



Connecting with God for a Strong Finish

CHAPTER 19

Worship Associated with Warfare and/or Bloodshed

Idol worship and false worship precipitated warfare and bloodshed in the Bible. These activities may ignite mortal combat at the end of this age.

Worship Associated with WARFARE and/or BLOODSHED				
Individuals	Times	Hebrew Greek	Association	NAS Verse
Levite Priests killed 3,000 men	1	Shachah	For Worshiping a molten calf	Exo 32:8 Exo 32:27-28
God divided Judah and Israel	1	Shachah	For Ashtoreth, Milcom, and Chemosh worship	1 Ki 11:31-33
Herod used worship in an attempt to destroy Christ	1	Proskuneo	A disingenuous appeal to worship Christ	Mat 2:8
Roman soldiers beat Jesus	1	Proskuneo	Mock worship	Mark 15:19

1. At God's command through Moses, the Levites killed 3,000 men for worshipping a molten calf in the wilderness

*"They have quickly turned aside from the way which I commanded them. They have made for themselves a **molten calf**, and have **worshipped** [shachah] it and have sacrificed to it and said, 'This is your*

god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!” (Exodus 32:8 NAS)

He said to them, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Every man of you put his sword upon his thigh, and go, back and forth from gate to gate in the camp, and **kill every man** his brother, and every man his friend, and every man his neighbor.’” So **the sons of Levi** did as Moses instructed, and **about three thousand men of the people fell that day**. (Exodus 32:27-28 NAS)

2. **God divided Judah and Israel** because they worshiped Ashtoreth, Chemosh, and Milcom

He said to Jeroboam, “Take for yourself ten pieces; for thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Behold, **I will tear the kingdom** out of the hand of Solomon and give you ten tribes (but he will have one tribe, for the sake of My servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel), **because they have forsaken Me, and have worshiped** [shachah] **Ashtoreth** the goddess of the Sidonians, **Chemosh** the god of Moab, and **Milcom** the god of the sons of Ammon; and they have not walked in My ways, doing what is right in My sight and observing My statutes and My ordinances, as his father David did. (1 Kings 11:31-33 NAS)

3. **Herod used worship in an attempt to destroy Christ**

And he [Herod] sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and **worship** [proskuneo] Him.” (Matthew 2:8 NAS)

4. **The Roman soldiers mixed mock worship with a brutal beating**

They [Roman soldiers] kept **beating** His head with a reed, and spitting on Him, and **kneeling** [gonu] and **bowing** [proskuneo] before Him. (Mark 15:19 NAS)