

Deuteronomy 20.10-16

When you approach a town to attack it, you shall offer it terms of peace [or “call on it to surrender”]. If it responds peaceably and lets you in, all the people present there shall serve you at forced labor. If it does not surrender to you, but would join battle with you, you shall lay siege to it; and when the Lord your God delivers it into your hand, you shall put all its males to the sword. You may, however, take as your booty the women, the children, the livestock, and everything in the town – all its spoils – and enjoy the use of the spoil of your enemy, which the Lord your God gives you. Thus you shall deal with all towns that lie very far from you, towns that do not belong to nations hereabout. In the towns of the latter peoples, however, which the Lord your God is giving you as a heritage, you shall not let a soul remain alive.

Numbers 31.7-18

[The Israelites] took the field against Midian, as the Lord had commanded Moses, and slew every male... The Israelites took the women and children of the Midianites captive, and seized as booty all their beasts, all their herds, and all their wealth. And they destroyed by fire all the towns in which they were settled, and their encampments... Moses became angry with the commanders of the army, the officers of thousands and the officers of hundreds, who had come back from the military campaign. Moses said to them, “You have spared every female! Yet they are the very ones who, at the bidding of Balaam, induced the Israelites to trespass against the Lord in the matter of Peor... Now, therefore, slay also every woman who has known a man carnally; but spare every young woman who has not had carnal relations with a man.

Daniel 2.44

[In the time of certain future kings], the God of Heaven will establish a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, a kingdom that shall not be transferred to another people. It will crush and wipe out all these [other, inferior] kingdoms, but shall itself last forever...

Isaiah 60.10-12

Aliens shall rebuild your walls, their kinds shall wait upon you; for in anger I struck you down, but in favor I take you back. Your gates shall always stay open, day and night they shall never be shut, to let in the wealth of the nations, with their kings in procession. For the nation or the kingdom that does not serve you shall perish; such nations shall be destroyed.

Samuel 15.2-3

[Samuel is speaking to Saul] Thus said the Lord of Hosts: I am exacting penalty for what Amalek did to Israel, for the assault he made upon them on the road, on their way up from Egypt. No go, attack Amalek, and proscribe all that belongs to him. Spare no one, but kill alike men and women, infants and sucklings, oxen and sheep, camels and asses!

Exodus 32.25-29

Moses saw that the people were out of control — since Aaron had let them get out of control — so that they were a menace to any who might oppose them. Moses stood up in the gate of the camp and said, “Whoever is for the Lord, come here!” And the Levites rallied to him. He said to them, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Each of you put sword on thigh, go back and forth from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay brother, neighbor, and kin.” The Levites did as Moses had bidden; and some three thousand of the people fell that day. And Moses said, “Dedicate yourselves to the Lord this day — for each of you has been against son and brother — that He may bestow a blessing upon you today.”

Joshua 10.24-28

And when the kings were brought out [of a cave wherein they were hiding] to Joshua, Joshua summoned all the men of Israel and ordered the army officers who had accompanied him, “Come forward and place your feet on the necks of these kings.” They came forward and placed their feet on their necks. Joshua said to them, “Do not be frightened or dismayed; be firm and resolute. For this is what the Lord is going to do to all the enemies with whom you are at war.” After that, Joshua had them put to death and impaled on five stakes, and they remained impaled on the stakes until evening. At sunset Joshua ordered them taken down from the poles and thrown into the cave in which they had hidden. Large stones were placed over the mouth of the cave, [and there they are] to this very day. At that time Joshua captured [the city of] Makkedah and put it and its kings to the sword, proscribing it and every person in it and leaving none that escaped.

Ezekiel 9.3-10

[The God of Israel] called to the man clothed in linen with the writing case at his waist; and the Lord said to him, “Pass through the city, through Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who moan and groan because of all the abominations that are committed in it.” To the others He said in my hearing, “Follow him through the city and strike; show no pity or compassion. Kill off graybeard, youth and maiden, women and children; but do not touch any person who bears the mark. Begin here at My Sanctuary.” So they began with the elders who were in front of the House. And He said to them, “Defile the House and fill the courts with the slain. Then go forth.” So they went forth and began to kill in the city. When they were out killing, and I remained alone, I flung myself on my face and cried out, “Ah, Lord God! Are you going to annihilate all that is left in Israel, pouring out Your fury upon Jerusalem?” He answered me, “The iniquity of the Houses of Judah and Israel is very very great, the land is full of crime and the city is full of corruption. For they say, ‘The Lord has forsaken the land, and the Lord does not see.’ I, in turn, will show no pity or compassion; I will give them their deserts.”

Numbers 21.1-3

When the Canaanite, king of Arad, who dwelt in the Negeb, learned that Israel was coming by the way of Atharim, he engaged Israel in battle and took some of them captive. Then Israel made a vow to the Lord and said, "If You deliver this people into our hand, we will proscribe their towns [that is, utterly destroy them, reserving no booty except what is deposited in the Sanctuary]." The Lord heeded Israel's plea and delivered up the Canaanites; and they and their cities were proscribed.

Deuteronomy 2.31-37

And the Lord said to me: "See, I begin by placing Sihon and his land at your disposal. Begin the occupation; take possession of his land." Sihon with all his men took the field against us at Jahaz, and the Lord our God delivered him to us and we defeated him and his sons and all his men. At that time we captured all his towns, and we doomed every town — men, women, and children — leaving no survivor.

Proverbs 3.17

[Wisdom's] ways are pleasant ways, And all her paths, peaceful.

Isaiah 2.1

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz prophesied concerning Judah and Jerusalem: In the days to come, the Mount of the Lord's House Shall stand firm above the mountains and tower above the hills; and all the nations shall gaze on it with joy. . . And [the people] shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: Nation shall not take up sword against nation; they shall never again know war.

[Zechariah 8.16](#)

[Thus said the Lord of Hosts:] These are the things you are to do: Speak the truth to one another, render true and perfect justice in your gates. And do not contrive evil against one another, and do not love perjury, because all those are things that I hate — declares the Lord.

[Numbers 6.22-27](#)

The Lord spoke to Moses: Speak to Aaron and his sons: Thus shall you bless the people of Israel. Say to them: The Lord bless you and protect you! The Lord deal kindly and graciously with you! The Lord bestow His favor upon you and grant you peace! Thus they shall link My name with the people of Israel, and I will bless them.

[Avos 1.12-14](#)

Hillel said: Be of the disciples of Aharon, loving peace and pursuing peace, loving your fellow creatures.

[Talmud, Shabbat 31a](#)

What is hurtful to yourself do not to your fellow man. That is the whole of the Torah and the remainder is but commentary.

Talmud, Mishna, Sanhedrin

Whoever destroys a single life is as guilty as though he had destroyed the entire world; and whoever rescues a single life earns as much merit as though he had rescued the entire world.

Talmud

For the sake of peace one may lie, but peace itself should never be a lie.

The Mishnah (Psalm 29:11)

The Lord gives strength to His people; the Lord blesses His people with peace.

Isaiah 32.17

The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever.