1 Peter 2: 13-17

## Scriptural Authorization for Armies, Navies, Sealing Borders & Pre-emptive Strikes against Terrorists

- 1 Peter 2: 13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority,
  - 14 or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.
  - 15 For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.
  - do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it <u>as bondslaves</u> as **freewill servants** of God. Act as As free men. and
- Genesis 4: 6-8 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well {i.e., stop thinking you can save yourself by your good works, and trust in Messiah who would die for your sins} will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it." And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.
  - 23 Lamech said to his wives, "Adah and Zillah, listen to my voice, you wives of Lamech, give heed to my speech, for I have killed a man for wounding me; and a boy for striking me
- Genesis 9:5-6 "Surely I will require your lifeblood; from every beast I will require it. And from every man, from every man's brother I will require the life of man. Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man."
- Romans 13:4 It is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.
- 2 Kings 18:7-8 The LORD was with him; wherever he went he prospered He defeated the Philistines as far as Gaza and its territory, from watchtower to fortified city.
- 1 Samuel 30:8 David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I pursue this band? Shall I overtake them?" And He said to him, "Pursue, for you will surely overtake them."
- Romans 13:1 Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.

Romans 9: 17 "I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might would display My power in you and that My name might would be proclaimed in all the earth."

What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction?

**Isaiah 45: 1** Thus says the LORD to Cyrus His anointed, whom I have taken by the right hand, to subdue nations before him...

- 4 "For the sake of Jacob My servant, and Israel My chosen one, I have also called you by your name; I have given you a title of honor though you have not known Me.
- 6 There is no one besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other,
- 7 The One forming light and creating darkness, causing well-being and creating calamity; I am the LORD who does all these.
- Acts 5:29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey" "We must listen to God rather than men."
- 1 Timothy 2: 1 I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,
  - 2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil {i.e., free from internal enemies} and quiet life {i.e., free from external enemies} in all well-being and {maintaining a} favorable culture.
- **Proverbs 21:1** The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes.
- **1 Peter 2:17** Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear have awe of God, honor the king.

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