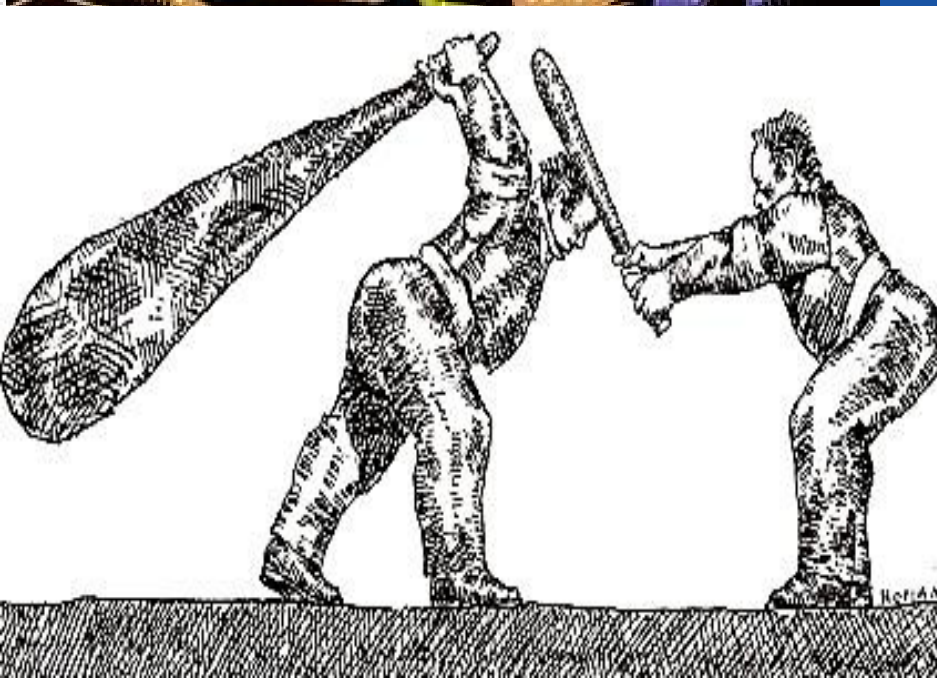
- Bible is full of warfare metaphors as being applied to God's people and even Yeshua's followers
- HOLY warfare is war authorized by God.....all other war is NOT authorized war, it is men's failures to obey God's commands
- A Holy Warrior does NOT incur blood guilt
- It will take a Holy War (Battle of Armageddon) in order to end all war and enter into the 1000 year reign of Messiah





# “AN EYE FOR AN EYE...”

- About proportionality in justice
- Was NOT a principle of PERSONAL relationships
- Holy Warfare involves much destruction of animals, property and people
- So, how does this square with “love your enemies”?





# LOVE YOUR ENEMIES



- Matt. 5:38 - end
- An “eye for and eye” is about God’s legal justice system
- “Love your enemies” is about our personal relationships
- And eye for an eye concerned criminals and criminal actions
- “Love your enemies” is concerned with insults and humiliation
- We are to love OUR enemies,  
**but not GOD’s ENEMIES!!**

What have Believers got to do with God’s enemies!!??



# HISTORICAL FORKS IN THE ROAD: NO GOING BACK

- Deut. 20:10 - 20 are very difficult passages to deal with
- Golden opportunities in history are bypassed, and circumstances can't be reclaimed
- What was possible in the past, is no longer an option
- Joshua was being given the opportunity to eradicate unimaginable evil, but won't be available again until Armageddon







- Offering a town “peace” means offering them to surrender to you before attacking them
- Part of the understanding is that the leaders and residents will become part of Israel to one degree or another
- Residents become “vassals” to Israel
- God demanded humane treatment for resident aliens, and servants had rights
- Towns who refuse to surrender have all adult males executed, and women and “little ones” taken as spoils of war
- This **ONLY** dealt with towns **NOT** inside the Promised Land of Canaan



# ALL CANAANITES TO BE ERADICATED



- Consists of 7 nations who are called “Canaanites”
- No one is allowed to live, not even their animals
- Hittites, Emorites, Canaanites, Perrizites, Jebusites, Girkashites, Amorites
- They were to be wiped-out for their abominable PRACTICES, not for what they believed!



