

# The Bible and Genocide

*Finally! Some  
answers...*

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What You  
Can't Hide. Is  
**Genocide**





Every question of truth and error in the long-standing controversy has now been made plain. The results of rebellion, the fruits of setting aside the divine statutes, have been laid open to the view of all created intelligences. The working out of Satan's rule in contrast with the government of God has been presented to the whole universe. Satan's own works have condemned him. God's wisdom, His justice, and His goodness stand fully vindicated. **It is seen that all His dealings in the great controversy have been conducted with respect to the eternal good of His people and the good of all the worlds that He has created.** "All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord; and Thy saints shall bless Thee." Psalm 145:10.



# THOU SHALL NOT KILL?

In some translations of the bible, the 6<sup>th</sup> commandment is stated “thou shall not kill” or “thou shall not murder.” The Hebrew word used is “**ratsach.**” It means literally to “*dash into pieces*”, to murder, to be (man)slayer. But does God ever take life? Yes. Does He murder? No. The difference being one is justified and one simply is not. The justification always requiring the most necessary circumstances and the most selfless motives. Murder, then would be the unjustified taking of life and very incorrect intentions underlining the actions themselves. Jesus Himself equivocated murder with being “angry **without a cause**”

“There was a well-known television chef who did a stunt recently by **cooking human placenta** and serving it up as a paté, fried with shallots, garlic, and lime juice. Everybody said it was delicious.

The father had several helpings. A scientist can point out as I have done that this is actually an act of cannibalism; worst since cloning is such a live issue at the moment, because the **placenta** is a true genetic clone of the baby. Science cannot tell you if it is right or wrong to eat your own baby’s clone, but it can tell you that is what you are doing. Then you can decide for yourself whether you think it is right or wrong.”

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Richard Dawkins

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# Geographically motivated not racially motivated in conquest

“...The Lord your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you”

DEUTERONOMY 7:1-2



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# ALIENS IN YOUR LAND?

## Leviticus 19:33-34

*“And if a stranger dwells with you in your land, you shall not mistreat him. The stranger who dwells among you shall be to you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.”*

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# Principles of war?

Deuteronomy 20:11-12

*"When you go near a city to fight against it, then proclaim an offer of peace to it. And it shall be that if they accept your **offer of peace**, and open to you, then all the people who are found in it shall be placed under tribute to you, and serve you..."*

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# PRINCIPLES OF WAR?

Deuteronomy 20:16-18

“...Thus you shall do to all the cities which are very far from you, which are not of the cities of these nations. But of the cities of these peoples which the Lord your God gives you as an inheritance, you shall let nothing that breathes remain alive, but you shall utterly destroy them: the Hittite and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, just as the Lord your God has commanded you, lest **they teach you to do according to all their abominations** which they have done for their gods, and you sin against the Lord your God.”

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# GOD WANTED THE DESTRUCTION OF CAANANITE RELIGION MORE THAN OF CAANANITES THEMSELVES

*“Jericho was one of the principal seats of idol worship, being especially devoted to Ashtoreth, the goddess of the moon. Here centered all that was vilest and most degrading in the religion of the Canaanites.”*



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# GOD WANTED THE DESTRUCTION OF CAANANITE RELIGION MORE THAN OF CAANANITES THEMSELVES

*Sacred or cultic **prostitution** was practiced in order to ensure the fertility of the land. Fertility of the field, flock, and family was thought to depend upon the sexual relations between Baal and Anath (or **Asherah**). According to a pattern of sympathetic magic, the worshipers of Baal imitated the actions they desired Baal to perform. Thus male and female worshipers engaged in sacred sexual acts in the temple in order to assure for themselves the blessings of nature. Another practice associated with **Canaanite** holy places was **child sacrifice**. Children were offered to the **Canaanite** gods as the supreme **sacrifice** and as a demonstration of faith by the worshiper*

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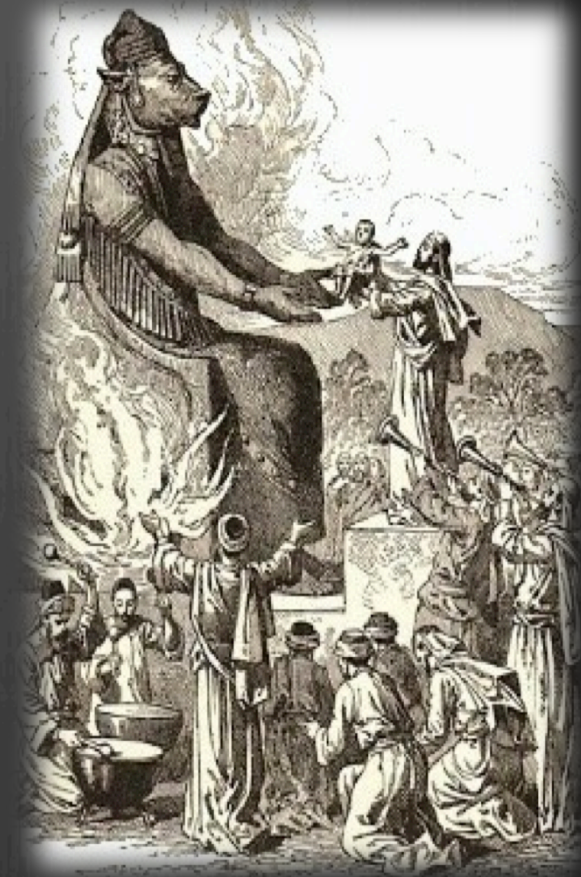


