A time for war and a time for peace O'Malley Family Bible Study March 4, 2012



What time is it America? Is it a time for war or is it a time for peace (Ecc3:1,8)?

RSV Ecclesiastes 3:1,8

FOR EVERYTHING there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
 a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

There are war drums beginning to sound and there is a battle cry becoming louder and more forceful around the world from the politicians, preachers, talk show hosts, television, newspapers... that Americans must pre-emptively strike and destroy and kill in order to protect and save Israel from destruction. Israel will be wiped off the face of the earth if American service men and women do not step in and place themselves into harm's way - possible giving the ultimate sacrifice in order for Israel to remain that beacon of God's shining light in a dark Pagan land. That is what is being proclaimed across all the media outlets and pulpits throughout the land.

When is a war justified by God and when is it not? This will be covered in this Bible study.

Should America go to war for Israel's preservation? This question can only be answered from the bible. What is God's view on war fare?

First off God is not a pacifist. When God commands His people to go to war it's not blow things up and stop like in Desert Storm I. God's warfare is total annihilation of the enemy of men, women and children. This is shown by King David (a man after Jesus' own heart – Acts13:22) in 1Sam27:9 and in Joshua10:28-42 where God (Jesus) commanded Joshua (Moses replacement) to kill all the men, women and children. Joshua faithfully carried out God's commandment and utterly wiped out 31 kingdoms (Josh12:24)

RSV Acts 13:22 And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king; of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.'

RSV 1 Samuel 27:9

9 And David smote the land, and left neither man nor woman alive, but took away the sheep, the oxen, the asses, the camels, and the garments, and came back to Achish.

RSV Joshua 10:28-42

28 And Joshua took Makkedah on that day, and smote it and its king with the edge of the sword; he utterly destroyed every person in it, he left none remaining; and he did to the king of Makkedah as he had done to the king of Jericho.

29 Then Joshua passed on from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, to Libnah, and fought against Libnah;

30 and the Lord gave it also and its king into the hand of Israel; and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and every person in it; he left none remaining in it; and he did to its king as he had done to the king of Jericho.

31 And Joshua passed on from Libnah, and all Israel with him, to Lachish, and laid siege to it, and assaulted it:

32 and the Lord gave Lachish into the hand of Israel, and he took it on the second day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and every person in it, as he had done to Libnah.

33 Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua smote him and his people, until he left none remaining.

34 And Joshua passed on with all Israel from Lachish to Eglon; and they laid siege to it, and assaulted it;

35 and they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword; and every person in it he utterly destroyed that day, as he had done to Lachish.

36 Then Joshua went up with all Israel from Eglon to Hebron; and they assaulted it,

37 and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and its king and its towns, and every person in it; he left none

remaining, as he had done to Eglon, and utterly destroyed it with every person in it.

38 Then Joshua, with all Israel, turned back to Debir and assaulted it,

39 and he took it with its king and all its towns; and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed every person in it; he left none remaining; as he had done to Hebron and to Libnah and its king, so he did to Debir and to its king.
40 So Joshua defeated the whole land, the hill country and the Negeb and the lowland and the slopes, and all their kings; he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the Lord God of Israel commanded.

41 And Joshua defeated them from Kadesh-barnea to Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, as far as Gibeon.

42 And Joshua took all these kings and their land at one time, because the Lord God of Israel fought for Israel.

RSV Joshua 12:24 the king of Tirzah, one: in all, thirty-one kings.



How many people would stomach these wars that the US gets involved in if we must go over to that country and kill every single one of the men, women and children? That's God's war plan so that these people don't rise up and war with you again and again (like Desert Storm II).



Question: Are God's people/nation allowed to request help from a foreign army which serves other god's?



God considers you relying on a foreign army who believes in a different god as a slap in His face. Israel relied on Egypt and Assyria to save them from foreign invaders. God said all that reliance was worthless (Is30:1-3,7). Relying on a foreign army instead of God will lead you to even more wars and anger from God (2Chron16:2-9)

RSV Isaiah 30:1-3

1 "WOE TO the rebellious children," says the Lord, "who carry out a plan, but not mine; and who make a league, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin;

2 who set out to go down to Egypt, without asking for my counsel, to take refuge in the protection of Pharaoh, and to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt!

3 Therefore shall the protection of Pharaoh turn to your shame, and the shelter in the shadow of Egypt to your humiliation.

