

**Timeline of Truth – God Gives Instruction for Battle (Deuteronomy 20)**

Focus	First Sermon 1:1-4:43	Second Sermon 4:44-26:19				Third Sermon 27:1-34:17		
Divisions	Review of God's Acts for Israel 1:1-4:43	The Exposition and Expansion of the Ten Commandments 4:44-11:32	Ceremonial Laws 12:1-16:17	Civil Laws 16:18-20:20	Social Laws 21:1-26:19	Ramification of covenant 27:1-28:68	Palestinian Covenant 29:1-30:20	Transition of Covenant Mediator 31:1-34:12

<p><b>Deuteronomy 20:1</b> "When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses and chariots <i>and</i> people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the LORD your God <i>is</i> with you, who brought you up from the land of Egypt. <sup>2</sup> "So it shall be, when you are on the verge of battle, that the priest shall approach and speak to the people. <sup>3</sup> "And he shall say to them, 'Hear, O Israel: Today you are on the verge of battle with your enemies. Do not let your heart faint, do not be afraid, and do not tremble or be terrified because of them; <sup>4</sup> 'for the LORD your God <i>is</i> He who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.'</p>	<p><b>1. God commands the Priests to _____ the People</b></p> <p>a. The situation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When they go to battle</li> <li>• When they are outnumbered</li> <li>• God is with them</li> </ul> <p>b. Right before the battle – the priest will speak</p> <p>c. The message:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not be afraid (timid, fear, alarmed)</li> <li>• The Lord will fight for you</li> <li>• In order to save them</li> </ul>
<p><sup>5</sup> "Then the officers shall speak to the people, saying: 'What man <i>is there</i> who has built a new house and has not dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man dedicate it. <sup>6</sup> 'Also what man <i>is there</i> who has planted a vineyard and has not eaten of it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man eat of it. <sup>7</sup> 'And what man <i>is there</i> who is betrothed to a woman and has not married her? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man marry her.' <sup>8</sup> "The officers shall speak further to the people, and say, 'What man <i>is there who is</i> fearful and fainthearted? Let him go and return to his house, lest the heart of his brethren faint like his heart.' <sup>9</sup> "And so it shall be, when the officers have finished speaking to the people, that they shall make captains of the armies to lead the people.</p>	<p><b>2. God Commands the Officers to _____ the People</b></p> <p>a. The officers give exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Built a new house</li> <li>• Planted a vineyard</li> <li>• Betrothed</li> <li>• He is to return to his house</li> <li>• Deut. 24:5; Lev. 19:23-25;</li> </ul> <p>b. Also the fearful or fainthearted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• So that they don't discourage the others</li> </ul> <p>c. The captains shall be made from those men who remain</p>
<p><sup>10</sup> " When you go near a city to fight against it, then proclaim an offer of peace to it. <sup>11</sup> "And it shall be that if they accept your offer of peace, and open to you, then all the people <i>who are</i> found in it shall be placed under tribute to you, and serve you.</p>	<p><b>3. God commands Israel to Offer _____</b></p> <p>a. If they accept the offer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The whole nation will become forced laborers to work for Israel.</li> </ul>
<p><sup>12</sup> "Now if <i>the city</i> will not make peace with you, but makes war against you, then you shall besiege it. <sup>13</sup> "And when the LORD your God delivers it into your hands, you shall strike every male in it with the edge of the sword. <sup>14</sup> "But the women, the little ones, the livestock, and all that is in the city, all its spoil, you shall plunder for yourself; and you shall eat the enemies' plunder which the LORD your God gives you. <sup>15</sup> "Thus you shall do to all the cities <i>which are</i> very far from you, which <i>are</i> not of the cities of these nations.</p>	<p><b>4. God Gives Instructions for _____ a City</b></p> <p>a. If they will not make peace:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Israel is to besiege it</li> </ul> <p>b. When the Lord delivers it into their hands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every male (adult) is to be killed</li> <li>• The women, children, livestock and plunder goes to Israel</li> </ul> <p>c. Only cities outside of Israel</p>

<p><sup>16</sup> "But of the cities of these peoples which the LORD your God gives you <i>as</i> an inheritance, you shall let nothing that breathes remain alive, <sup>17</sup> "but you shall utterly destroy them: the Hittite and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, just as the LORD your God has commanded you, <sup>18</sup> "lest they teach you to do according to all their abominations which they have done for their gods, and you sin against the LORD your God.</p>	<p><b>5. God Commands the _____ of Some Cities</b></p> <p>a. In the cities within the land God is giving them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All that lives shall be killed</li> <li>• They are to do as God commanded them</li> </ul> <p>b. So that Israel does not learn to act like them.</p>
<p><sup>19</sup> " When you besiege a city for a long time, while making war against it to take it, you shall not destroy its trees by wielding an ax against them; if you can eat of them, do not cut them down to use in the siege, for the tree of the field <i>is</i> man's <i>food</i>. <sup>20</sup> "Only the trees which you know <i>are</i> not trees for food you may destroy and cut down, to build siegeworks against the city that makes war with you, until it is subdued.</p>	<p><b>6. God Instructs Israel What to Do with the _____</b></p> <p>a. They need trees to build siege weapons.</p> <p>b. They are not to cut down trees if they can eat from them.</p> <p>c. They can only use trees which do not produce food.</p>