## **DIODORUS SICULUS, 90-30 BC,**

*“There was in their city a bronze image of Cronus extending its hands, palms up and sloping toward the ground, so that each of the children when placed thereon rolled down and fell into a sort of gaping pit filled with fire.”*

## **PLUTARCH, AD 46-127**

*“The whole area before the statue was filled with a loud noise of flutes and drums so that the cries of wailing [of the children being sacrificed] should not reach the ears of the people.”*



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*Siculus, Diodorus, The Library of History,  
Book XX:14, The Loeb Classical Library.*

In 1921 the largest cemetery of sacrificed infants in the ancient Near East was discovered at Carthage. It is well established that this rite of child sacrifice originated in Phoenicia, ancient Israel's northern neighbor, and was brought to Carthage by its Phoenician colonizers. Hundreds of burial urns filled with the cremated bones of infants, mostly newborns but even some children up to age six years old, as well as animals have been uncovered at Carthage.

*“Therefore the Carthaginians, believing that the misfortune had come to them from the gods, betook themselves to every manner of supplication of the divine powers . . . In their zeal to make amends for their omission, they selected two hundred of the noblest children and sacrificed them publicly.”*

# TOPHET

*“To our lady, to Tanit, the face of Ba'al and to our lord, to Ba'al Hammon that which was vowed (by) PN son of PN. Because he (the deity) heard his (the dedicant's) voice and blessed him.”*

*Stager, L.E. and Wolff, S.R., "Child Sacrifice at Carthage - Religious Rite or Population Control?", *Biblical Archaeology Review*, Jan./Feb. 1984, p. 45.*



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# GENESIS 15:16

*“But in the **fourth generation**, they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”*

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# INHERITED SIN?

*By inheritance and example the sons become partakers of the father's sin. Wrong tendencies, perverted appetites, and debased morals, as well as physical disease and degeneracy, are transmitted as a legacy from father to son, **to the third and fourth generation**. This fearful truth should have a solemn power to restrain men from following a course of sin.*

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# Language of destruction?

Moreover, Deuteronomy 7:2-5 uses the words “utterly destroy” immediately followed by “you shall not intermarry among them,” highlighting the fact that, at least in some instances, the biblical authors employed rhetorical exaggeration (e.g., “all that breaths”, “utterly destroy”, etc.) common to **ancient Near East military accounts**. This leaves open the possibility that these phrases may express some degree of hyperbolic language, and thus, that no non-combatants were actually killed.

# Similar to a Jihad?

*“When you meet your enemies who are polytheists, invite them to three courses of action. If they respond to any one of these, you also accept it and withhold yourself from doing them any harm. Invite them to [accept] Islam; if they respond to you, accept it from them and desist from fighting against them...If they refuse to accept Islam, demand from them the jizya. If they agree to pay, accept it from them and hold off your hands. If they refuse to pay the tax, seek Allah’s help and fight them”*

*(Sahih Muslim, Book 19, Number 4294).*



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God used not only Israel to judge other nations, but these nations themselves were used to bring judgment upon Israel.



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# WHAT ABOUT THE CHILDREN?

“Because Haman, the son of Hammedatha the **Agagite, the enemy of the Jews** to annihilate them, and had cast Pur (that is, the lot) to consume them and destroy them.”

Esther 9:24

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*“Unless punishment had been speedily visited upon transgression, the same results would again have been seen. The earth would have become as corrupt as in the days of Noah...It was the mercy of God that thousands should suffer, **to prevent the necessity of visiting judgments upon millions.** To save the many, He must punish the few...”*

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*“And it **was no less a mercy** to the sinners themselves that they should be cut short in their evil course. Had their lives been spared, the same spirit that led them to rebel against God would have been manifested in hatred and strife among themselves. They would have eventually destroyed one another.”*

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# PSALMS 87

A Psalm of the sons of Korah. A Song. His foundation is in the holy mountains. The Lord loves the gates of Zion More than all the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God! **Selah "I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to those who know Me; Behold, O Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia: 'This one was born there.'** " And of Zion it will be said, "This one and that one were born in her; And the Most High Himself shall establish her." **The Lord will record, When He registers the peoples:** "This one was born there." Both the singers and the players on instruments say, "All my springs are in you."