RSV Isaiah 30:7

7 For Egypt's help is worthless and empty, therefore I have called her "Rahab who sits still."

# RSV 2 Chronicles 16:2-9

2 Then Asa took silver and gold from the treasures of the house of the Lord and the king's house, and sent them to Ben-hadad king of Syria, who dwelt in Damascus, saying,

3 "Let there be a league between me and you, as between my father and your father; behold, I am sending to you silver and gold; go, break your league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may withdraw from me."

4 And Ben-hadad hearkened to King Asa, and sent the commanders of his armies against the cities of Israel, and they conquered Ijon, Dan, Abel-maim, and all the store-cities of Naphtali.

5 And when Baasha heard of it, he stopped building Ramah, and let his work cease.

6 Then King Asa took all Judah, and they carried away the stones of Ramah and its timber, with which Baasha had been building, and with them he built Geba and Mizpah.

7 At that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him, "Because you relied on the king of Syria, and did not rely on the Lord your God, the army of the king of Syria has escaped you.

8 Were not the Ethiopians and the Libyans a huge army with exceedingly many chariots and horsemen? Yet because you relied on the Lord, he gave them into your hand.

9 For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show his might in behalf of those whose heart is blameless toward him. You have done foolishly in this; for from now on you will have wars."

God mandates and expects is for His people to rely on Him to protect them (2Chron16:7). God does allow another God fearing nation who believes in Him to help out if God directs them. Case in point is King David helping out the nation of Israel when King Saul was in power and was trying to kill King David (1Sam23:1-5). King David didn't join forces with King Saul but warred against the enemies of the nation of Israel since King Saul wasn't able to protect his nation.

RSV 1 Samuel 23:1-5

1 NOW THEY told David, "Behold, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah, and are robbing the threshing floors."

2 Therefore David inquired of the Lord, "Shall I go and attack these Philistines?" And the Lord said to David, "Go and attack the Philistines and save Keilah."

3 But David's men said to him, "Behold, we are afraid here in Judah; how much more then if we go to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?"

4 Then David inquired of the Lord again. And the Lord answered him, "Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will give the Philistines into your hand."

5 And David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattle, and made a great slaughter among them. So David delivered the inhabitants of Keilah.

God speaks clearly in Jeremiah17:5-8 about the perils of trusting in man and not God

RSV Jeremiah 17:5-8

5 Thus says the Lord: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his arm, whose heart turns away from the Lord.

6 He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

8 He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

# Question: Does God allow you to have the ungodly soldiers in your army?



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God will curse you if you have the ungodly in your army. Case in point King Amaziah of the House of Judah in 2Chron25:1-2,5-7. God sent a prophet to the King saying don't let the men he hired from the House of Israel to be in his army since God was against the House of Israel (The Nation of Israel had split into the House of Judah and the

House of Israel by this time). A double witness is Jehu telling King Jehoshaphat that he sinned by helping out the House of Israel (2Chron19:2) in a battle.

## RSV 2 Chronicles 25:1-2,5-7

1 AMAZIAH WAS twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jeho-addan of Jerusalem.

2 And he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, yet not with a blameless heart.

5 Then Amaziah assembled the men of Judah, and set them by fathers' houses under commanders of thousands and of hundreds for all Judah and Benjamin. He mustered those twenty years old and upward, and found that they were three hundred thousand picked men, fit for war, able to handle spear and shield.

6 He hired also a hundred thousand mighty men of valor from Israel for a hundred talents of silver.

7 But a man of God came to him and said, "<mark>O king, do not let the army of Israel go with you, for the Lord is not with Israel, with all these Ephraimites.</mark>

RSV 2 Chronicles 19:2 But Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to King Jehoshaphat, "<mark>Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the Lord? Because of this, wrath has gone out against you from the Lord.</mark>

Question: Does God authorize you to help an ungodly nation from being attacked by another ungodly nation?



God will curse you for going to help out a foreign nation whose god is not Jesus. God sent Egypt up to attack Assyria (2Chron35:20-24) but the King of the house of Judah went out to war against the army of Egypt thus helping out Assyria. God allowed King Josiah to be killed for helping the wicked.

RSV 2 Chronicles 35:20-24

20 After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Neco king of Egypt went up to fight at Carchemish on the Euphrates and Josiah went out against him.

21 But he sent envoys to him, saying, "What have we to do with each other, king of Judah? I am not coming against you this day, but against the house with which I am at war; and God has commanded me to make haste. Cease opposing God, who is with me, lest he destroy you."

