

## C & C: The God of Justice

Connections and Comparisons is an ongoing weekly series that deals with many scriptures in the Bible, some of which are not commonly addressed. The purpose of this series is to examine the scriptures at hand comparing what is said and looking at the connections within.

Our God is a God of Justice! There are too many people that believe that God is only a God of love and is only a forgiving God. Our God is a God of Judgment and Justice as well. You can not, as God alone, speak your Word to us as a God of truth (see Titus 1:2) as the scriptures teach us and then not keep your Word! Therefore the God of Justice will keep righteous Judgment!

### **Matthew 12:36-37**

36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

A very important point that needs to be understood by everyone that is alive. God is sovereign! You are not! And you will give account of every word and deed you have done whether or not you like it or not. To say who is God to decide or to say why does God hold against me what somebody else did concerning Adam and Eve forgets that God is God and God alone. Be thankful that God is not a God like satan would conduct himself as you would be in constant torments underneath a ruler with infinite power to find indefinite ways beyond anything you can imagine to leave you in indefinite torments. Be thankful that God is a God of Justice and a God of Mercy that will forgive you of your sins if you obey the scriptures. Including how to become born again which takes place according to **Acts 2:38-39** “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.” This plan of salvation through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God did not have to do for you and I. So be wise and choose life over death!

### **James 2:10-13**

10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, **thou art become a transgressor of the law.**

12 So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

Which law of liberty is in sharp contrast to those judged by the Mosaic law which if they offend in one point, he is guilty of all. Those under the law of liberty are free from the law of sin and death and no longer under the bondage of death. Thus set free. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

13 For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

### Hebrews 10:30-31

30 For we know him that hath said, **Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense**, saith the Lord. And again, **The Lord shall judge his people.**

31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

### Jeremiah 9:23-24

23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, **that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.**

A God of Justice that delights in exercising loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the Earth. Praise God!

### Galatians 6:7-10

7 **Be not deceived; God is not mocked:** for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; **but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.**

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, **if we faint not.**

10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, **especially unto them who are of the household of faith.**

“Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and **of the household of God;** And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.” (Ephesians 2:19-22) “So we, being many, **are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.**” (Romans 12:5) So then, “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”

### Isaiah 45:20-23

20 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, **and pray unto a god that cannot save.**

21 Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and **there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour;** there is none beside me.

22 **Look unto me, and be ye saved,** all the ends of the earth: for **I am God, and there is none else.** 23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, **That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.**

The Lord called out a people unto himself to serve him and love him. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob! A God that brought his children out of Egypt with a Mighty hand!! Yet for all this the people continued to hunger after the things that were of the world!! The things that be of Egypt!! God promised them a land flowing with milk and honey and yet even with seeing the Mighty deeds of God being done in their sight they continued to doubt the promise of God and to turn their hearts unto false gods that hear not and see not. However, God is not man that he should lie and is a covenant keeping God full of mercy but also a God of Justice and a God of judgment!! **Even if that judgment falls upon his own people!! As we know did take place.**

**The same holds true for us today** who are living under the New Testament Covenant of Grace and the Perfect Law of Liberty that is only found in the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus by the Law of Faith that allows us access into this precious grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

### **Romans 6:14-18**

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: **for ye are not under the law, but under grace.**

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, **but under grace? God forbid.**

16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, **but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.**

**18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.**

Yes even under Grace if you sin and don't repent and turn from your sin you will surely die!! The God of Justice demands Judgment and will not spare you and break His own Word. God can not lie and you will perish in your sins if you haven't "obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you." Yes you must be obedient to the scriptures or you will perish in your sins! **"to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"**

Obedience is the key!! The children of Israel provoked the Lord and did not believe Him. They murmured and complained against God and his servants Moses and Aaron!! For their lack of faith and continual disobedience they were made to wander in the wilderness for forty years until they all perished that believed not the promise of God!!

### **Hebrews 3:15-19**

15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, **harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.**

16 For some, when they had heard, **did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.**

17 **But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcases fell in the wilderness?**

**18 And to whom swore he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?**

**19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.**

In like manner today and since the time of Jesus Christ we are told by Jesus, “**Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:**” (Matthew 7:21-24)

Summary of the Provocation of Israel and the God of Justice!

### **Psalms 106:7-46**

7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; **but provoked him at the sea**, even at the Red sea.

8 **Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake**, that he might make his mighty power to be known.

9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.

