



“Then Herod, when he saw that he was
deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly
angry...”
-Matt. 2:16

A God of All Nations

Two Part Series

Events of Nativity

- Christ was born in a manger
- On the 8th day He was circumcised
- On the 40th day He went to the temple to offer a sacrifice
- Who felt His presence?



Questions

- Are the Gentiles only accepted because the Jews were rejected?
- “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people.” (Deut. 32:43)
- Why did God choose Israel?
- Did God reject everyone except Israel? Did God forget the Gentiles?
- If God cared for the Gentiles then what happened with the Canaanites?

Questions regarding the Canaanites

- Were the Canaanites that Bad?
- What kind of wickedness did they practice?
- Is God intolerant?
- Who determines the Point of No Return?
- Did the Canaanites know better?
- Was it Genocide or ethnic cleansing?
- Inefficient means

Deuteronomy 10:16-18

“But of the cities of these peoples which the Lord your God gives you as an inheritance, you shall let nothing that breathes remain alive, 17 but you shall utterly destroy them: the Hittite and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, just as the Lord your God has commanded you, 18 lest they teach you to do according to all their abominations which they have done for their gods, and you sin against the Lord your God.”

1. Were the Canaanites that bad?

- “Then He said to Abram: “Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. 14 And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. 15 Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. 16 **But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.**” (Gen. 15:13-16)
- God waited 430 years to judge them

1. Were the Canaanites that bad?

- People at the time of Noah
- “The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.” (Gen. 6:11-13)
- Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 18-19)
- Judgment was the last resort

2. What kind of wickedness did they practice?

- Their deities were immoral
- Engaged in incest, adultery, bestiality, homosexual acts, and child sacrifice



“Humans are “imaging” beings, designed to reflect the likeness and glory of their Creator. If we worship the creaturely rather than the Creator, we’ll come to resemble or image the idols of our own devising and that in which we place our security.”

—G.K. Beale

Is God intolerant?

- “You shall have no other gods before Me.” (Ex. 20:3)
- Couldn't Gentiles worship whatever god they wanted?
- God judged the Canaanites not only because of idol worship but also because of corrupt immoral practices and influence.

Is God intolerant?

- God dealt with Israel in the same manner
- Korah
- Nabad and Abihu
- Israel and the serpents
- Captivities