

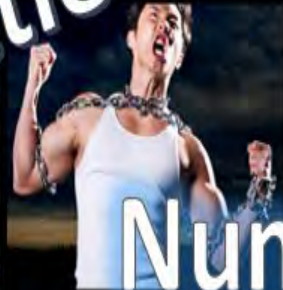
Conquering Seductive,
Immoral Enemies

of the World

Series:

Battles of the Bible #09

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Numbers 31:1-54

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Date: 1407 BC

Scripture: Numbers 31.

Other Names: Vengeance on the Midianites and Moabites.

Campaign: Wilderness

Timeline: Escape from Egypt - **Wilderness** - Canaan

Geography: Midian, Western Arabia, east of the Gulf of Aqaba.

Belligerents: Israel vs. Midian

Forces:




HEBREWS: Moses; Phineas, priest of the Army of Israel.



CANAANITES: kings Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba; sorcerer Balaam.

Individuals: Eleazar the priest of Israel.



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1) The battle ([vv. 1-10](#)).

Numbers 31:1 (TEV)

¹ The LORD said to Moses,

Numbers 31:1 (KJV)

¹ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

1. The order to launch the campaign: God judges the evil of this world (v.1-6)



Numbers 31:2 (TEV)

² "Punish the Midianites for what they did to the people of Israel. After you have done that, you will die."

Numbers 31:2 (KJV)

² Avenge the children of Israel of the Midianites: afterward shalt thou be gathered unto thy people.

This is Moses last Battle



Numbers 31:3 (TEV)

³ So Moses said to the people, "Get ready for war, so that you can attack Midian and punish them for what they did to the LORD.

Numbers 31:3 (KJV)

³ And Moses spake unto the people, saying, Arm some of yourselves unto the war, and let them go against the Midianites, and avenge the LORD of Midian.



Numbers 31:4 (TEV)

⁴ From each tribe of Israel send a thousand men to war."

Numbers 31:4 (KJV)

⁴ Of every tribe a thousand, throughout all the tribes of Israel, shall ye send to the war.



Numbers 31:5 (TEV)

⁵ So a thousand men were chosen from each tribe, a total of twelve thousand men ready for battle.

Numbers 31:5 (KJV)

⁵ So there were delivered out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand of *every* tribe, twelve thousand armed for war.



Numbers 31:6 (TEV)

⁶ Moses sent them to war under the command of Phinehas son of Eleazar the priest, who took charge of the sacred objects and the trumpets for giving signals.

Numbers 31:6 (KJV)

⁶ And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand of *every* tribe, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the holy instruments, and the trumpets to blow in his hand.



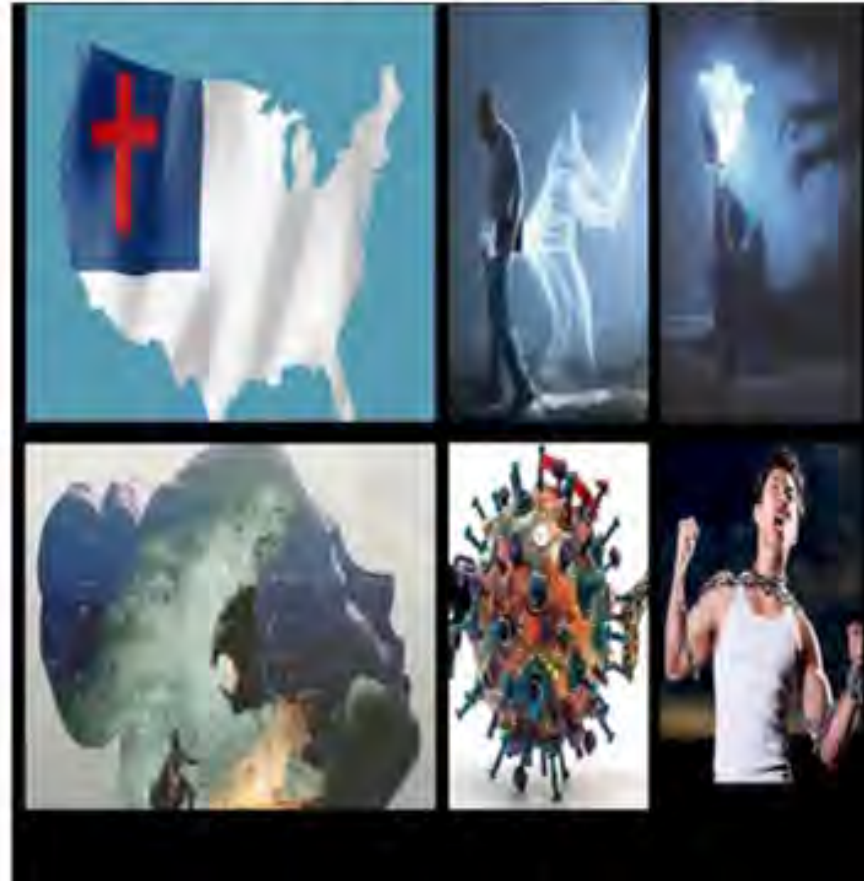
Numbers 31:7 (TEV)

