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## **About Pastor Dr. Bertrand L. Comparet, A. B., J. D.**

Upon reading these most interesting discussions one will quickly recognize that the author is an ardent student of the Bible and particularly eschatology or the study of the prophecies of the things which have already taken place, the things that are now taking place, and the things that are yet to take place in the future. He is an ordained minister. His studies in this area of thought extend back over a period of thirty years.

One will quickly appreciate also the straight forward manner of factual presentation and logical thinking. This is due to his professional training and occupation as a well recognized Attorney at Law. He not only writes in a clear, convincing style, but is distinguished in the pulpit, on the lecture platform, and over the air for his clarity of thought and profound logic.

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**T**HOSE ENTERING THE MILITARY SERVICE, and their families, naturally are worried over the dangers to be faced in battle. But they should know that Yahweh God has provided the defence against such dangers, and the directions to receive His protection are in the Bible.

There is no pacifism in the Bible, because Yahweh has destined us to impose His will upon the world, a process which often requires war when wicked nations seek to blot out righteousness. In Jeremiah 51:20, He says to our nation, "Thou art My battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will it I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms. No matter how the self-proclaimed "Intellectuals" may scorn this duty, it is our inescapable destiny. We can do our part willingly, in serene reliance upon God's protection, and we shall prosper; or we can be driven to it unwillingly, like slaves under the lash, and accomplish our purpose at frightful cost; but it is our destiny, and perform it we shall.

Recent efforts to abolish the Draft, and establish a mercenary army of professional volunteers, is bad; because the Bible never gave its approval to mercenary professional armies. For us, God's plan was universal registration and conscription. We find it in Numbers 1:1-3 and 26"--1-2 1 "And Yahweh spoke unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, \* saying, Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the Children of Israel, by the house of their fathers, with the number of their names, every male; from twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel; thou and Aaron shall number them by their armies.

Note that military service began at age 20---none were exposed to the hardships of war while they were immature boys. Exemptions from military service were few, and for one year only. These are found in Deuteronomy 20:5-9 and 45:5. One who had built a new house but had not yet occupied it, or who had planted a new vineyard but had not received a crop from it; and one who was engaged to be married, or had

been married less than one year; these received one year's exemption from service.

Military service was a moral duty of the Israelite. When the people of Israel were entering into the Promised Land, the Tribes of Reuben and half the Tribe of Manasseh chose their inheritance in lands east of the River Jordan, while all the rest of the nation had to cross over Jordan and conquer the lands to the west of it. When it seemed possible that Reuben and Gad might want to stay in their lands while the other Tribes had to continue the war without them, Moses sternly warned them: "And Moses said unto the Children of Gad and to the Children of Reuben, 'Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here—If ye will go armed before Yahweh to war, and will go all of you armed over Jordan before Yahweh, until He hath driven out His enemies from before Him, and the land be subdued before Yahweh; then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless before Yahweh and before Israel; and this land shall be your possession before Yahweh. But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against Yahweh: and be sure your sin will find you out!' "Numbers 32:623)

Registration for conscription was a religious duty in times of national danger; but it was not to be enforced merely so the king could know how big his army was, merely for his own pride. King David ordered a registration out of his own vanity, when there was no need for it; and this was a sin on 'his part. But the punishment fell upon the whole nation, because they obeyed the king when he commanded them to do what was sinful. This is told in detail in II Samuel, chapter 24.

God's way to raise a conscripted citizens army, and to give them protection amid the dangers of war, is stated in Exodus 30:11-16 "When thou takest the sum of the Children of Israel after their number: then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul unto Yahweh—This they shall give, every one that passeth among them that are numbered, half a shekel— an half shekel shall be the offering of Yahweh. Every one that passeth among them that are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering unto Yahweh. The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when they give an offering unto Yahweh, to make an atonement for your souls. And thou shalt take the

atonement money of the Children of Israel, and shall appoint it for the service of the Tabernacle of the Congregation; that it may be a memorial unto the Children of Israel before Yahweh, to make an atonement for your souls."

The half-shekel of the Soldiers Ransom was worth 33~ in our money; so it was no burden on the poor; but the rich were not to make a display of their wealth, to embarrass the poor, by giving more. The importance of the act was that it was a declaration of faith in God, looking to Him for protection. Those who truly trust in Him, he does not fail.

Yahweh God's promise of protection is clear and strong. It is set forth most beautifully in the 91st, Psalm: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of Yahweh, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God: in Him will I trust.' Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, nor the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made Yahweh, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation: there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." Psalm 91:1-11.

The Bible records that those who did offer the Soldier's Ransom in reliance upon God's instructions did receive His protection in battle. In Numbers chapter 31 it is recorded that an Israelite army of 12,000 men was sent against the Midianites, and they annihilated the Midianite armies and burnt the Midianite cities; quite a desperate war. But upon their return, we read "And the officers which were over the thousands of the host, the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, came near unto Moses: and they said unto Moses, 'Thy servants have taken the

sum. Of the men of war which are under our charge, and there lacketh not one man of us."

If you are thinking that God was able to protect His soldiers against swords, spears and arrows in ancient times; but wondering if He has the power to protect them against the terrible modern weapons, such as atomic bombs, I tell you to have no doubts. He who created atoms is still their master, still able to give protection where needed. In Isaiah 54:17 we have His Promise: "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in Judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage" of the servants of Yahweh, and their righteousness is of Me, saith Yahweh.

War on a scale greater than ever before seen must come in the near future: it is part of the Battle of Armageddon and the Great and Terrible Day of Yahweh. There is no escaping it, for it has been prophesied by God. When it comes, we must take our part in it. But God has never required us to enter battle without offering protection to those who are loyal to Him and who claim His protection in sturdy faith. For those who are drafted into the Armed Forces, they or their families should seek their protection by offering the Soldier's Ransom. We have heard many reports of families who have done this, and their sons have returned safely from combat. You also should profit by their example: take God at His word, obey His instructions to offer the Soldier's Ransom. Have faith, and you will see the demonstration of God's power.

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