

Tuesday 1st March 2022

1 Chronicles 20: 1 (part) *"In the spring, at a time when kings go off to war, Joab led out the armed forces..."*

John 17: 14, 15 *"I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one."*

Once again war has come to our world. What is it about man that leads to all this strife? In the time of King David warring traditionally took place in the spring time after the harvest. The Old Testament is full of stories of sackings and pillage. Usually this was portrayed as God fearing nations conquering those of different or no beliefs. Probably there were reasons of fear of enemies or the exercise of power and greed behind many conflicts just as there are today.

Jesus in his prayer for his disciples related in John 17 points to a more important conflict between Christian beliefs and the power of Satan. Christ's followers can be criticised, reviled or persecuted for their morality. Christ exhorts us to stand firm in our faith when faced with satanic forces.