

- 20:2....the priest will speak to encourage the people
- 20:3....note the words of encouragement..they will remind you of many similar times in the Scripture. Don't faint, fear, tremble, the Lord is withyou.
- 20:4....the Lord, in fact, is fighting for you
- 20:5-8...the officers speak:
- v 5...dedicate your new home if necessary
 - v.6...care for your new vineyard
 - v.7...stay with a new wife
- (All of these can be seen as things that would contribute to poor morale in the battle)
- v.8...the faint or fearful need not go..another morale fact that could work to the harm of the company..
- 20:9....the officers will arrange the company for effective service
- 20:10....but before fighting, first offer peace...
- 20:11....if the foe agrees they will become tributaries
- 20:12....if not they will be besieged and overcome
- 20:13....when the Lord delivers every male is slain
- 20:14....but women, little ones, cattle, spoils^{re} taken
- 20:15....this is the policy for distant cities
- 20:16-18.But the cities of the land will be exterminated that Israel does not become contaminated with their unbelief or wicked practices.
- 20:19....sieging a city but caring for the trees that produce the goods for life.

III. Conclusion

War is never a pleasant thing and the conditions that attend it are frightening. Israel is not a pacifistic country however and must learn to conduct herself well in times of strife as in times of peace. God gives instruction for both and all aspects of life are to be lived under the order of God. And we trust you will be blessed in the study of the Word of God and hope you can join us again tomorrow as we continue our work.