⁷ They attacked Midian, as the LORD had commanded Moses, and killed all the men,

Numbers 31:7 (KJV)

⁷ And they warred against the Midianites, as the LORD commanded Moses; and they slew all the males.

2. **The victorious campaign:** a picture of victory over the evil, seductive, and immoral enemies of life (**v.7-13**).



Numbers 31:8 (TEV)

⁸ including the five kings of Midian: Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba. They also killed Balaam son of Beor.

Numbers 31:8 (KJV)

⁸ And they slew the kings of Midian, beside the rest of them that were slain; *namely, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba,* five kings of Midian: Balaam also the son of Beor they slew with the sword.



Numbers 31:9 (TEV)

⁹ The people of Israel captured the Midianite women and children, took their cattle and their flocks, plundered all their wealth,

Numbers 31:9 (KJV)

⁹ And the children of Israel took *all* the women of Midian captives, and their little ones, and took the spoil of all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods.



Numbers 31:10 (TEV)

¹⁰ and burned all their cities and camps.

Numbers 31:10 (KJV)

¹⁰ And they burnt all their cities wherein they dwelt, and all their goodly castles, with fire.



Numbers 31:11 (TEV)

¹¹ They took all the loot that they had captured, including the prisoners and the animals,

Numbers 31:11 (KJV)

¹¹ And they took all the spoil, and all the prey, *both* of men and of beasts.





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- 1) The battle ([vv. 1-10](#)).
- 2) The purification ([vv. 12-24](#)).

Numbers 31:12 (TEV)

¹² and brought them to Moses and Eleazar and to the community of the people of Israel, who were at the camp on the plains of Moab across the Jordan from Jericho.

Numbers 31:12 (KJV)

¹² And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, unto Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and unto the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the camp at the plains of Moab, which *are* by Jordan *near* Jericho.



Numbers 31:13 (TEV)

¹³ Moses, Eleazar, and all the other leaders of the community went out of the camp to meet the army.

Numbers 31:13 (KJV)

¹³ And Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, went forth to meet them without the camp.



Numbers 31:14 (TEV)

¹⁴ Moses became angry with the officers, the commanders of battalions and companies, who had returned from the war.

Numbers 31:14 (KJV)

¹⁴ And Moses was wroth with the officers of the host, *with* the captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, which came from the battle.

3. The shocking military error: a picture of failing to fully destroy the evil, seductive, and immoral enemies of life (v.14-18).



Numbers 31:15 (TEV)

¹⁵ He asked them, "Why have you kept all the women alive?"

Numbers 31:15 (KJV)

¹⁵ And Moses said unto them, Have ye saved all the women alive?



Numbers 31:16 (TEV)

¹⁶ Remember that it was the women who followed Balaam's instructions and at Peor led the people to be unfaithful to the LORD. That was what brought the epidemic on the LORD'S people.

Numbers 31:16 (KJV)

¹⁶ Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.



Numbers 31:17 (TEV)

¹⁷ So now kill every boy and kill every woman who has had sexual intercourse,

Numbers 31:17 (KJV)

¹⁷ Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that hath known man by lying with him.



Numbers 31:18 (TEV)

¹⁸ but keep alive for yourselves all the girls and all the women who are virgins.

Numbers 31:18 (KJV)

¹⁸ But all the women children, that have not known a man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves.





NUMBERS 31:19-24

Renewal of the People

Numbers 31:19 (TEV)

¹⁹ Now all of you who have killed anyone or have touched a corpse must stay outside the camp for seven days. On the third day and on the seventh day purify yourselves and the women you have captured.

Numbers 31:19 (KJV)

¹⁹ And do ye abide without the camp seven days: whosoever hath killed any person, and whosoever hath touched any slain, purify *both* yourselves and your captives on the third day, and on the seventh day.

