

**GENOCIDAL ISSUES WITHIN THE BIBLE**

1. Why would God want to annihilate entire people groups from off the face of the earth – men, women, children, and their animals?
2. Doesn't God say He takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked?  
... Ezek 33:11
3. Aren't we asked to show mercy and grace, and even feed our enemies? .....Prov 25:21; Rom 12:20
4. Or are these statements to exterminate all hyperbolic metaphors?
5. Or are there legitimate reasons to wipe out entire people groups?

Passage	Comments
Exodus 23:24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>v24. "...you shall utterly destroy them" – Are we given such command today to annihilate people groups? NO – NO – NO. This was specific only to the Jews as they marched into the Promised Land</li> </ul>
Numbers 33:50-56	<p><b>Consequences of Disobedience is Never Good</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>vv50-54. God commands Israel to "drive out all the inhabitants of the land"</li> <li><b>What is behind this command?</b> It sounds quite unchristian to be hostile toward strangers, to slay them or make them homeless and destitute refugees</li> <li><b>Answer.</b> Scripture tells us that God wanted to "utterly" destroy the 7 nations of Canaan (the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, Jebusites, Girgashites) with no pity, for their horrific sins of immorality, homosexuality, child sacrifice, bestiality, and sorcery, (cf Lev 18; Deut 7:16; 9:4; 12:31; 18:14 20:16,17; Josh 6:21; 11:20)</li> <li>v55. If the Jews failed to drive out the inhabitants of the land the consequence would be the influence to leave God and chase after false gods and immorality</li> <li>v56. ...and God would be forced to annihilate His own people. DID THE JEWS LISTEN TO GOD?                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A tough aspect of this passage, "What I plan to do to them, I will do to you," is God sends wrath on those who love the wicked and hate the Lord.....2Chron 19:2</li> <li>So, we need to love what God loves and hate what He hates, or we could not only lose His blessings, but incur His wrath. <b>What would that look like?</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Leviticus 27:1-34	<p><b>Valuation and Redemption Rules</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>vv1-29. People &amp; Pet valuations – The Good, Bad, &amp; Ugly</li> <li><b>The Not-so-Politically Correct Answer:</b> No explanation was given for why males in all age groups were weighted more than their female counterparts by 33% to 50% (His ways and thoughts are not our ways and thoughts). We can only speculate in an agrarian society, men, being physically stronger, were given proportionately more worth.</li> <li>v29. Some people groups were marked for genocide for their perverseness or cruelties. No mercy was to be extended. This was not hyperbolic metaphor. Remember the Amalekites ..... Deut 25:17-19; 1Sam 15:2-3</li> </ul>



Just 'cause we're gonna be wiped off the face of the earth is no excuse for that kind of language



Jericho soldiers were initially amused by this circling army

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Deut 7:1-6	<p><b>How do we Deal with God-ordained Genocide?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>God commanded Israel to wipe out the inhabitants of the land completely – men, women, kids, &amp; animals</li> <li>v2. "Show no mercy, and make no treaty" – in other words, no exceptions, no compromise, no prisoners</li> <li><b>BUT WHY?</b> "...because they will turn you away from God to worship false gods, then God will destroy you"</li> <li>Ultimately, a society without godly morals spirals downhill over time into adultery, immorality, murder, incest, child sacrifice, homosexuality, bestiality - Consider Noah's generation, Sodom &amp; Gomorrah - Where is America on this scale?                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The only cure for unrepentant behavior is annihilation</li> </ul> </li> <li>v6. "God chose Israel to be His possession"</li> </ul>
Joshua 11:1-23	<p><b>Tough Statements on Genocide</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:8b. They struck them down leaving no survivors</li> <li>11:11b;14b. Joshua left no one alive</li> <li>11:20b. They were completely annihilated w/out mercy</li> <li>11:9;20a. Joshua treated them as God commanded – for it was the Lord's intention to harden their hearts</li> <li>11:23. After this, the land had rest from war</li> <li>12:20,31. God took credit for annihilating the Canaanite nations, for they "even" burn their children in sacrifices                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The deplorable wickedness (child sacrifice, homosexuality, bestiality) of the unrepentant Canaanites was apparently institutionalized throughout the land</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Joshua 12:1-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note. America seems to be going the same direction with legalized abortions since 1973 (for money and for the god of convenience), and more and more states are legalizing same-sex marriages</li> </ul>
Wars Today vs Yesteryear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is interesting to note the U.S. Civil War lasted 4 years, WW-I lasted 5 years, and WW-II lasted 6 years, but modern wars now last for decades</li> <li>One hypothesis for this seems to be our reluctance to annihilate entire towns to seek unconditional surrender</li> </ul>



