

The World System's Aspect of Senseless Warfare (Pt 2)

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 15:7-21

INTRODUCTION

- Satan's ultimate purpose of his World System is to attempt to unite a diverse and divided humanity for the worship of himself through the Man of Lawlessness
 - *II Thess 2:3-4*

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- Satan continues to arrange and organize world political powers to attempt to accomplish this purpose - Rev 13:1, 17:3, 10-11
 - *Egypt*
 - *Babylon*
 - *Medo-Persia*
 - *Greece*
 - *Rome*
 - *Revived Roman Empire (10 kings)*
 - *Man of sin*
 - *Man of sin after “death wound”*

The Foundation of Senseless Warfare

Cain's 7-fold vengeance

- ***Gen 4:15***

Lamech's 70-fold vengeance, the demand for vengeance greater than what justice demands

- ***Gen 4:23-24***

Examples of Senseless Warfare Throughout History

Grecian Empire beginning under Alexander the Great

- *584 years, spanning 4 continents*

Roman Empire

- *The longest empire, 1480 years (27 BC – 1453 AD)*
- *Motives: land, wealth, and power*

American Revolutionary War

- *Motives:*
 - **England:** to retain taxation and commercial advantages
 - **The American colonies:** to retain their earned wealth and to obtain independent self-governance

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American Civil War

- *Motives:*
 - To maintain the power of constitutional law and commercial advantages among nations
 - Later, to abolish slavery (used as a reason to motivate the North)

World War II

- *Motives:*
 - Germany, Japan, Italy – “lebensraum” the expansion of land, wealth, and power

The Crusades

- *Motives:*
 - To protect Christianity and free the “Holy Land” for pilgrimages

Righteous Warfare Directed by the God of All Creation

■ Conquering Canaan

– *Based on God's promise of land to Abraham and his descendants - Gen 15:7,16,18-21*

■ Deut 9:1-5 - Two reasons for conquering Canaan

– *The wickedness of the inhabitants*

– *God's promise to the fathers*

■ Deut 12:29-31 – the nation's false gods

■ Josh 11_1-11, 18-20- the Lord hardened the nation's heart to fight against Israel.