10 **And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.**

11 **And the waters covered their enemies:** there was not one of them left.

12 **Then believed they his words; they sang his praise.**

13 They soon forgat his works; they waited not for his counsel:

14 **But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness**, and tempted God in the desert.

15 And he gave them their request; **but sent leanness into their soul.**

16 They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron the saint of the LORD.

17 **The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram.**

18 **And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.**

19 They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image.

20 **Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.**

21 They forgat God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt;

22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red sea.

23 Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them.

24 **Yea, they despised the pleasant land, they believed not his word:**

25 But murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD.

26 Therefore he lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness:

27 To overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

28 They joined themselves also unto Baalpeor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.

29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them.

30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed.

31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore.

32 They angered him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes:

33 Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

34 **They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the LORD commanded them:**

35 But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works.

36 And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them.  
37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils,  
38 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.  
39 Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.  
**40 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.**  
41 And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them.  
42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.  
**43 Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked him with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity.**  
**44 Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry:**  
**45 And he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies.**  
**46 He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.**

Nevertheless God made his covenant promise with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob a people called out by God to be His Holy people and commanded the children of Israel what they must do in order to receive the blessings of the Lord as well as the Salvation of the Lord.

The children of Israel in regards to the promised land that God gave to them were commanded by God “When thou comest nigh unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace unto it. And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and open unto thee, then it shall be, that all the people that is found therein shall be tributaries unto thee, and they shall serve thee. And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war against thee, then thou shalt besiege it: And when the LORD thy God hath delivered it into thine hands, thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge of the sword: But the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, even all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take unto thyself; and thou shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies, which the LORD thy God hath given thee. Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities which are very far off from thee, which are not of the cities of these nations. **But of the cities of these people, which the LORD thy God doth give thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth:** But thou shalt utterly destroy them; namely, **the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee: That they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so should ye sin against the LORD your God.”**  
(Deuteronomy 20:10-18)

Notice that God made provision for the other nations that the children of Israel would overtake! However, the children of Israel failed to keep this commandment and thus the judgments from the God of Justice was carried out against the children of Israel!!

#### **Deuteronomy 4:5-8**

5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, **even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.**

6 Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

7 For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for?

8 And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

The LORD God will repay them that hate him to their face!!!!

### **Deuteronomy 7:1-26**

1 When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, 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 thou;

2 And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; **thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:**

3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

4 For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: **so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.**

5 But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall **destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.**

6 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

7 **The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:**

8 But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9 Know therefore that **the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;**

**10 And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.**

11 Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.

12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, **if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them,** that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers:

13 And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

**14 Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle.**

Abortion is not the will of God for you!! Children are not a burden but the blessings of the Lord. Turn from this wicked evil practice and ask the Lord for the help and guidance you need to raise this child with love while also following and seeking after the righteousness of God. “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)

**15 And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee.**

**16 And thou shalt consume all the people which the LORD thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them: neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that will be a snare unto thee.**

17 If thou shalt say in thine heart, These nations are more than I; how can I dispossess them?

18 Thou shalt not be afraid of them: but shalt well remember what the LORD thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt;

19 The great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched out arm, whereby the LORD thy God brought thee out: so shall the LORD thy God do unto all the people of whom thou art afraid.

**20 Moreover the LORD thy God will send the hornet among them, until they that are left, and hide themselves from thee, be destroyed.**

21 Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: for the LORD thy God is among you, a mighty God and terrible.

22 And the LORD thy God will put out those nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee.

**23 But the LORD thy God shall deliver them unto thee, and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction, until they be destroyed.**

**24 And he shall deliver their kings into thine hand, and thou shalt destroy their name from under heaven: there shall no man be able to stand before thee, until thou have destroyed them.**

25 The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the LORD thy God.

26 Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing.

While the children of Israel wandered in the desert for forty years the LORD did this to humble them, to prove them, to know what was in their heart, whether they would keep his commandments, or not. An obedience test after their disobedience for not believing that God would give them the promise land that flowed with milk and honey. He humbled them, and suffered them to hunger, and fed them with manna that he might make them know that man does not live by bread only, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD does man live. To do them good at their latter end.

### **Deuteronomy 8:1-20**

**1 All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers.**

**2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.**

**3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.**

4 Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years.

5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.

6 Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.

