How Could God Order The Destruction Of The Canaanites?

Greg Kline · Deuteronomy 20:16–18

INTRODUCTION

- You shall save alive nothing that breathes. But you shall devote them to complete destruction.
- How could God order the complete destruction of the Canaanites?
- So I want us to know how would we answer this question? How would we come to an understanding in my faith?

1 Four Quick Observations About the Study

Job 34:10–15; Job 34:16–19

- If there is no God, on what basis would murdering or killing anyone be evil anyway?
- So we can't both question why God allows evil and then question his method for stamping it out.
- Our creator has the divine right to give and to take life.
- Far be it from God that he should do wickedness, and from the Almighty that he should do wrong.
- A mean God is still God. A mean creator is still a creator. Now the beauty is we have a loving, merciful creator.

2 God Knew About This Long Before

Genesis 15:12–16; Genesis 15:18–21

- God knew about this long before these nations even fully developed into the sin and evil that they practiced.
- And they shall come back here in the fourth generation. For the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.
- But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve.
- We need to understand about the Canaanites, that God foretold of their wickedness.

3 The Wickedness of the Canaanites

Deuteronomy 7:1–5; Deuteronomy 18:9–14; 2 Chronicles 33

- First of all, they are heavily involved in pagan idolatry.
- What was involved in pagan idolatry was some of the worst imaginable sins that you could even think of because it involved bestiality and human sacrifice.
- There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering.
- And because of these abominations, the Lord your God is driving them out before you.
- God didn't just arbitrarily wipe out the people.

4 What About the Canaanite Children?

2 Samuel 12:14–23; Isaiah 7:16; 1 Kings 11:1–8

- But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me.
- Our God is showing a divine streak of mercy and allowing these Canaanite children to have the ultimate blessing that we as Christians must want ourselves.
- God spared them in so doing a life that was likely going to be filled with the same corruption of their parents.
- If Solomon can fall from this, the Canaanites could, certainly being raised in it and propagating it.
- When God says, stay away from evil, don't mix with sin, we can fall too.

5 Judged for Their Wickedness

Genesis 15:16; Isaiah 10:5–6; Leviticus 19

- Why did God destroy the Canaanites? It was because of their wickedness. They were judged for their wickedness.
- And if you don't believe that, consider that God handled the Israelites the very same way.
- God judges wickedness no matter who violates his law. God is impartial.
- God is serious about sin. And that if God is serious about sin, then we better stick to his ways.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **The question that I have to answer, the question we are all responsible for is are we fearing the Lord? Are we doing what is acceptable to him?**

MY NOTES