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Book of Deuteronomy Chapter 20

05_DEU_20_01 When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, [and] a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God [is] with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

05_DEU_20_02 And it shall be, when ye are come nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people,

05_DEU_20_03 And shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them;

05_DEU_20_04 For the LORD your God [is] he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

05_DEU_20_05 And the officers shall speak unto the people, saying, What man [is there] that hath built a new house, and hath not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it.

05_DEU_20_06 And what man [is he] that hath planted a vineyard, and hath not [yet] eaten of it? let him [also] go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man eat of it.

05_DEU_20_07 And what man [is there] that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her.

05_DEU_20_08 And the officers shall speak further unto the people, and they shall say, What man [is there that is] fearful and fainthearted? let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren's heart faint as well as his heart.

05_DEU_20_09 And it shall be, when the officers have made an end of speaking unto the people, that they shall make captains of the armies to lead the people.

05_DEU_20_10 When thou comest nigh unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace unto it.

05_DEU_20_11 And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and open unto thee, then it shall be, [that] all the people [that is] found therein shall be tributaries unto thee, and they shall serve thee.

05_DEU_20_12 And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war against thee, then thou shalt besiege it:

05_DEU_20_13 And when the LORD thy God hath delivered it into thine hands, thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge of the sword:

05_DEU_20_14 But the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, [even] all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take unto thyself; and thou shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.

05_DEU_20_15 Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities [which are] very far off from thee, which [are] not of the cities of these nations.

05_DEU_20_16 But of the cities of these people, which the LORD thy God doth give thee [for] an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth:

05_DEU_20_17 But thou shalt utterly destroy them; [namely], the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee:

05_DEU_20_18 That they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so should ye sin against the LORD your God.

05_DEU_20_19 When thou shalt besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by forcing an ax against them: for thou mayest eat of them, and thou shalt not cut them down [for the tree of the field [is] man's [life]] to employ [them] in the siege:

05_DEU_20_20 Only the trees which thou knowest that they [be] not trees for meat, thou shalt destroy and cut them down; and thou shalt build bulwarks against the city that maketh war with thee, until it be subdued.