

**“If God is a God of love and compassion, then why did He command the slaughter of the Canaanites, men, women, and children?”**

Left no person alive as God commanded

**Dt 20:16-17; Josh 8:25-26,28; 10:28-40; 11:8-20**

Why? SIN - *renounce God's rule ... serve idols*

**Dt 12:29-31; 18:9-14; Lev 18:24-30**

***Same reason... Gen 6:5-7; 2Pt 2:4,6***

**"genocide" > *genos, race + cide, kill***

**Yes, races exterminated – bec. of **SIN**, not race**

# *Difference in Authority*

**Common illus.**

- **Spanking your child**
- **Civil authority Rom 13:4**

**Rom 9:19-22** - potter/clay

**“What if God...” ?? v22**

# *Ignorance hinders just judgment*

**Common illus. - “vertical ventilation”**

**Ignorance may proceed from ...**

- ***Unstudied* facts** 2Pt 3:16; Rom 1:28
- ***Uncomprehended* facts** Ps 147:5; Lk 24:25-27
- ***Unrevealed* facts** Dt 29:29

**“Illogical & absurd”? 1Co 1:21-24**

# ***WHY God destroyed these people***

**Their own evil** Lev 18:1-3...20-24; Gen 15:16

**Keep from influencing Israel** Dt 7:1-5 20:16-18

**Instructive discipline** Dt 8:19-20

**“All Israel shall hear & fear!”** Warning! 2Pt 3:3-10

**Keep his covenant ... blessing to the whole world.** Gen 12:3; Dt 9:5

# *WHY God destroyed these people*

## NOT

- *Personal revenge*
- *Gain plunder*
- *Military glory*
- *Reward or merit*
- *Because of race Dt 4:25-26*  
*Lev 26:16f; Dt 28:20f; 29:22-28 - bec. of SIN*

# ***Women & children?***

**Women not depraved, influence?**

**Num 25:1-2....31:15-16**

**The children?**

- ***They are safe***
- ***They would be orphans***
- ***Parents and society wicked. What would the children have turned out to be?***

# God's LOVE and MERCY!

- *Nature*
- *Nature of man*
- *Longsuffering, mercy, grace!*
  - ❖ History of man's sinfulness
  - ❖ Longsuffering, time to repent **Gen 6:3; 15:16; 18:23-32; Ex 7:5; 9:16; Jonah; Mt 23:37**
  - ❖ Mercy, grace! **Jn 3:16; Eph 2:8**
  - ❖ Today **2Pt 3:9**



# Eze 33:11

“I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked”!