7 For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;

8 A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey;

9 A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass.

10 When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee.

**11 Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day:**

12 Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein;

13 And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;

14 Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

15 Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;

**16 Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;**

17 And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.

**18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.**

19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, **I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.**

**20 As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.**

Some may be wondering didn't Israel also worship idols and false gods in the wilderness and yet God still commanded the killing of all the inhabitants they were to conquer? The answer is yes but also fails to recall that while they wandered in the wilderness for forty years they marched until all those that didn't believe God concerning the promise land He had promised to give to them died. So this was a death march!! The God of Justice prevailed!! The question also may



for some be forgetting that God made a covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and He is the Covenant Keeping God!! And God is sovereign! We are not! The choice is His alone to make and the choice for us alone to make is whether or not we will love, serve, and obey Him? If you are to obey Him then you must apply **Acts 2:38-39** “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.” This plan of salvation through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God did not have to do for you and I. So be wise and choose life over death!

Also concerning this question didn't Israel also worship idols and false gods in the wilderness and yet God still commanded the killing of all the inhabitants they were to conquer forgets that the children of Israel God says, “For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: **But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers,** hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, **and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen,** from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. **Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;”** (Deuteronomy 7:6-9) “**Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the LORD thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness the LORD hath brought me in to possess this land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD doth drive them out from before thee. Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart, dost thou go to possess their land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform the word which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Understand therefore, that the LORD thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness; for thou art a stiffnecked people. Remember, and forget not, how thou provokedst the LORD thy God to wrath in the wilderness: from the day that thou didst depart out of the land of Egypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious against the LORD.**” (Deuteronomy 9:4-7)

The question also does not take into account that we learn in Leviticus 18 that the inhabitants of the promised land were wicked and the land was defiled. They had committed great offences against the LORD and God warned Israel that if they did the same thing the land would also vomit them out as well!! The God of Justice!!

#### **Leviticus 18:1-5**

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am the LORD your God.

3 After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, **shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances.**

4 Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am the LORD your God.

5 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the LORD.

### **Leviticus 18:21-30**

21 And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.

22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.

23 Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion.

**24 Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you:**

**25 And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants.**

26 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and **shall not commit any of these abominations**; neither any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you:

**27 (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled;)**

**28 That the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that were before you.**

**29 For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit them shall be cut off from among their people.**

**30 Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, that ye commit not any one of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I am the LORD your God.**

God in his righteous judgment executing justice is taking His chosen Holy people to possess the land of the wicked, evil, and perverted 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 the children of Israel!!

During the forty years that the children of Israel wandered in the desert they continued to sin against God and worship idols!

### **Leviticus 17:5-9**

5 To the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices, which they offer in the open field, even that they may bring them unto the Lord, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest, and offer them for peace offerings unto the Lord.

6 And the priest shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar of the Lord at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and burn the fat for a sweet savour unto the Lord.

**7 And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations.**

8 And thou shalt say unto them, Whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers which sojourn among you, that offereth a burnt offering or sacrifice,

9 And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer it unto the Lord; even that man shall be cut off from among his people.

### **Acts 7:39-43**

39 To whom our fathers **would not obey**, but thrust him from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt,

40 Saying unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us: for as for this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

**41 And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.**

**42 Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices by the space of forty years in the wilderness?**

43 Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

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17 **But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?**

Even as it was written in the book of the prophets! This is found in the book of Amos and is referred to as the book of the prophets because the Biblical writings of the twelve minor prophets were contained in only one book.

### **Amos 5:25-27**

**25 Have ye offered unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel?**

26 But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves.

27 Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the LORD, whose name is The God of hosts.

The God of Justice is now sending the children of Israel out of the promised land for their continual whoredoms, abominations, and wickedness!!

God said to the children of Israel “Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart, dost thou go to possess their land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform the word which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”

### **Deuteronomy 9:1-29**

1 Hear, O Israel: Thou art to pass over Jordan this day, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fenced up to heaven,

2 A people great and tall, the children of the Anakims, whom thou knowest, and of whom thou hast heard say, Who can stand before the children of Anak!

3 Understand therefore this day, that the LORD thy God is he which goeth over before thee; as a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD hath said unto thee.

4 Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the LORD thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness the LORD hath brought me in to possess this land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD doth drive them out from before thee.

5 Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart, dost thou go to possess their land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform the word which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

6 Understand therefore, that the LORD thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness; **for thou art a stiffnecked people.**

The God of Justice is very clear that sin must be judged!! God reminds them of their offenses!!