4. The purification of the soldiers and the spoils: a reminder that death is the ultimate corruption (v.19-24).



Numbers 31:20 (TEV)

²⁰ You must also purify every piece of clothing and everything made of leather, goats' hair, or wood."

Numbers 31:20 (KJV)

²⁰ And purify all *your* raiment, and all that is made of skins, and all work of goats' *hair*, and all things made of wood.



Numbers 31:21 (TEV)

²¹ Eleazar the priest said to the men who had returned from battle, "These are the regulations that the LORD has given to Moses.

Numbers 31:21 (KJV)

²¹ And Eleazar the priest said unto the men of war which went to the battle, This *is* the ordinance of the law which the LORD commanded Moses;



Numbers 31:22 (TEV)

²² Everything that will not burn, such as gold, silver, bronze, iron, tin, or lead, is to be purified by passing it through fire. Everything else is to be purified by the water for purification.

Numbers 31:22 (KJV)

²² Only the gold, and the silver, the brass, the iron, the tin, and the lead,



Numbers 31:23 (KJV)

²³ Every thing that may abide the fire, ye shall make *it* go through the fire, and it shall be clean: nevertheless it shall be purified with the water of separation: and all that abideth not the fire ye shall make go through the water.



Numbers 31:24 (TEV)

²⁴ On the seventh day you must wash your clothes; then you will be ritually clean and will be permitted to enter the camp."

Numbers 31:24 (KJV)

²⁴ And ye shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and ye shall be clean, and afterward ye shall come into the camp.






NUMBERS 31:25-54



The Reward



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- 1) The battle ([vv. 1-10](#)).
- 2) The purification ([vv. 12-24](#)).
- 3) **The spoils of battle ([vv. 25-47](#)).**

Numbers 31:25 (TEV)

²⁵ The LORD said to Moses,

Numbers 31:25 (KJV)

²⁵ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

5. The division of the spoils: a picture of rewards and of the generous thoughts of God (v.25-54).



Numbers 31:26 (TEV)

²⁶ "You and Eleazar, together with the other leaders of the community, are to count everything that has been captured, including the prisoners and the animals.

Numbers 31:26 (KJV)

²⁶ Take the sum of the prey that was taken, *both* of man and of beast, thou, and Eleazar the priest, and the chief fathers of the congregation:



Numbers 31:27 (TEV)

²⁷ Divide what was taken into two equal parts, one part for the soldiers and the other part for the rest of the community.

Numbers 31:27 (KJV)

²⁷ And divide the prey into two parts; between them that took the war upon them, who went out to battle, and between all the congregation:



Numbers 31:28 (TEV)

²⁸ From the part that belongs to the soldiers, withhold as a tax for the LORD one out of every five hundred prisoners and the same proportion of the cattle, donkeys, sheep, and goats.

Numbers 31:28 (KJV)

²⁸ And levy a tribute unto the LORD of the men of war which went out to battle: one soul of five hundred, *both* of the persons, and of the beeves, and of the asses, and of the sheep:



Numbers 31:29 (TEV)

²⁹ Give them to Eleazar the priest as a special contribution to the LORD.

Numbers 31:29 (KJV)

²⁹ Take *it* of their half, and give it unto Eleazar the priest, *for* an heave offering of the LORD.



Numbers 31:30 (TEV)

³⁰ From the part given to the rest of the people, take one out of every fifty prisoners and the same proportion of the cattle, donkeys, sheep, and goats. Give them to the Levites who are in charge of the LORD'S Tent."

Numbers 31:30 (KJV)

³⁰ And of the children of Israel's half, thou shalt take one portion of fifty, of the persons, of the beeves, of the asses, and of the flocks, of all manner of beasts, and give them unto the Levites, which keep the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD.



Numbers 31:31 (TEV)

³¹ Moses and Eleazar did what the LORD commanded.

Numbers 31:31 (KJV)

³¹ And Moses and Eleazar the priest did as the LORD commanded Moses.



Numbers 31:32 (TEV)

³² The following is a list of what was captured by the soldiers, in addition to what they kept for themselves: 675,000 sheep and goats, 72,000 cattle, 61,000 donkeys, and 32,000 virgins.

Numbers 31:32 (KJV)

³² And the booty, *being* the rest of the prey which the men of war had caught, was six hundred thousand and seventy thousand and five thousand sheep,



Numbers 31:33 (KJV)

³³ And threescore and twelve thousand beeves,



Numbers 31:34 (KJV)

³⁴ And threescore and one thousand asses,



Numbers 31:35 (KJV)

³⁵ And thirty and two thousand persons in all, of women that had not known man by lying with him.