22 Nevertheless Josiah would not turn away from him, but disguised himself in order to fight with him. He did not listen to the words of Neco from the mouth of God, but joined battle in the plain of Megiddo.

23 And the archers shot King Josiah; and the king said to his servants, "Take me away, for I am badly wounded."

24 So his servants took him out of the chariot and carried him in his second chariot and brought him to Jerusalem. And he died, and was buried in the tombs of his fathers. All Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.

? With the basics of authorized warfare framed, the question goes back to should the US go to war to help Israel from being destroyed?



All Christian nations are bound by the principles and laws of the bible to have a successful and prosperous nation. We must look to the bible for our country's direction (2Tim3:16-17).

RSV 2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Israel is not a Christian nation. Per the bible definition of 1Jn2:22-23, Israel as a nation is classified as an Anti-Christ nation (along with all the other Middle Eastern and Asian nations) because they reject Jesus is the Christ.

In 1978 Israel passed a law making it illegal to try and convert Jews to another religion (at that time, Christians were the majority group trying to convert Jews to Christianity). The law came into force on April 1, 1978, under the premiership of Nobel peace laureate Menachem Begin. Henceforth, no Christian missionary could even offer a Bible to a Jew with a hope to

convert him to Christianity. This singular act could constitute an offering of 'material inducement' which could land a Christian missionary to five years in jail in the exclusive Jewish state. Under the same statute, a Jew could be jailed for three years if he converts to Christianity

Israel claim that they have access to the Father (based on the Old Covenant) is false since Jesus stated in Jn14:6 that <u>No one</u> <u>comes to the Father, but by me</u>. Helping out Israel who at this point of time is an ungodly nation is considered a sin in the eyes of God and we as a nation will be cursed by God.

RSV 1 John 2:22-23

22 Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son.23 No one who denies the Son has the Father. He who confesses the Son has the Father also.

RSV John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.

No one asks what is the source or reason why a national calamity comes on a nation. The politicians like to quote "They hate our freedom! They want to kill Americans because we are too free and happy." What they should be saying is that Jesus hates our freedom away from his laws, statues and judgments.

Jesus brings calamity to a nation (Amos3:6) and laughs and mocks you (Prov1:26-33). When you cry the crocodile tears to God he will not listen.

#### NASB Amos 3:6

6 If a trumpet is blown in a city will not the people tremble? If a calamity occurs in a city has not the LORD done it?

## RSV Proverbs 1:26-33

#### 26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you,

- 27 when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.
- 28 Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me.
- 29 Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord,
- 30 would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof,
- 31 therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices.
- 32 For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacence of fools destroys them;

33 but he who listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of evil."

If Israel is worried about an impending calamity then they need to repent of their sins of rejecting Jesus, confess in the name of Jesus, be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, burn their ungodly Talmud and abide in the commandments of Jesus. Israel then will have a wall of protection from all the ungodly nations surrounding her.

All the evangelistic mega churches should be sending missionaries to Israel instead of Africa, Asia, Central and South America if they truly care about the safety and security of Israel.

A nation has a chance if they repent from the evils that they intended – but will US repent and not rush in to defend Israel?

RSV Jeremiah 18:7-10

7 If at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it,

8 and if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will repent of the evil that I intended to do to it.
9 And if at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it,

10 and if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will repent of the good which I had intended to do to it.

The bible gives a clear yardstick to look back at a previous Middle East military conflict to see if that engagement was Godly or not and thus show if a war with Iran would be Godly. That yardstick is the fruits that it produces. If something was rotten from the start then the output will continue to be bad. Mt7:18-20 describes a bad tree doesn't bear good fruit.

## RSV Matthew 7:18-20

18 A sound tree cannot bear evil fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.

- 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
- 20 Thus you will know them by their fruits.

Looking at Iraq, was the fruit of that war good or bad from God's perspective? Bad since Christians and Christianity suffered as a result of that (God can still make lemonade from the lemons - Rm8:28). All the Arab Spring revolutions that the US and allies have been stirring (Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Syria, Iraq...) have all resulted in a Christian persecution – not the result one expects to see if the intent was Godly.

RSV Romans 8:28 We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose.

**Legacy of US Iraq Invasion: Near Extinction of Christian Population?** Pasted from <<u>http://www.aina.org/news/20120214134437.htm</u>>

With the withdrawal of the US led forces from Iraq, Operation Iraqi freedom turns into Operation Iraqi Christians decimation.

