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DOESN'T THE BIBLE CONDONE GENOCIDE AND ATROCITIES?







"The God of the Old Testament is arguably the most unpleasant character in all fiction: a petty, unjust, unforgiving control-freak; a vindictive, bloodthirsty ethnic cleanser; racist, infanticidal, genocidal, pestilential, megalomaniacal, sadomasochistic, capriciously malevolent bully." -The God Delusion, Richard Dawkins

Deuteronomy 20:16-17 In the cities of the nations the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, do not leave alive anything that breathes. Completely destroy them—the Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites—as the Lord your God has commanded you.

1 Samuel 15:3 Now go and strike Amalek and devote to destruction all that they have. Do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.





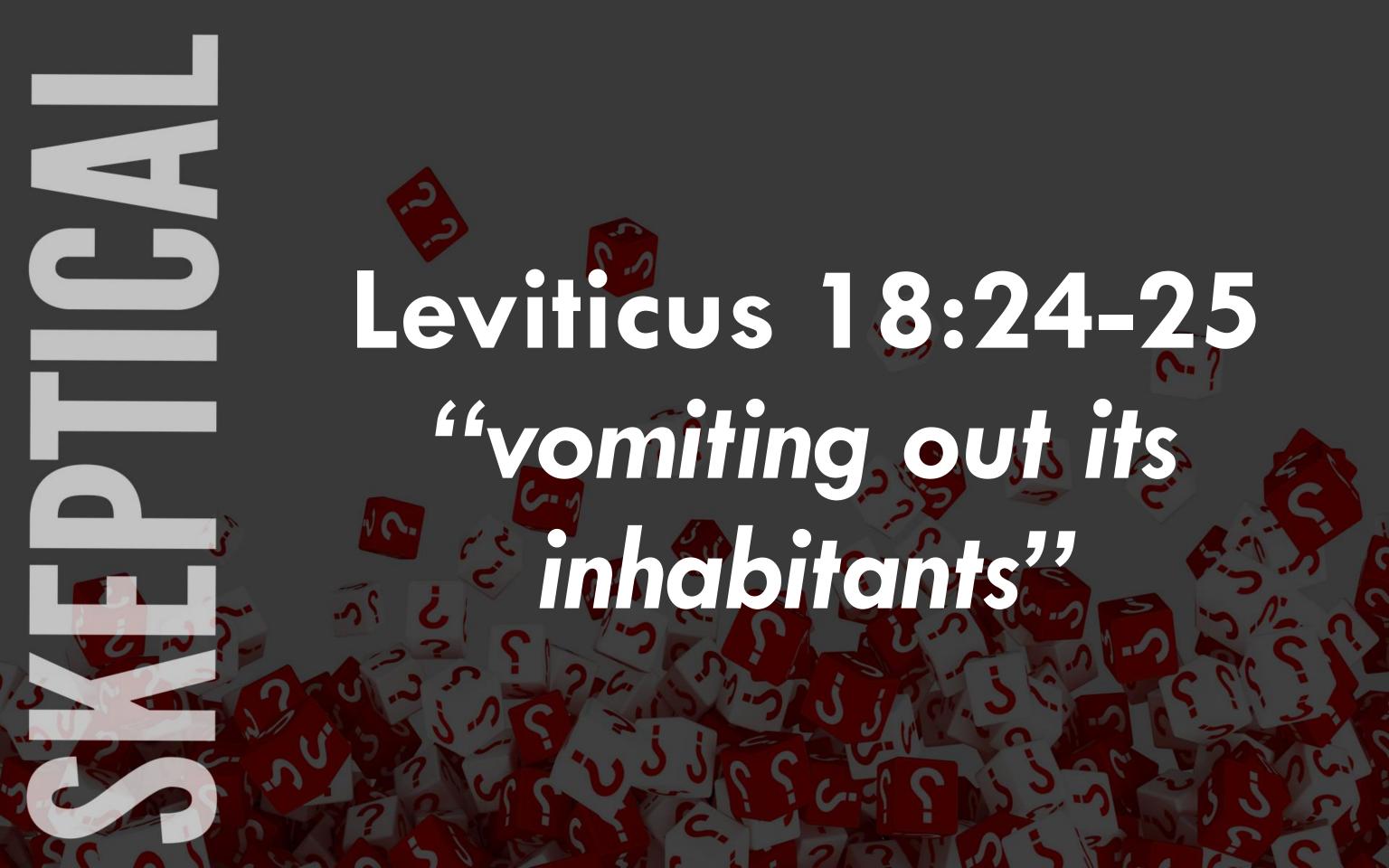
Deuteronomy 9:4

Do not say in your heart, after the Lord your God has thrust them out before you, "it is because of my righteousness that the Lord has brought me in to possess this land," whereas it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the Lord is driving them out before you.



