

THE WORLDVIEW SERIES

A DEFENSE FOR AN ACTIVE, ENGAGING
AND CULTURALLY RELEVANT FAITH

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“WAR”

THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS WORLDVIEW

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Introduction to the Text;

Acts 17:28

Acts 17:28 NKJV

for in Him we **live** and **move** and have our **being**,

I wanna thank several marines and army warriors who contacted me from both Kuwait and Afghanistan saying that *for the first time it was made clear to them that war is not murder and that until Jesus Christ returns, military power must be used against hostile groups and nations so to protect freedom and independence.*



Live ζάω *zao, dzah'-o*; to be given life. To receive life. To be quickened.



Move κινέω *kineo, kin-eh'-o*; to be stirred or aroused or awakened.



Being ἔσμεν *1emen, es-men'*; existence of personality, our individuality,

Ecc. 3:8

A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace.

In Part One of This Topic

We looked into several of the key arguments regarding this issue of war. Let's be clear – no well-adjusted, normal person enjoys war or would desire war. But no individual can deny that war is in the human heart.

James 4:1-2

Where do wars and fights *come* from among you? Do *they* not *come* from your *desires for* pleasure that war in your members? :2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

What Matters is – Why are You Going to War?

(to advance an agenda or to defend your liberties and values as a people)

If you have an enemy that is determined to go to war and there is no way to avoid it – then go forth to win it.

Jesus Predicted That in the End, Governments would clash and that Ethnic Groups Would fight against one another – *globally!!!*

Matt. 24:1-7

Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. :2 And Jesus said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not *one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.*” :3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” :4 And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. :5 For many will come in My name, saying, “I am the Christ,” and will deceive many. :6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. :7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

The Book of Revelation Unveils the Antichrist as a “Deceptive Man of Peace” but in Reality he will be a Fierce Warlord of the Last Days.

Rev. 6:2

And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it **had a bow**; and a crown was given to him, and he went out **conquering and to conquer**.

Last Time We Looked @ The Following Arguments

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1.) Why does God allow war?

Ultimately - War is the Result of Human Rebellion.

But God Uses Fallen Man to Accomplish His Purposes.

(1) to **punish** a nation (2) to **create** a nation
(3) to **destroy** a nation. (4) to **benefit** a nation.

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2.) When does a nation or people go to war?

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3.) Isn't war murder?

The 6th Commandment (horizontal)

Exodus 20:13

"You shall not murder.

murder *ratsach, raw-tsakh*; the root word means **to dash in pieces**. To seek out and to slay or destroy a life. To put to death as a man-slayer or a murderer.

It's in the Civil Arena or Non-Military

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4.) Can a Christian go to war?

let's ask a question to answer the question.

Did Abraham go to war? // did Joshua go to war? // did David go to war?

Did Israel go to war? // have nations in history gone to war?

Did and will the LORD go to war?

And so we pick up here @ argument #5

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5.) Is war ever just?

What is a "Just War" – by nature, a war that defines or applies what is known as western or Judeo Christian ethics, (worldview) i.e.

In the defense of Morality, Freedom, Justice, Liberty, Peace.

Self Determination when threatened from Within or Without.

The answer is Yes – War can be Just
Whether you are advancing or defending based on its morality.

And "Morality" is What You Have Come to Value.

(everyone has a morality that is foundational to their worldview and that morality was "instilled" inside you by someone – think of it)

This is Why Islamic Sharia Law is So Dangerous.

It doesn't allow for you to have individual freedoms.

(can you be a **Christian**, an **atheist**, an **evolutionist**, or a **homosexual** and be allowed to live – just ask those in Iran or Saudi Arabia.

The Question is
“Is The War on Islamic Terrorism
a Just War?”

How Do You Defend Yourself Against Al Qaida, the MB & Others Like Them?

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"The Koran is our constitution, the Prophet is our leader, Jihad is our path and Death in the name of Allah is our goal."

