**War**

**This happens to be one of the more constants in the world and that is war. There have always been wars. Wars fought on religious grounds, wars fought for economic/resource reasons, wars fought on ethnic grounds, etc. Some wars were instructed by God for his people to take up. Military budgets are some of the largest budget for most nations. Nations have to protect themselves from the assault or attack of other nations. He never intended for his people to be a waring people. Let’s look at some scripture on what the bible has said**

[**Matthew 26:52**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+26%3A52&version=ESV) **Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword.**

[**Ecclesiastes 3:8**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ecclesiastes+3%3A8&version=ESV) **A time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.**

[**Matthew 5:9**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5%3A9&version=ESV) **“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.**

[**Matthew 10:34**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+10%3A34&version=ESV) **“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.**

[**Matthew 24:6-7**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+24%3A6-7&version=ESV) **And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.**

[**John 18:36**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+18%3A36&version=ESV) **Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”**

[**Romans 13:4**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+13%3A4&version=ESV) **For he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.**

[**Psalm 144:1**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+144%3A1&version=ESV) **Of David. Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle;**

[**Matthew 5:44**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5%3A44&version=ESV) **But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,**

[**Deuteronomy 20:1-4**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+20%3A1-4&version=ESV) **“When you go out to war against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and an army larger than your own, you shall not be afraid of them, for the Lord your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. And when you draw near to the battle, the priest shall come forward and speak to the people and shall say to them, ‘Hear, O Israel, today you are drawing near for battle against your enemies: let not your heart faint. Do not fear or panic or be in dread of them, for the Lord your God is he who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to give you the victory.’**