Numbers 31:36 (TEV)

³⁶ The half share of the soldiers was 337,500 sheep and goats, of which 675 were the tax for the LORD; 36,000 cattle for the soldiers, of which 72 were the tax for the LORD; 30,500 donkeys for the soldiers, of which 61 were the tax for the LORD; and 16,000 virgins for the soldiers, of which 32 were the tax for the LORD.

Numbers 31:36 (KJV)

³⁶ And the half, *which was* the portion of them that went out to war, was in number three hundred thousand and seven and thirty thousand and five hundred sheep:



Numbers 31:37 (KJV)

³⁷ And the LORD'S tribute of the sheep was six hundred and threescore and fifteen.



Numbers 31:38 (KJV)

³⁸ And the beeves *were* thirty and six thousand; of which the LORD'S tribute *was* threescore and twelve.



Numbers 31:39 (KJV)

³⁹ And the asses *were* thirty thousand and five hundred; of which the LORD'S tribute *was* threescore and one.



Numbers 31:40 (KJV)

⁴⁰ And the persons *were* sixteen thousand; of which the LORD'S tribute *was* thirty and two persons.



Numbers 31:41 (TEV)

⁴¹ So Moses gave Eleazar the tax as a special contribution to the LORD, as the LORD had commanded.

Numbers 31:41 (KJV)

⁴¹ And Moses gave the tribute, *which* was the LORD'S heave offering, unto Eleazar the priest, as the LORD commanded Moses.



Numbers 31:42 (TEV)

⁴² The share of the community was the same as that for the soldiers: 337,500 sheep and goats, 36,000 cattle, 30,500 donkeys, and 16,000 virgins.

Numbers 31:42 (KJV)

⁴² And of the children of Israel's half, which Moses divided from the men that warred,



Numbers 31:43 (KJV)

⁴³ (Now the half *that pertained unto* the congregation was three hundred thousand and thirty thousand *and* seven thousand and five hundred sheep,



Numbers 31:44 (KJV)

⁴⁴ And thirty and six thousand beeves,



Numbers 31:45 (KJV)

⁴⁵ And thirty thousand asses and five hundred,



Numbers 31:46 (KJV)

⁴⁶ And sixteen thousand persons;)




Numbers 31:47 (TEV)

⁴⁷ From this share Moses took one out of every fifty prisoners and animals, and as the LORD had commanded, gave them to the Levites who were in charge of the LORD'S Tent.

Numbers 31:47 (KJV)

⁴⁷ Even of the children of Israel's half, Moses took one portion of fifty, *both* of man and of beast, and gave them unto the Levites, which kept the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses.





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- 4) **A special gift ([vv. 48-54](#)).**

Numbers 31:48 (TEV)

⁴⁸ Then the officers who had commanded the army went to Moses

Numbers 31:48 (KJV)

⁴⁸ And the officers which *were* over thousands of the host, the captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, came near unto Moses:



Numbers 31:49 (TEV)

⁴⁹ and reported, "Sir, we have counted the soldiers under our command and not one of them is missing.

Numbers 31:49 (KJV)

⁴⁹ 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.



Numbers 31:50 (TEV)

⁵⁰ So we are bringing the gold ornaments, armlets, bracelets, rings, earrings, and necklaces that each of us has taken. We offer them to the LORD as a payment for our lives, so that he will protect us."

Numbers 31:50 (KJV)

⁵⁰ We have therefore brought an oblation for the LORD, what every man hath gotten, of jewels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, earrings, and tablets, to make an atonement for our souls before the LORD.



Numbers 31:51 (TEV)

⁵¹ Moses and Eleazar received the gold, all of which was in the form of ornaments.

Numbers 31:51 (KJV)

⁵¹ And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of them, *even* all wrought jewels.



Numbers 31:52 (TEV)

⁵² The total contribution of the officers weighed over four hundred pounds.

Numbers 31:52 (KJV)

⁵² And all the gold of the offering that they offered up to the LORD, of the captains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels.



Numbers 31:53 (TEV)

⁵³ Those who were not officers kept the loot they had taken.

Numbers 31:53 (KJV)

⁵³ (*For the men of war had taken spoil, every man for himself.*)



Numbers 31:54 (TEV)

⁵⁴ So Moses and Eleazar took the gold to the Tent, so that the LORD would protect the people of Israel.

Numbers 31:54 (KJV)

⁵⁴ And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the tabernacle of the congregation, *for* a memorial for the children of Israel before the LORD.