Deuteronomy 18:9-12

⁹ When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. 10 Let no one be found among you who sacrifices their son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, 11 or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. 12 Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord; because of these same detestable practices the Lord your God will drive out those nations before you.





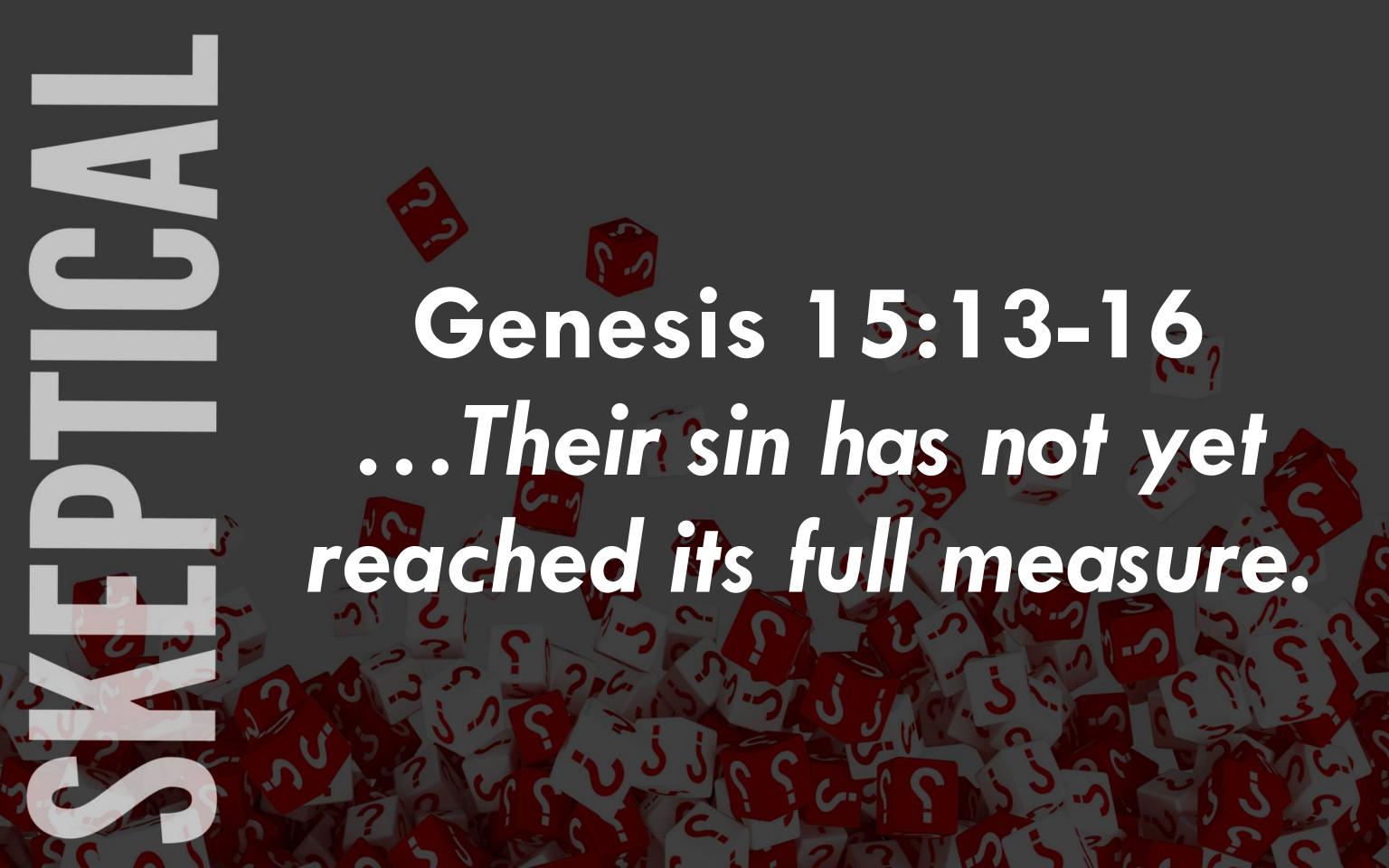




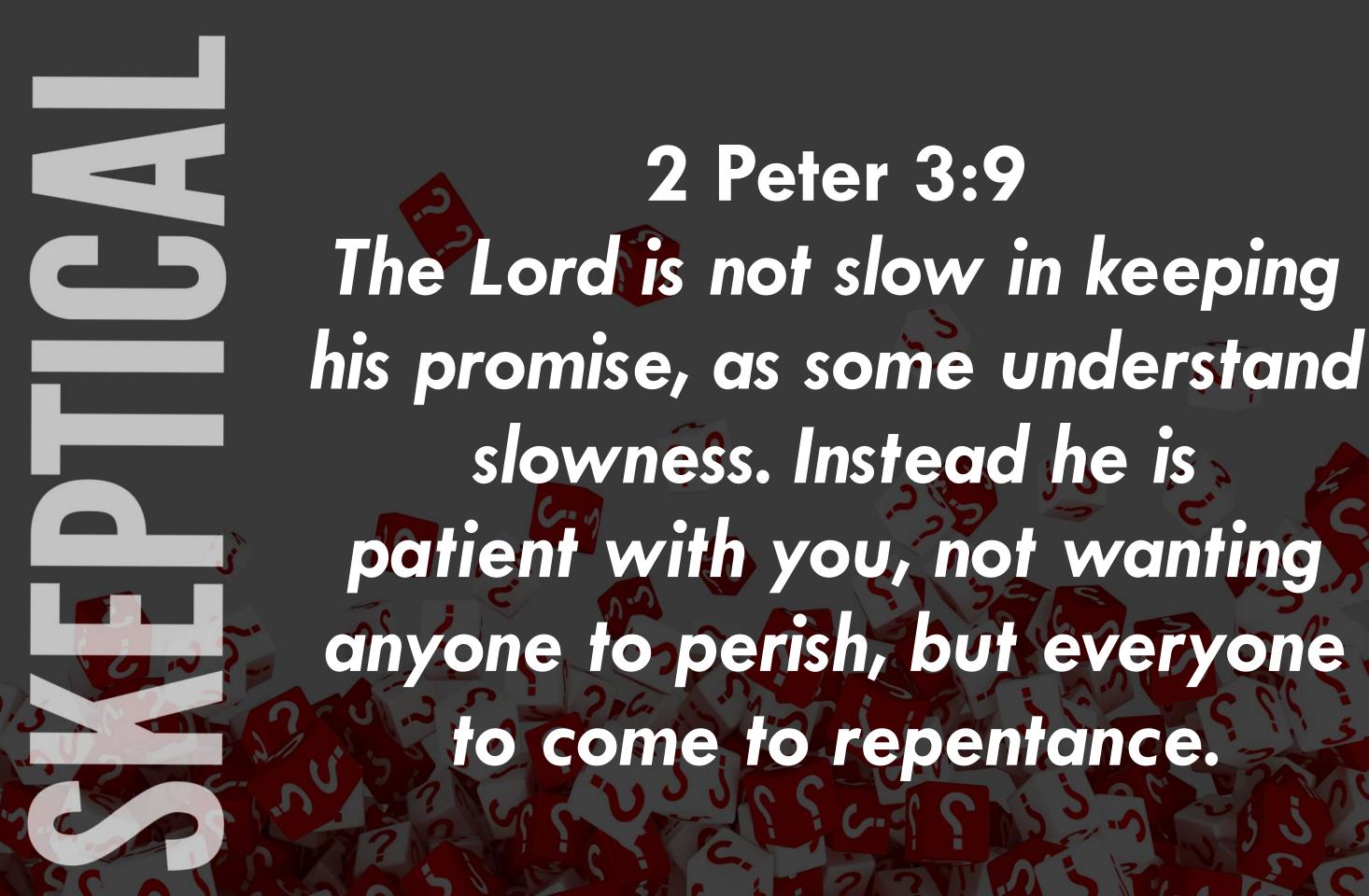


Deuteronomy 20:16-18 ...Otherwise they will teach you to follow all the detestable things they do in worshipping their gods, and you will sin against the LORD your God.





Genesis 6:5 The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.









On the cross, Jesus is used as an instrument of judgment on sin AND an instrument of the love and mercy of God for humanity.

2 Corinthians 5:20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to



"If God were not angry at injustice and deception and did not make a final end to violence- that God would not be worthy of worship. The only means of prohibiting all recourse to violence by ourselves is... the belief in divine vengeance." -Miroslav Volf



Those who understand the weight of sin are overwhelmed by the grace of what Jesus has done for us.

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