preparations at all lead to calamity. You may now see who is most likely to bring the world complete and bloodless victories.

CHAPTER 2 The Expenses of War In preparation for war thousands of pieces of expensive equipment will be needed and hundreds of thousands of fully equipped soldiers. Also provisions will be required for months away from home. The expenses while training the men and the money spent on manufacturing equipment will strain the resources of the state. The cost of raising a fighting army is enormous. When engaged in actual combat: if victory is slow in coming, the weapons will wear out and the men's fiery enthusiasm will be extinguished.

If you attack a fortified place you will consume your army's strength and if the campaign is prolonged the resources of the nation will be exhausted by the expenses. Think ahead now to when your weapons are worn out, your enthusiasm extinguished, your strength exhausted and your resources spent, how opportunists will spring up to exploit your difficulties. Then no man, however wise, can prevent the disasters that will come. We have often heard of stupid haste in beginning a war, but we have never heard of wisdom in prolonging a war.

There is no example of a country having benefitted from protracting a war. Only a general appreciating the expenses of war can utilize the cheapest