

## **#576 Ornan's Threshingfloor – Those who use the Sword, die by the Sword**

*Matthew 26:51-53 (KJV) And, behold, **ONE OF THEM** [Peter] **WHICH WERE WITH JESUS STRETCHED OUT HIS HAND, AND DREW HIS SWORD**, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear.*

*52 Then said Jesus unto him, **Put up again thy sword into his place: FOR ALL THEY THAT TAKE THE SWORD SHALL PERISH WITH THE SWORD.***

*53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?*



**Key Understanding:** The historical and scriptural background to **Matthew 26:51-53**, when Jesus told Peter to put back his sword, *for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword*, is in **1 Chronicles 21**, when Satan provoked David to number those who drew the sword in Israel, with Israelites subsequently perishing through the sword of the Lord.



In fact, two of the three choices the Lord offered David included either perishing by the sword of Israel's enemies, or perishing through the sword of the Lord. Clearly, David had it in his flesh to draw the sword and be a Man of War outside of the will of God, and the Lord was showing quite dramatically and convincingly that those who take the sword shall perish with the sword.

*1 Chronicles 21:1, 5-14 (KJV) And **SATAN STOOD UP AGAINST ISRAEL, AND PROVOKED DAVID TO NUMBER ISRAEL.***

*5 And Joab gave the sum of the number of the people unto David. And all they of Israel were a thousand thousand and an hundred thousand **MEN THAT DREW SWORD**: and Judah was four hundred threescore and ten thousand **MEN THAT DREW SWORD.***

*6 But Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them: for the king's word was abominable to Joab.*

*7 And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Israel.*

*8 And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing: but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.*

*9 And the LORD spake unto Gad, David's seer, saying,*

*10 Go and tell David, saying, **Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee THREE things: choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee.***

*11 So Gad came to David, and said unto him, **Thus saith the LORD, Choose thee***

12 Either **THREE** years' famine; or **THREE** months to be destroyed before thy foes, while that **THE SWORD OF THINE ENEMIES** overtaketh thee; or else **THREE DAYS THE SWORD OF THE LORD**, even the pestilence, in the land, and the angel of the **LORD** destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel. Now therefore advise thyself what word I shall bring again to him that sent me.

13 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: **LET ME FALL NOW INTO THE HAND OF THE LORD**; for very great are his mercies: but let me not fall into the hand of man.

14 So the **LORD** sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men.

*1 Chronicles 21:15 (KJV) And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.*



David sees God's angel killing his people, I Chronicles 21:17



Remember (reference Unsealing [#27](#)), the Lord ordained David's adultery with Bathsheba to be attached to David being a Man of War. After having failed through his recall of Uriah from war to Jerusalem, as a shield to cover his sin with Bathsheba, David sent Uriah back to the front lines of battle, where he was killed. Through David's *physical* adultery, the Lord is linking the spirit of *spiritual* adultery with one being of the spirit of a man of war.

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