

NUMBERS 31

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PS 94:1-12, NAHUM 1:1-7, ROM 12:18-21

HEB 10:30

For we know Him who said, “VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY.” And again, “THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE.”

GOD’S VENGEANCE IS HIS PEOPLE’S BLESSING.....THIS IS GOD’S JUDGMENT ON HIS ENEMIES WHICH OUR YOUR ENEMIES

THE INABILITY TO UNDERSTAND GOD’S VENGEANCE IS DERIVED FROM A LACK OF UNDERSTANDING GOD’S LOVE FOR HIS PEOPLE OR HIS HATRED OF EVIL
[GOD IS SLOW TO ANGER]

VS 1-13] FULL VENGEANCE = THE LORD’S VENGEANCE VS 3

THE VENGEANCE OF GOD IS NOT THE HEART OF GOD IT IS THE JUSTICE OF GOD

THE HEART OF GOD IS FOR EVEN THE WICKED TO LIVE

EZE 18:23

“Do I have any pleasure in the death of the wicked,” declares the Lord GOD, “rather than that he should turn from his ways and live?”

EZE 33:11

“Say to them, ‘As I live!’ declares the Lord GOD, ‘I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?’”

THIS SHOULD BE OUR HEART ALSO

JOB 31:29

Have I rejoiced at the extinction of my enemy, Or exulted when evil befell him?

PRO 24:17-18

Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles; Or the LORD will see it and be displeased, And turn His anger away from him.

THE 5 KINGS AND BALAAM

ZUR = FATHER OF COZBI

HUR = HORITES [TIE TO THE GIANTS]

LESSON #1 BE BROKEN FOR GOD’S ENEMY WITHOUT COMPROMISING HIS TRUTH

**VS 13-19] THEY TOOK OUT BALAAM THE INSTIGATOR OF THE SIN VS 8
THE WOMEN WAS THE ENTICEMENT OF THE SIN
THE MEN OF ISRAEL LET THEIR FLESH OVER COME THEM WITH SIN
BALAAM DIED, THE WOMEN HERE KILLED AND SO WERE THE MEN OF
ISRAEL THAT LET THEIR FLESH BE ENTICED BY THE SIN**

Every male among the little ones: These also had to be killed. This was harsh, but done with the understanding that in that ancient culture, the boys would have grown into men with the solemn responsibility to avenge their father's death and to perpetuate Midianite culture - which in itself was anti-God.

**BEFORE WE JUMP TO THE CONCLUSION THAT GOD IS UNJUST FOR
COMMANDING THIS.....REMEMBER THAT JUDGMENT CAME TO HIS PEOPLE
FIRST**

**SATAN IS THE INSTIGATOR OF SIN, THE WORLD IS THE ENTICEMENT OF SIN,
THE FLESH ACTS UPON THE ENTICEMENT**

**LESSON #2 CUT OUT THE ROOT OF SIN NOT BY KILLING SOMEONE....BUT BY
KILLING OUR FLESH**

**VS 20-24] THE PURIFYING OF THE PERSONS AND THE BOOTY
THE PERSON = NUM 19 THE RED HEIFER
THE BOOTY = FIRE AND WATER**

**LESSON # 3 THIS IS A VALID PRINCIPLE FOR US TO OBSERVE. WHEN BELIEVERS
WANT TO "PLUNDER" THINGS FROM THE WORLD AND USE THEM FOR THE
CAUSE OF THE GOSPEL, SUCH AS MUSIC, MEDIA, AND OTHER THINGS. SOME
THINGS CANNOT BE CLEANSED, AND MUST BE DONE AWAY WITH; OTHER
THINGS CAN BE CLEANSED, AND MAY BE USED BY THE PEOPLE OF GOD FOR
THE GLORY OF GOD.
[DAVID GUZIK]**

**VS 25-48] THE DIVISION OF THE BOOTY
32,000 WOMEN**

VS 48-54] THE WARRIORS ATONEMENT

THIS IS NOT AN OFFERING THANKSGIVING [12,000 VS 32,000]

**THIS WAS ATONEMENT FOR TAKING THE CENSUS SO THAT NO PLAGUE
WOULD COME UPON THE CAMP EX 30:11-12, 2 SAM 24**

THE “ABOUT” ISSUE IN THE BIBLE

BUT WHY WAS TAKING A CENSUS A DANGEROUS UNDERTAKING?

1] IT COULD BRING ABOUT UNNECESSARY ANXIETY [WAR AND TAXES]

**2] IT WAS HOLY = ONLY GOD COULD COMMAND A CENSUS [NO ATONEMENT
WAS NECESSARY]**

**3] IT KEPT PRIDE IN CHECK BY MAKING IT A COSTLY ENDEAVOR [HOW BIG
IS YOUR CHURCH]**

4] THE SHEPHERD AND GOD

**THE GOLD WAS USED AS MEMORIAL / REMINDER OF GOD’S FAITHFULNESS
THAT ISRAEL BELONG TO YHVH VS 45**

**LESSON # 4 DO YOU HAVE A PERSONAL REMINDER OF GOD’S FAITHFULNESS
THAT YOU BELONG TO HIM?**