

CURRENT CULTURE

A BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONSE

I. Biblical Perspective on War

A. The Old Testament and War

1. War in the Promised Land
2. War predicted in the Messiah's future

B. The New Testament on War

1. Jesus' teachings and actions
2. Jesus' death on the cross
3. The second coming of Christ

II. Christian Positions on War

A. Pacifism

1. Pacifist arguments
2. Critique of pacifist arguments

B. Just war

1. Jesus' response to Pilate
2. Interactions with soldiers
3. Jesus' teaching on violence
4. Jesus' role as conquering king