# CANAANITES ASSIGNED STAR WORSHIP



- That the Canaanites worshipped heavenly bodies was *not* the issue
- It was sexual perversion, child sacrifice, drinking blood
- The abominable behavior of the Canaanites could not be tolerated
- It might influence God's people to do the same



# SIEGE WARFARE AND THE USE OF TREES

- Siege warfare is used against walled cities
- Siege involved devices as simple as ladders in OT times
- Siege instruments usually made of wood
- God says Israel may NOT use the wood of fruit trees



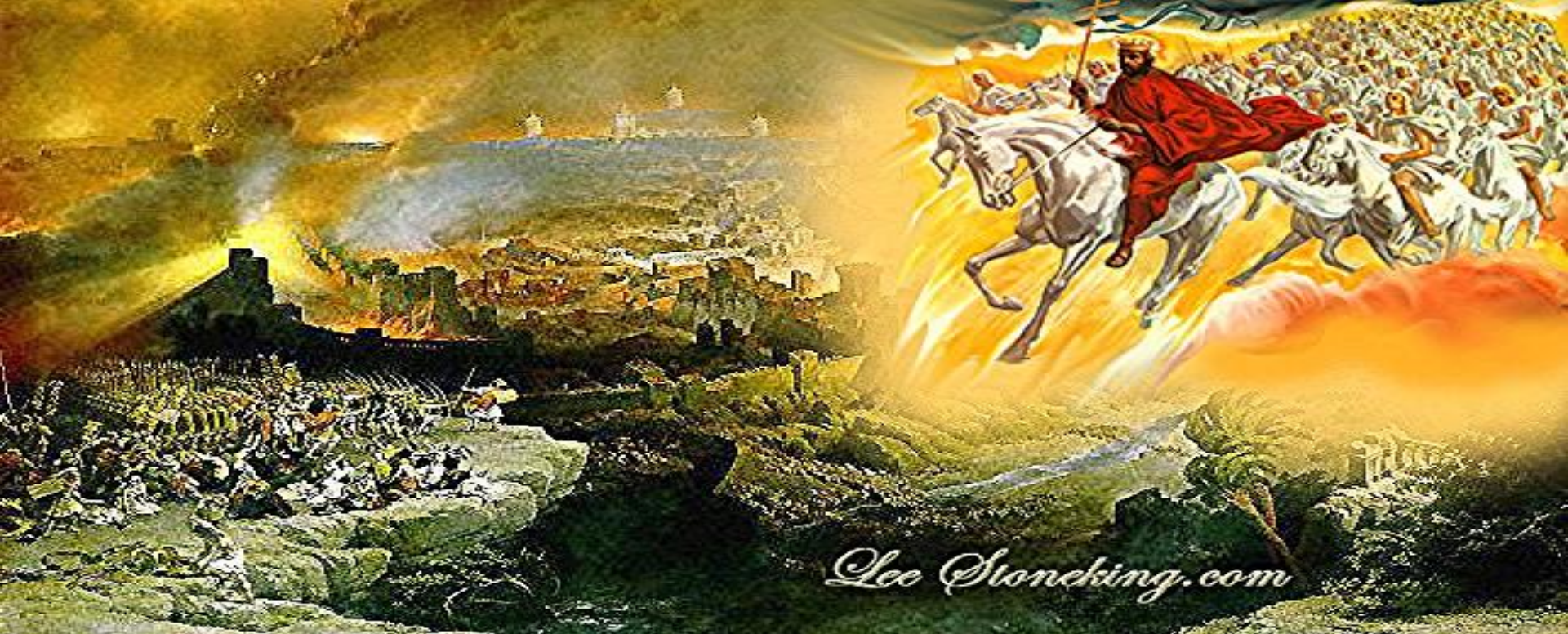


# THE LAW OF HEREM

- Spoils of war
- God is the commander-in-chief of a Holy War, so all spoils belong to Him
- **Herem** = ban (banned from being used)
- All spoils destroyed as the only way to set them aside for God, for that which is set aside for God is holy
- Christian and Jewish scholars have not liked God's laws of Holy War, so they have modified and toned down their meaning







- **God IS a God of love**.....but He is also a God of Justice and a God of Wrath and the blood avenger
- The Holy War against Canaan will be repeated on a world-wide scale in the Battle of Armageddon
- Our “pacifist” Savior will be leading the battle of annihilation of all those who did not choose HIM!
- The Holy War rules of Deut. 20 and 21 will be the rules of engagement for the Battle of Armageddon