After a month of the withdrawal of the Allied forces from Iraq and its becoming a sovereign state, one of the serving US Military Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio admitted in an interview to CNA in Rome, "Yes, you can say in a certain sense that the invasion of Iraq did provoke this tremendous diminution of the Christian population in that country. And what the future holds, that still remains to be seen," Archbishop Timothy believes that the collapse of Iraq's Christian population is among the legacies of America's invasion in 2003 and he is perfectly correct.

Before the invasion of Iraq, Christian population was around 1.4 million of the total population and the community had enjoyed all kinds of support and patronage during Saddam's regime which dwindled to around one hundred forty thousand at the time of the withdrawal of the Allied forces<mark>.</mark> Where they vanished? Its a million dollar question.

Secular Saddam Hussein had always trusted Christians and have appointed them to the highest government posts beside giving them freedom to profess their religion with dignity.

The bible must be referenced in all of our decisions. Had the US and allies referenced the bible and sought God's will on whether of not to rescue ungodly antichrist Kuwait from the ungodly antichrist Iraq then we wouldn't have invaded Iraq and lost all the American men and women soldiers and depleted our treasuries helping the ungodly.

The bible directs one not to go in with another person to shed innocent blood in Prov1:10-11 and now we are joining in league with Israel to destroy Iran even though US intelligence agencies and Israel agree that Iran is not building an atomic bomb.

RSV Proverbs 1:10-11

10 My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.

11 If they say, "Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood, let us wantonly ambush the innocent;

Iran doesn't pose an immediate threat to the US, NATO or Israel. They are not on our borders with an invading army. Iran doesn't have nuclear weapons. Says who? How about US and foreign intelligence agencies (including Israel's) as per the article below.

U.S. does not believe Iran is trying to build nuclear bomb

**By Ken Dilanian, Los Angeles Times** KTUU-TV updated 2/26/2012 2:46:06 AM ET Pasted from <<u>http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/46519417</u>>

As U.S. and Israeli officials talk publicly about the prospect of a military strike against Iran's nuclear program, one fact is often overlooked: U.S. intelligence agencies don't believe Iran is actively trying to build an atomic bomb.

A highly classified U.S. intelligence assessment circulated to policymakers early last year largely affirms that view, originally made in 2007. Both reports, known as national intelligence estimates, conclude that Tehran halted efforts to develop and build a nuclear warhead in 2003.

The most recent report, which represents the consensus of 16 U.S. intelligence agencies, indicates that Iran is pursuing research that could put it in a position to build a weapon, but that it has not sought to do so.

Although Iran continues to enrich uranium at low levels, <mark>U.S. officials say they have not seen evidence that has caused them to significantly revise that judgment.</mark> Senior U.S. officials say <u>Israel does not dispute the basic intelligence or analysis.</u>

But Israel appears to have a lower threshold for action than Washington. It regards Iran as a threat to its existence and says it will not allow Iran to become capable of building and delivering a nuclear weapon. Some Israeli officials have raised the prospect of a military strike to stop Iran before it's too late.

It's unclear how much access U.S. intelligence has in Iran, a problem that bedeviled efforts to determine whether Iraq had weapons of mass destruction before the U.S.-led invasion in 2003.

There is not a threat yet the US is trying to drum up support to put sanctions onto Iran. Sanctions is economic war on a country and is an unofficial declaration of war on that country. The next step after sanctions is invasions. In 1996 in an interview on 60 minutes, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright brazenly stated that 500,000 children (who know the actual number of children and adult) died due to the sanctions. All these were innocent blood on the US hands since the US joined hands with the unGodly nation of Kuwait. These deaths will just add to the 40 million aborted babies that Jesus will repay the US for.

Lesley Stahl on <mark>U.S. sanctions against Iraq</mark>: We have heard that <mark>a half million children have died</mark>. I mean, that's more children than died in Hiroshima. And, you know, is the price worth it?

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright: I think this is a very hard choice, but the price--we think the price is worth it.

--60 Minutes (5/12/96)

Pasted from <<u>http://www.fair.org/index.php?page=1084</u>>

Now is the time to speak out, It may not change the events but it will show Jesus you attempted to warn the people against this sinful actions (Ez3:17-19). Sin is the transgression of the law (1Jn3:4). It's a sin to go to war without God's approval.

RSV Ezekiel 3:17-19

17 "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.

18 If I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, in order to save his life, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand.
 19 But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you will have saved your life.

You must decide now to warn the wicked to stop this impending war or go along with the lemmings rushing head long over the cliff.

Regards, David O'malley

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