

The War We Are In

2 Cor 10³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ

* **What kind** of war are we in?

* **How much** of life does that warfare extend to?

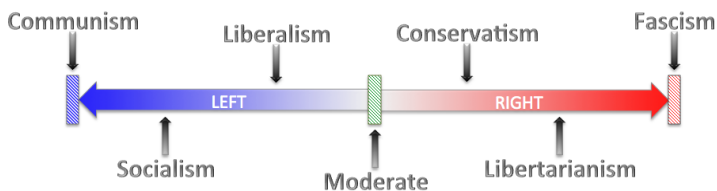
* **What kind** of weapon must we fight with?

* **If we** fight as though we are in a political war with religious implications, instead of a worship war with political implications, what are we like?

* **What is** one of God's most advanced spiritual weapons?

Eze 16¹⁴ Your fame went out among the nations because of your beauty, for it was perfect through My splendor which I had bestowed on you"

* **How do** we typically portray societal varieties today?



* **How does** the Bible portray societal varieties?

Gen 11⁴ And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and ... let us make a name for ourselves" ... ⁸ So the LORD scattered them abroad ... ⁹ Therefore its name is called Babel.

Judges 17⁶ In those days ... everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

* **What is** autonomy and when do we first see it?

Isa 14 [Lucifer:]¹⁴ "I will be like the Most High"

Gen 3⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ... ²² Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he ... take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" — ²³ therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden

Mat 4¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. ³ Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." ⁴ But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' "

Deut 8³ So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna ... that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.

* **What do** we see after the fall & with the second generation?

Gen 3²¹ [F]or Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them ... ⁴¹ Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she ... bore Cain, and ... ² [t]hen she bore again, ... Abel ... ³ And ... Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. ⁴ Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected

Abel and his offering, ⁵ but He did not respect Cain and his offering. (2)
And Cain was very angry ... ⁶ So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry?" ... ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? ... [S]in lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." ⁸ Now ... Cain rose up against Abel ... and killed him. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain ... ¹⁰ [t]he voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me ...
¹² When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. (3)
A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth." ... ¹⁶ Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD ... ¹⁷ ... [a]nd he built a city ...

*** Are cities bad?**

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Rev 21 ⁹ Then one of the seven angels ... sa[*id*], "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit ... and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God ... ²² But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. ²⁴ And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.

Deut 17 ¹⁵ you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses ... ¹⁶ [H]e shall not multiply horses for himself ...
¹⁷ Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself. ¹⁸ [H]e shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book ... ¹⁹ ... and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law ... ²⁰ that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left

*** What about nations?**

*** What applications can we make to America?**

Ezekiel 16 ³ Thus says the Lord GOD to Jerusalem: "Your birth and your nativity are from the land of Canaan ... ⁶ And when I ... saw you struggling in your own blood, I said to you ..., 'Live!' ... ⁷ I made you thrive ... ⁸ ... I swore an oath to you and entered into a covenant with you, and you became Mine ... ⁹ Then I ... washed off your blood, and I anointed you with oil. ¹⁰ I clothed you in embroidered cloth and ... with fine linen and covered you with silk. ¹¹ I adorned you with ornaments ... ¹² [a]nd I put ... a beautiful crown on your head. ¹³ ... You were exceedingly beautiful, and succeeded to royalty. ¹⁴ Your fame went out among the nations because of your beauty, for it was perfect through My splendor which I had bestowed on you ... ¹⁵ But you trusted in your own beauty, played the harlot because of your fame"

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed" (Declaration of Independence)

*** What were God's main design features for Israel?**

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1Tim 2 ¹ Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, ² for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. ³ For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,