- *Newly Elected Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi upon taking office.*

Free Nations today are fighting against

either a form of **communism** and or an **islamic theocracy**. Some of these have No borders. No flags. No uniforms. No rules. No ethics as we know.

??? But What About Non-Violent Convictions ???

Matt. 5:38-39 KJV

Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:**39** But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Derived from **Leviticus 24:20** = The law of retaliation, provided for exact justice, and not revenge, it was concerning public justice, not self defense.

Was the American Civil War a Just War?

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On the occasion corresponding to this four years ago all thoughts were anxiously directed to an impending civil war. All dreaded it, all sought to avert it. While the inaugural address was being delivered from this place, devoted altogether to saving the Union without war, insurgent agents were in the city seeking to destroy it without war—

seeking to dissolve the Union and divide effects by negotiation. Both parties deprecated war, but one of them would make war rather than let the nation survive, and the other would accept war rather than let it perish, and the war came.

President Abraham Lincoln. Second Inaugural Address

A Nation Obedient to God is Blessed In Defense of Life and Liberty

Deut. 28:1-8,12,15,25

“Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. :2 and all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God :3 “Blessed *shall you be* in the city, and blessed *shall you be* in the country. :4 “Blessed *shall be* the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. :5 “Blessed *shall be* your basket and your kneading bowl. :6 “Blessed *shall you be* when you come in, and blessed *shall you be* when you go out. :7 “The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. :8 “The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you....

:12 The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow... :15 “But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you... :25 “The LORD will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them; and you shall become troublesome to all the kingdoms of the earth.

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“Each looked for an easier triumph, and a result less fundamental and astounding. Both read the same Bible and pray to the same God, and each invokes His aid against the other. It may seem strange that any men should dare to ask a just God's assistance in wringing their bread from the sweat of other men's faces, but let us judge not, that we be not judged. The prayers of both could not be answered. That of neither has been answered fully. The Almighty has His own purposes. "Woe unto the world because of offenses; for it must needs be that offenses come, but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh."

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6.) When will there be no more war?

Great Question – but you will not like the answer.

Because evil must be resisted and defeated continuously.

Exodus 15:3,6

“The Lord is a Man of War; the Lord is His Name ... :6 Your Right Hand, O Lord, has become glorious in power; Your right hand, O Lord, has dashed the enemy in pieces. And in the greatness of Your excellence you have overthrown those who rose against You; You sent forth Your wrath which consumed them like stubble

Rev. 19:11-16

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. :12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. :13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. :14 And the

armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. :15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. :16 And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written:
KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

We Know That The World Will Be Moving More and More
Towards War and More Threats of War.

Rev. 12:7-9

And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, :8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. :9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Zech. 14:1-3

Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst. :2 For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. :3 Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle.

Is. 9:6-7

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. :7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

A Little “Worldview” Exam Tonight

By war, nations have been and shall be determined – **good** or **bad**?
By war, the U.S. civil war liberated the American slaves – **good** or bad?
By war, evil empires are destroyed and liberty established – **good** or bad?
By war Hitler came to power and 11,000,000 people were killed – good **bad**?
By war Hitler was defeated and the world was saved – **good** or bad?
By war the Muslim brotherhood is taking over the middle east – good or **bad**?

By war saddam hussein, and Osama bin laden were killed – **good** or bad?
By war the United States Colonies defeated the British Empire – **good** or bad?
By war Jesus Christ will establish His 1,000 year reign of peace – **good** or bad?

In New York – Lady Liberty Stands

"Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless,
tempest-tossed, to me: I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

This Nation was Established (thru) War Just Like Every Other Nation in the World.

>>>> The Cross, The Christ, The Call <<<<<

Didn't Jesus Christ Launch a War against Sin and Death?
Did He destroy the works of satan and defeat his demonic powers?

Rom. 8:7

Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God;
for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

Eph. 2:14,17

:14 For He Himself is our peace... **:17** And He came and preached peace to
you who were afar off and to those who were near.

End of Study

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