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DOESN'T THE BIBLE CONDONE  
GENOCIDE AND ATROCITIES?





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**“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.*

THE  
BIBLICAL  
QUESTIONS

# Three Responses to “Genocide” in the Bible



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**Response #1**  
**God brings judgment**  
**upon a generationally**  
**wicked culture.**

## 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

<sup>9</sup> When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. <sup>10</sup> 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, <sup>11</sup> or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. <sup>12</sup> 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.



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Leviticus 18:24-25

*“vomiting out its  
inhabitants”*





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**Response #2**  
**God desired to stop the**  
**spiritual poison from**  
**spreading to the**  
**Israelites and Nations.**



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# STRANGER THINGS

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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.*



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**Response #3**  
**God was exceedingly**  
**patient with the**  
**Canaanites.**



# THEMATIC

Genesis 15:13-16

*...Their sin has not yet  
reached its full measure.*



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## 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.*



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2 Peter 3:9

*The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*



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What about the  
innocent Canaanite  
children?



# THE BIBLICAL QUESTIONS

Hebrews 9:27

*It is appointed for man to  
die once and after that  
comes judgment.*



**CRITICAL  
QUESTIONS**

**Why did God use the  
Israelites as his agents  
of annihilation?**



**THE  
QUEST**

**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.**



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**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  
God.***



# PHILOSOPHICAL

Is the idea of a judging  
God offensive?



# REFLECTIONS

**“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**



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Luke 7:36-50



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



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