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QUESTION: "Why can't all wars stop?"

ANSWER: Because there have always been "evil men" whose total disregard for the Word of God can only be limited by God's judgmental response.

1. There always have been "evil men." Beginning with Cain, "who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous" (**1 John 3:12**). David asked God to: "Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men; Preserve me from violent men, Who plan evil things in *their* hearts; They continually gather together *for war*" (**Psalms 140:1-2**). Paul warned: "But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived" (**2 Timothy 3:13**). "Evil men" (and women!) must be recognized for what they do and are not to be treated as if they were humble, penitent, Christians, unless they are!

2. There has always been God's judgmental response. Cain expected that he would "be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me" (**Genesis 4:14**). When humanity began again after the Flood in Noah's day, God ordered: "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man" (**Genesis 9:6**). Through the Law of Moses, God ordered government to issue the following judgment: "But if *any* harm follows, then you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe" (**Exodus 21:23-25**). *This never was to be an individual's response but was completely a fixed judgment for the "court's" response to violent, reckless crime!* Today, under Christ, Christians should "submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and *for the praise of those who do good*" (**1 Peter 2:13-14**). *Government that punishes "those who do good" and/or praises "evildoers" is not authorized by God!*

3. Solomon Wrote: "Because the sentence against an evil work *is not* executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men *is* fully set in them to do evil" (**Ecclesiastes 8:11**). Jesus added: "all who take the sword will perish by the sword" (**Matthew 26:52**), which confirmed the principle that violence must be met with a violent response. God had Isaiah write, "Woe to the wicked! *It shall be ill with him*, For the reward of his hands shall be given him" (**Isaiah 3:11**).

Response to the beasts of power is: "He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints" (**Revelation 13:10**).

Wars stop when evil doers are punished.

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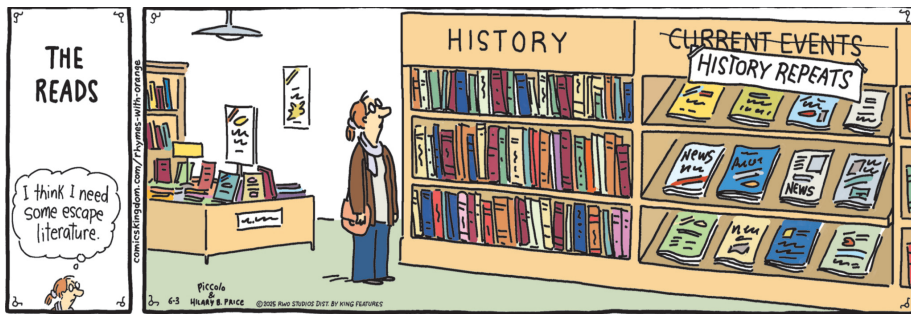
QUESTION: "Is the Israeli-Palestinian War a sign of the end of the world?"

ANSWER: NO, no matter how often, or by how many, that false doctrine is repeated, wars on earth have nothing whatever to do with the end of the world!

1. Signs Of The End. Seeing the Temple in Jerusalem, Jesus predicted its destruction when He said, "Do you see these great buildings? Not *one* stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down" (**Mark 13:2**). The Apostles asked, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?" (**Mark 13:4**). Jesus listed many "signs:" "wars and rumors of wars," "earthquakes in various places," "famines and troubles" (**Mark 13:7-8**). Jesus linked "tribulation" connected to "the abomination of desolation," spoken of by Daniel the prophet" connected to Jerusalem's destruction, which occurred in A.D.70. All of these "signs" were for "this generation" which would "by no means pass away till all these things take place" (**Mark 13:30**). None of these signs had anything whatsoever to do with predicting the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ!

2. He Hit Me Back. The evil violent people should always expect retaliation in kind. Remember Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, or Twin Towers on September 11, 2001? David said the wicked, "made a pit and dug it out, And has fallen into the ditch *which* he made. His trouble shall return upon his own head, And his violent dealing shall come down on his own crown" (**Psalms 7:15-16**). Solomon wrote: "The violence of the wicked will destroy them, Because they refuse to do justice" (**Proverbs 21:7**). "Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, And he who rolls a stone will have it roll back on him" (**Proverbs 26:27**). People devise things that eventually come back to, as we often say, haunt them, bite them, or backfire on them. Truly, "An angry man stirs up strife" (**Proverbs 29:22**). Those who murder and destroy others should expect, and be given, retaliation in kind. All who defend the terrorists attacks or condemn only the responders reveal their evil hearts.

3. When there are those who are "being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness"...then "knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them." (**Romans 1:29, 32**) Approval of evil is an admission of guilt! ----jtpII



Salted Speech Colossians 4:6

~I have a scheme for stopping war. It's this — no nation is allowed to enter a war till they have paid for the last one.

~Will Rogers (1879–1935)

~ If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

~We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

~Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit . . .

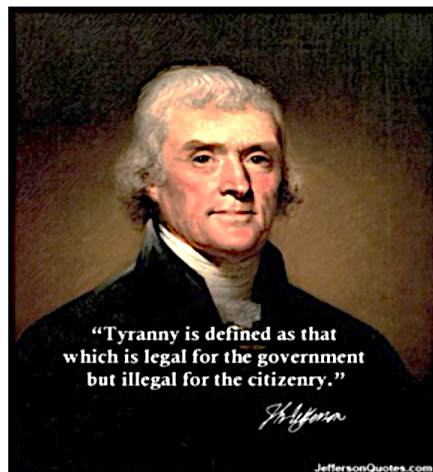
Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

~To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism.

To steal from many is research.

~In war there are no unwounded soldiers. ~José Narosky, Si Todos Los Tiempos: Aforismos, 1977

[“En las guerras no hay soldado sin heridas.” —tg]



The Bible is Full of Mistakes!

Some people fail to acknowledge the above written fact about the Bible. Some people deny that there are any mistakes in it at all. Others simply choose to ignore this obvious fact. Make no mistake; our Bible is filled with them. From Genesis to Revelation, there's hardly a book that's without an abundance of mistakes. Here is a brief list of five mistakes in the first half of the book of Genesis alone.

1. Gen. 3:6-13 - Adam and Eve made the mistake of disobeying God.
2. Gen. 4:1-15 - Cain made the mistake of offering an unworthy sacrifice and then made the mistake of killing his brother in jealousy.
3. Gen. 6:1-8 - The world made the mistake of thinking that God didn't care.
4. Gen. 18:9-15 - Sarah made the mistake of laughing at what God said was possible.
5. Gen. 18:16ff - Sodom and Gomorrah made the mistake of abandoning all that is right and pure.

There are still 65 books left in the Bible with more mistakes than we could possibly list. Perhaps, now that this has been cleared up, the next time someone says to you, "The Bible is full of mistakes," you can reply, "I know it is!" Just be sure and tell them how you mean that!

- Jason Hart