

DEUTERONOMY 20-21
PRINCIPLES GOVERNING WARFARE AND\
OTHER LAWS REGARDING THE KINGDOM

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Deuteronomy 20

Vv. 1-4 - As Israel enter the land, their kingdom, there will soon be a time for testing; they will be faced with the test of war (Eccl. 3:8c). After some forty years of witnessing God's miraculous provisions both from Egypt and in the wilderness, the classroom lesson is, do you take God at His word? He said, "For the Lord God is He who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to save you." A key component to the kingdom of Israel is the rulership and authority of God. They are confronted with the physical reality of the great army before them and the greater invisible reality of the God for them. Which is more real?

Vv. 5-9 - The importance of a home, vineyard, marriage and courage to a young kingdom people, "What man is there."

Vv. 10-15 - Acceptable action to cities that are delivered but NOT an inheritance.

Vv. 16-18 - Acceptable action to cities that are delivered as an inheritance (Gen. 15:16, sins of the Amorites).

Vv. 19-20 - God's provision for prolonged sieges.

Deuteronomy 21

Vv. 1-9 - The right way to handle "The Law Concerning Unsolved Murder" before the Lord in the kingdom of Israel.

Vv. 10-14 - Female captives delivered to the kingdom of Israel.

Vv. 15-17 - Love vs. God's requirement (cp 1 Cor. 13:1-13 [v. 13]) .

Vv. 18-21 - The rebellious son and the kingdom of Israel (Elisha and the Bears, 2 Kings 2:23-25).

Vv. 22-23 - A law that our Savior will fulfill.

Conclusion - The *Shema*, Deuteronomy 6:4-9