7 Remember, and forget not, how thou provokedst the LORD thy God to wrath in the wilderness: from the day that thou didst depart out of the land of Egypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious against the LORD.

8 Also in Horeb ye provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry with you to have destroyed you.

9 When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant which the LORD made with you, **then I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights, I neither did eat bread nor drink water:**

10 And the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them was written according to all the words, which the LORD spake with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.

11 And it came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights, that the LORD gave me the two tables of stone, **even the tables of the covenant.**

12 And the LORD said unto me, Arise, get thee down quickly from hence; for thy people which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted themselves; they are quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image.

**13 Furthermore the LORD spake unto me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people:**

**14 Let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven:** and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they.

15 So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount burned with fire: and the two tables of the covenant were in my two hands.

16 And I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned against the LORD your God, and had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which the LORD had commanded you.

**17 And I took the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes.**

**18 And I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and forty nights: I did neither eat bread, nor drink water, because of all your sins which ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.**

19 For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, wherewith the LORD was wroth against you to destroy you. **But the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also.**

**20 And the LORD was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him: and I prayed for Aaron also the same time.**

21 And I took your sin, the calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, and ground it very small, even until it was as small as dust: and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount.

22 And at Taberah, and at Massah, and at Kibrothhattaavah, ye provoked the LORD to wrath.

23 Likewise when the LORD sent you from Kadeshbarnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you; **then ye rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God, and ye believed him not, nor hearkened to his voice.**

**24 Ye have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you.**

25 Thus I fell down before the LORD forty days and forty nights, as I fell down at the first; **because the LORD had said he would destroy you.**

26 I prayed therefore unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, destroy not thy people and thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed through thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

**27 Remember thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; look not unto the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin:**

28 Lest the land whence thou broughtest us out say, Because the LORD was not able to bring them into the land which he promised them, and because he hated them, he hath brought them out to slay them in the wilderness.

**29 Yet they are thy people and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest out by thy mighty power and by thy stretched out arm.**

Obey the God of Justice!!

### **Exodus 23:20-33**

20 Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

21 Beware of him, and **obey his voice**, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him.

22 But if thou shalt indeed **obey his voice**, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries.

**23 For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.**

**24 Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images.**

25 And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.

26 There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil.

27 I will send my fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee.

28 And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee.

29 I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee.

30 By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land.

31 And I will set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee.

**32 Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods.**

**33 They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, it will surely be a snare unto thee.**

But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.

### **Numbers 33:50-56**

50 And the LORD spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying,

51 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye are passed over Jordan into the land of Canaan;

52 Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places:

53 And ye shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it.

54 And ye shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance among your families: and to the more ye shall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer ye shall give the less inheritance: every man's inheritance shall be in the place where his lot falleth; according to the tribes of your fathers ye shall inherit.

**55 But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.**

**56 Moreover it shall come to pass, that I shall do unto you, as I thought to do unto them.**

The children of Israel disobey the voice of the Lord!!

### **Joshua 17:12-13**

12 Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.

13 Yet it came to pass, when the children of Israel were waxen strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute; but did not utterly drive them out.

The consequences of disobedience is the God of Justice will prevail against you!!

### **Joshua 23:11-16**

11 Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God.

**12 Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you:**

**13 Know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.**

14 And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.

15 Therefore it shall come to pass, that as all good things are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised you; so shall the LORD bring upon you all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.

**16 When ye have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you.**

#### **Judges 2:1-8**

1 And an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you.

**2 And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this?**

**3 Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you.**

4 And it came to pass, when the angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of Israel, **that the people lifted up their voice, and wept.**

5 And they called the name of that place Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto the LORD.

6 And when Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land.

7 And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD, that he did for Israel.

8 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old.

#### **Judges 2:19-23**

19 And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, **that they returned, and corrupted themselves more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way.**

20 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice;

21 I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died:

**22 That through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk therein, as their fathers did keep it, or not.**

**23 Therefore the LORD left those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua.**

**Isaiah 30:18**

18 And **therefore will the LORD wait**, that he may be gracious unto you, and **therefore will he be exalted**, that he may have mercy upon you: for **the LORD is a God of judgment**: blessed are all they that wait for him.

**Ecclesiastes 3:1**

1 **To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:**

**Ecclesiastes 12:13-14**

**13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.**

14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

**Job 28:28**

28 And unto man he said, **Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.**