

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1218: Is God's Wrath Stronger Than His Love? (Part I)

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SHOW NOTES

1. What did God promise the Israelites as they entered Canaan? How did this promise relate to the promise to Abraham in Genesis 15:13-16? Why did God wait over 400 years to punish the seven Canaanite nations? (See Deuteronomy 7:1-2)
2. In what four ways did God plant hope at the beginning of mankind? What aspect(s) foreshadowed Jesus' sacrifice that covered mankind's sin? When did God create His plan to rescue man from his sin? (See Genesis 3:15, 21-23, 1 Peter 1:19-20, John 1:29)
3. What four points show the purposes and character of God? What do they help us understand?
4. Did favoritism for Israel cause God to want to help Israel wipe out the Anakim and other Canaanite nations, so that Israel could have the land of Canaan? How do we know this? What were some of the evil practices of the Canaanites? (See Deuteronomy 9:1-6, 12:29-31, 18:10-12)
5. Contrast the morality of the Canaanites with the Ten Commandments given to Moses as the basis of the Jewish law. How did the Canaanitish culture change during the time of the Exodus of Israel from Egypt? What did God warn about the fascination of sin? (See Deuteronomy 7:2-5, 18:10-12, Exodus 20:3-17)
6. Does God create and perpetrate evil? Explain Isaiah 45:6-7. Why did he bring *calamity*, trial and consequences on mankind? What is an example of a logical consequence that happened in your life because of a poor choice you made? (See Romans 6:17-23)
7. Why did God want King Saul to annihilate the men and even the women, children and animals of the Amalekites? What did Saul do with this command? What was God's reaction? How did Saul's actions come back to hurt the Jews in Queen Esther's time? (See 1 Samuel 15:1-35, 16:14-15, Deuteronomy 25:17-19, Esther 3:1)
8. Describe the "pattern of promise" God developed throughout the Bible. What did God require of Abraham in order for him to receive this massive promise? What is the Abrahamic Promise? What has it already delivered, and what will it deliver in the future? Did Israel ever require correction? Explain. (See Genesis 3:13-15, 12:1-3, Jeremiah 2:4-5, Amos 3:1-2)
9. When we choose to minimize wrong, where does this lead us? What should we expect if we make poor choices in our lives? How should we interpret the consequences of those choices?
10. Now that we have seen why God demanded the destruction of the evil and depraved Canaanites and Anakim, how do we explain Jesus' statement in Matthew 11:23-24 about Sodom, another evil Old Testament city? What is the hint here about the future for those annihilated in the past?