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1Samuel 15:1-35	<p><b>God Gives Very Explicit Instructions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>v3. Utterly destroy &amp; spare no man, woman, child or animal</li> <li>v6. Saul's compassionate side spares the Kenites</li> <li>v9. Saul fails the mission and spares animals &amp; King Agag                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What would you do if you were God? Forgive &amp; forget?</li> </ul> </li> <li>v13. Saul lies to Samuel, "I have completed the mission"</li> <li>vv15-21. Like Adam, Saul makes excuses for his failure</li> <li><b>vv22-23. God prefers obedience over any sacrifice</b></li> <li>vv25-26. Saul asked forgiveness. Why did Samuel refuse?                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Consider this.</b> God knew the real heart condition of Saul. He was apparently only sorry for getting caught</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Amalekites / Agagites	<p>The Amalekites were not a benevolent nation. They attempted to stop the Israelites when they marched out of Egypt and through their territory (Deut 25:18) attacking them frequently (Ex 17:8-16; Num 14:45). We read of them in league with the Moabites (Jud 3:13) and the Midianites (Jud 6:3). And their King Agag was noted for ruthless killings (1Sam 15:33).</p> <p>God told Saul to utterly wipe out the Amalekites – men, women, children, and their animals (Deut 25:17-19; 1Sam 15:2-3). God only does this when there is severe sin, such as nation-wide homosexuality and bestiality.</p> <p>Saul finally desolated their territory and destroyed their power (1Sam 14:48) but he lost his kingdom due to failure to annihilate them utterly (1Sam 15); and David battled them to save his family &amp; he recovered war booty (1Sam 30:18-20).</p> <p>In Esther, Haman, who was an Agagite (aka, Amalekite) was a sworn enemy of the Jews. When Mordecai refused to bow down to Haman, he may have been heeding God's higher command to dishonor the Agagites/Amalekites..... Deut 25:19</p>
1Kings 9:1-28	<p><b>God Means Business – Obey or Suffer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>vv2-9. God gives Solomon an ultimate – Obey Me and be Blessed or Forsake Me and Perish</li> <li>vv20-21. Israel failed to annihilate the idolatrous, adulterous, child-sacrificing nations, so their evil influence would haunt them for generations</li> </ul>
Ezekiel 5:6	<p>What more can God do except fulfill His word to almost totally annihilate His people, except for a remnant, for their depravity into child sacrifices, homosexuality, and even bestiality – for they became more wicked than the nations surrounding them</p>

**CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS / CONSIDERATIONS**

- We live under different mandates today since we do not live in a Theocracy as Israel did
- Consider this – There are overriding principles at play when God desires to bestow or to withhold mercy from individuals or nations:
  - If there is no repentance, then "Let the wicked perish before God as wax melts in the fire"..... Ps 68:2
  - Only God knows the heart (Ps 44:21), & when one turns away from God then God causes them to perish ..... Is 29:13-14
  - "...Nor does [God] have pity [or mercy] on their orphans or widows; For every one of them is godless and an evildoer" .....Isaiah 9:17
  - "Though the wicked is shown favor [or grace], He does not learn righteousness" .....Isaiah 26:10
- Therefore, true repentance & godly behavior determines one's blessings
- Value of Life.** Our value of life should match God's perspective, and be it known, God has no problem with the following:
  - He wiped out the pre-flood population for their atrocities, except 8
  - He wiped out Sodom & Gomorrah for sexual perversion, except 4
  - He told the Israelites to annihilate the Canaanites – men, women, & children for their murders, adulteries, child sacrifices ....Deut 2:34
  - He told Saul to wipe out the Amalekites – men, women, children and their animals for their hatred of Israel.....1Sam 15:3
  - God allowed the tribe of Benjamin to be nearly wiped out except for the last 600 soldiers for their sexual perversion ..... Judges 19-20
  - God shows no mercy to wicked widows & orphans.....Isaiah 9:17
  - ...and God nearly wiped out His own people for their atrocities of adulteries, murders, & child sacrifices, leaving only a remnant
- The common denominator is in the level of wickedness
  - If a nation is unjust, sexually perverse, oppresses the weak (widows, orphans, poor, and foreigners), and even condones killing of children – then watch out for God's wrath .....Zech 7:9-14
- Also, realize this: In Revelation half the world's population (~4B) is annihilated before God's glory is revealed ..... Rev 6:8 & 9:18
- What sins do we tolerate in our lives today?
- How far away is America from receiving God's wrath for its escalating immorality, to include legalized abortions, same-sex unions, and with bestiality and pedophilia gaining open momentum?

