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Numbers

Six Hundred Summary

There is a strong correlation in the scriptures between the bible number six hundred and the subject of war and weapons of war. Either in almost every instance in which the number six hundred appears in the scriptures it appears in connection with a war that is taking place or it is associated with a weapon of war:

- 1. Gen. 7:6 "And Noah was **six hundred years old** when the flood of waters was upon the earth."
- 2. Ex. 14:7 "And he took **six hundred chosen chariots**, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them."
- 3. Judg. 3:31 "And after him was Shamgar the son of Anath, which slew of the Philistines **six hundred men with an ox goad**: and he also delivered Israel."
- 4. Judg. 18:11 "And there went from thence of the family of the Danites, out of Zorah and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men appointed with weapons of war."
- 5. Judg. 18:16 "And the six hundred men appointed with their weapons of war, which were of the children of Dan, stood by the entering of the gate."
- 6. Judg 18:17 "And the five men that went to spy out the land went up, and came in thither, and took the graven image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image: and the priest stood in the entering of the gate with the **six hundred men that were appointed with weapons of war**."
- 7. Judg. 20:47 "But **six hundred men** turned and fled to the wilderness unto the rock Rimmon, and abode in the rock Rimmon four months."
- 8. 1 Sam. 17:7 "And the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his **spear's head** weighed **six hundred shekels of iron**: and one bearing a shield went before him."
- 9. 1 Sam. 23:13 "Then David and his men, which were about **six hundred**, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he forbare to go forth."

- 10. 1 Sam. 27:2 "And David arose, and he passed over with the **six hundred men** that were with him unto Achish, the son of Maoch, king of Gath."
- 11. 1 Sam. 30:9 "So David went, he and the **six hundred men** that were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed."
- 12. 2 Sam. 15:18 "And all his servants passed on beside him; and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, **six hundred men**which came after him from Gath, passed on before the king."
- 13. 1 Ki. 10:16 "And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred shekels of gold went to one target."
- 14. 1 Ki. 10:29 "And a **chariot** came up and went out of Egypt for **six hundred shekels of silver**, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them out by their means."
- 15. 1 Chr. 21:25 "So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight."
- 16. 2 Chr. 1:17 "And they fetched up, and brought forth out of Egypt a **chariot for six hundred shekels of silver**, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so brought they out horses for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, by their means."
- 17. 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**."
- 18. 2 Chr. 9:15 "And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred shekels of beaten gold went to one target."

Several years ago, I heard a very able preacher call the bible a war manual. A very sizeable part of the scriptures deals with the wars of Israel and ultimately with the war against sin.

There are two major parts to the war against sin. There is the war against sin that would have destroyed us eternally from the presence of God. There is also the war against sin that we are to wage in our daily personal lives. In the next several essays, we will examine many of the above scriptures quoted and some of the lessons taught us in these two major battles against sin.