

## **~NATIONS - OCCUPYING THE PROMISED LAND (72)**

- **When Yehowah gave Israel the land that he had promised to Abraham, morally debased **nations** were occupying it. The Bible candidly reports that God decreed the destruction of those wicked **nations**, and he appointed the Israelites to be the executioners.**
- **And Yehowah your God will certainly abandon them to you, and you must defeat them. You should without fail devote them to destruction. You must conclude no covenant with them nor show them any favor. ([Deuteronomy 7:2](#))**
- **Many persons have criticized that action. Others humbly acknowledge that it is hardly appropriate for imperfect human's to set themselves up as judges of God.**
- **And the house of Israel will certainly say; The way of Yehowah is not adjusted right. As for my ways, are they not adjusted right, O house of Israel? Are not the ways of you people the ones that are not adjusted right? ([Ezekiel 18:29](#))**
- **Their desire is to understand God's ways. What do they learn?**
- **This record clearly demonstrates that all people are accountable to mankind's Creator, Yehowah God, whether they profess to believe in him or not. It shows that God is patient but does not shut his eyes to wrongdoing.**
- **But in the fourth generation they will return here, because the error of the Amorites has not yet come to completion. ([Genesis 15:16](#))**
- **It makes clear that Yehowah leaves the responsibility for young children on the shoulders of their parents, he does not relieve the parents of this and thus allow them to feel that their actions affect only themselves.**
- **I do take the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you today, that I have put life and death before you, the blessing and the malediction, and you must choose life in order, that you may keep alive, you and your offspring. ([Deuteronomy 30:19](#))**

- **And Joshua proceeded to strike all the land of the mountainous region and the Negeb and the Shephelah and the slopes and all their kings. He did not let a survivor remain, and everything that breathed he devoted to destruction, just as Yehowah the God of Israel had commanded. (Joshua 10:40)**
- **It also shows that all who will turn from their bad way and worship Yehowah can be spared from destruction.**
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- **The Bible clearly identifies the wicked practices in which the inhabitants of Canaan indulged. Halley's Bible Handbook [1964, p. 161] concludes: Archaeologists who dig in the ruins of Canaanite cities wonder that God did not destroy them sooner than he did. The lesson is clear, Yehowah does not forever tolerate wickedness.**