Atheistic Issues w/ God*	Possible Biblical Justification from Atheist Perspective	God's Perspective
Filicidal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deut 21:18-21 – Death to stubborn and rebellious sons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lev 11:45 – "For I am the LORD...your God; you shall be holy, for I am holy."</li> <li>Lev 18; Deut 9:4; 12:31; 18:14 – God wanted to "utterly" destroy the 7 nations of Canaan (even their animals) for their horrific and unrepentant sins – immorality, homosexuality, bestiality, child sacrifice, sorcery (cf Deut 20:16,17; Josh 6:21)</li> <li>Lev 25:2,23 – The land and the people of Israel belong to God</li> <li>Deut 29:29 – Secret things belong onto God</li> <li>Deut 32:4 – For all His ways are just; He is a God of faithfulness and without injustice, He is righteous and upright</li> <li>Is 55:8-9 – "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.</li> <li>Achan in Joshua 7 and Ananias &amp; Sapphira in Acts 5 were prime examples of discipline to establish proper fear of God</li> </ul>
Genocidal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ex 23:23 – God will "utterly" destroy the inhabitants of the land</li> <li>Deut 2:34; 3:3,6-8 – Israelites annihilated the Amorites – men, women &amp; children; but spared the animals</li> <li>1Sam 15:3 Saul was told to "utterly destroy" the Amalekites – men, women, children, babies, and their animals</li> </ul>	
Homophobic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lev 18:22 – Men are not to lie sexually with men</li> </ul>	
Jealous and proud of it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ex 34:14 ... you shall not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God</li> <li>Nahum 1:2 – A jealous and avenging God is the LORD;</li> </ul>	
Megalomaniacal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Psalms 57:5 – Be exalted above the heavens, O God; Let Your glory be above all the earth.</li> </ul>	
Misogynistic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lev 27:4,5 – Women are worth less than men</li> </ul>	
Petty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lev 24:10-16 Death for cursing</li> <li>Num 15:32-36 Death for gathering wood on the Sabbath</li> </ul>	
Racist/Prejudiced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deut 7:6; 14:2 – God chose Israel above all others</li> <li>Num 31:1-18 – God had Israel annihilate the Midianites for their malicious activities toward them (cf Num 22-25)</li> <li>Isaiah 13 (Destruction of Babylon). The Day of the Lord is cruel (v9); God will punish the world for their evil (v11); Their infants will be dashed to pieces and their wives ravished before their eyes (v16); There will be no mercy on infants nor compassion on children (v18)</li> </ul>	
Vindictive, bloodthirsty ethnic cleanser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lev 18; 26:14-38; Deut 7:1 – These passages address the issues on the left. God charged the Israelites not to follow in the sins of the 7 nations of Canaan (Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, Jebusites, Girgashites) – whom God wanted "utterly" destroyed – with no pity (Deut 7:16; Josh 11:20)</li> <li>Joshua 7 – For coveting, Achan, his kids, his animals, were stoned and burned along with his belongings</li> </ul>	
Capriciously malevolent bully		
Infanticidal		
Pestilential		
Sadomasochistic		
Unforgiving control freak		
Unjust		

Note (\*): Atheistic issues with God taken from "The God Delusion", Richard Dawkins, Houghton Mifflin Company Boston, 2006