

BASELESS, CAUSELESS, GROUNDLESS, UNFOUNDED, UNPROVEN, UNPROVOKED, UNSUBSTANTIATED, UNSUPPORTED

When the Israelites were on their way to Canaan, nations kept coming out and attacking them **unprovoked**.

- **Numbers 21:33:** "And they turned and went up by the way of Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan went out against them, he, and all his people, to the battle at Edrei."

The reason the country of the Ammonites was laid waste was because their king decided to deliberately humiliate David's servants. Instead of apologizing, he then launched a war against David. That war was entirely **unprovoked**. David had done nothing except try to comfort the king after his father died.

- **1 Chronicles 20:1:** "And it came to pass, that after the year was expired, at the time that kings go out to battle, Joab led forth the power of the army, and wasted the country of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at Jerusalem. And Joab smote Rabbah, and destroyed it."

There are times when the wicked tell completely **unsupported** lies about God's people, in order to stop them from worshiping God. (The Jews were trying to rebuild the temple, not rebel against the king. Their enemies knew that

and deliberately lied to the king about what they were doing, in order stop the reconstruction of the temple.)

- **Ezra 4:16:** "We certify the king that, if this city be builded again, and the walls thereof set up, by this means thou shalt have no portion on this side the river."

There are times when the devil makes accusations against people which are utterly **baseless**. (Satan said that Job would curse God if He took away all of Job's possessions, but he was wrong. The accusation was false.)

- **Job 1:9-11:** "Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face."

Eliphaz said his words were for Job's good. (However, his speech was utterly wrong. It consisted of baseless **accusations** that he hurled at Job.)

- **Job 5:27:** "Lo this, we have searched it, so it is; hear it, and know thou it for thy good."

Job's three friends hurled many **baseless** accusations against him. Instead of comforting him they told him the reason God killed his children was because he was an evil monster (which wasn't true). On top of that, they also ignored all his arguments and refused to respond to them. After doing all those awful things, they claimed they didn't understand why

Job was upset with them. (If they truly had no idea then they were enormous fools).

- **Job 18:3:** "Wherefore are we counted as beasts, and reputed vile in your sight?"

Eliphaz was no friend of Job. He hurled **baseless** false accusations against Job when he was suffering and in terrible pain, and he had no compassion on Job at all. He did nothing to help Job in his hour of need, and instead accused him of committing an infinite amount of sins (which was a huge lie, as Job was an upright man).

- **Job 22:5:** "Is not thy wickedness great? and thine iniquities infinite?"

Not only did Eliphaz falsely accuse Job of committing an infinite amount of sins, but he also made many very specific accusations against Job that were completely **unfounded**. (He literally accused Job of *beating up orphans*, which is ridiculous.)

- **Job 22:6-7:** "For thou hast taken a pledge from thy brother for nought, and stripped the naked of their clothing. Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, and thou hast withholden bread from the hungry."
- **Job 22:9:** "Thou hast sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken."

Irijah hurled false and baseless **accusations** against Jeremiah (and then arrested Jeremiah on the basis of that false accusation).

- **Jeremiah 37:13-14:** "And when he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the ward was there, whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he took Jeremiah the prophet, saying, Thou fallest away to the Chaldeans. Then said Jeremiah, It is false; I fall not away to the Chaldeans. But he hearkened not to him: so Irijah took Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes."

In the ancient world, mob justice prevailed. People could be beaten without any kind of trial, and they weren't even allowed to present evidence in their defense. All it took was a single unproven and **unsubstantiated** accusation.

- **Acts 16:20-22:** "And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans. And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them."

If we find ourselves doubting our salvation, we can fight those doubts by reading 1 John and seeing the differences between those who are saved and those who aren't. We can see the evidence of God working in our life (and His Holy Spirit bearing fruit), which is proof that we're saved and our fears and doubts are **groundless**.

- **1 John 3:19:** "And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him."