

Q. The Jewish people have gone through war.

A. I am glad the honourable member brought that point up because that answers a lot of these things. God called the nation of Israel as his chosen people and he gave them this commandment. He said, "When you receive instructions from me to fight, then you will fight and you will win. When you carry on warfare for your own selfish purposes, you do so on your own responsibility and you will meet defeat." I submit if you examine every case in the Old Testament where the scripture authorized the nation of Israel to make war, and acting as the executioner of God against his enemies, they won; and in every case in the Old Testament where they made war on their own account, for selfish purposes, they were defeated.

BY MR. BENCE:

Q. We believe we are not fighting for selfish purposes. We believe we have no selfish purpose in mind when we are fighting this war. A. Surely.

Q. Suppose we take that as a premise. What is the stand of Jehovah's witnesses? Suppose they accept that as a premise. What is your stand with respect to waging this war? A. Then I think it is no different to any other man. He will decide for himself that situation, and the further situation, whether or not his covenant with Almighty God which makes reconciliation of the world and mankind to Almighty God, the greatest issue of all-- he will decide whether or not he can keep his covenant and do that.

BY MR. DUPUIS:

Q. It is a question of belief. If he believes that the war is just, he will participate. A. It is a question of his conscience, guided and instructed by the scriptures.