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Numbers

The Greatest War of all Time

1 Chr. 21:25 "So David gave to Ornan for the place **six hundred shekels of gold by weight.**"

2 Chr. 3:8 "And he made the most holy house, the length whereof was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits: and he overlaid it with fine gold, **amounting to six hundred talents.**"

Satan had prompted David to number the children of Israel and for this sin of David, the Lord pronounced a plague of three days upon the children of Israel. When the angel of the Lord stood with his sword drawn over Jerusalem, the Lord commanded David to go to Ornan, the Jebusite, and purchase the ground of the threshing floor, set up an altar, and make an offering. When David had done this, the Lord stayed his hand and the plague was stopped.

The place that David purchased from Ornan was the same place on which Solomon and the children of Israel built the temple: 2 Chr. 3:1 "Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the Lord appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite."

There is a very strong correlation in the scriptures between the number six hundred and the subject of war and weapons of war. The site that David purchased cost **six hundred shekels of gold**. The most holy house that Solomon built was overlaid with fine gold, amounting to **six hundred talents**. These two events point us to the **greatest war of all time**. The site that David purchased was the site of the offering. The holy place was the place where the High Priest presented the offering of the yearly sacrifice to God. The sacrifice was a type of the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

The place of offering was typical of our High Priest, Jesus Christ, offering his blood to God: Heb. 9:11 "But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; 12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. 13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the

unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: 14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

The number six hundred suggests that the above was done in connection with a war. The war was a war that only Christ could wage. All of the elect had fallen in this war and, subsequently, completely unable to wage war. The enemies in this war were Satan, sin, death, hell, and the grave. There has never been a greater array of enemies than these. None of Adam's race had been able to stand against this array of enemies. They had conquered all. Now, the greatest warrior King of all time had come to do battle with this array of enemies. He came alone to do battle against this array of enemies. There was none to help him. In this battle this warrior King, Jesus Christ, waged war throughout his life against sin, as he first was conceived without sin and lived without sin. Though Satan and his host (the Pharisees, Sadducees, lawyers, priests, scribes, etc.) fired their best shots to try to get Jesus to sin, yet they were completely unsuccessful. In addition, there were many plots and efforts to try to destroy Jesus, but they were all unsuccessful.

Next, Jesus willingly went to the cross in this battle against this array of enemies in order to destroy Satan, sin, hell, death, and the grave. On the cross, he was made to be sin for us in this war: 2 Cor. 5:21 "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." He suffered the wrathful judgment of God poured out against the sins of the elect. Subsequently, sin was destroyed and hell was conquered: Rom. 8:33, 34 "Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."

Jesus died on the cross that death, the grave, and the Satan might be conquered. He arose three days and nights later conquering, death, the grave, and Satan: Heb. 2:14 "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

Therefore, our conquering warrior King, Jesus Christ has legally and positionally gotten the victory over this great array of enemies. The final consummation of that victory will come in the resurrection: 1 Cor. 15:51 "Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this

corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

At the time of the resurrection, Satan, his angels, and the non-elect will be cast into the lake of fire to be bound there for eternity. The elect, because of the efforts of their warrior King, will be carried to heaven's glory world to be with Christ in all eternity. Thanks be to our Lord Jesus Christ who fought and conquered in the greatest war of all time.