

The World System's Aspect of Senseless Warfare (Pt 3)

Scripture Reading:

Revelation 19: 11-21

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”*

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.

Righteous Warfare Directed by the God of All Creation (continued)

■ Conquering Canaan

- *Protecting their land*
- *Victory in warfare based on national obedience to the Mosaic Law (cf Deut 28:1)*

Jesus' References to Warfare

- Believing Roman soldiers were never told to leave their position as soldiers
 - *Matt 8: 5-10, Lk 3: 14, Acts 10*
- Foretelling the continuance of warfare
 - *Matt 24:6*

Christ's Timely World System Ending All Warfare

- Not now
 - *Jn 18:36*
- At His Second Coming
 - *Rev 19:11-21*
- At the end of the 1000-year reign
 - *Rev 20:1-3, 7-10*

How Should Grace Believers Respond to the World System Warfare?

1

Communicate to God on behalf of world leader in order that we may live out Christ's indwelling life peaceably - I Tim 2:1-2

2

Righteously serve in the military if called upon - Rom 13:1-4

3

Leave vengeance up to the Lord - Rom 12:19

CONCLUSION

- Mankind craves peace
 - *Satan attempts to provide an external peace*
 - a lack of conflict among nations
 - *cf Rev 6:1-4*
 - *Jesus Christ provides internal peace*
 - the lack of conflict with God
 - *cf Jn 14:27, Rom 5:1*