



- A. He's a "malicious murderer?" Are we acknowledging a standard?
- B. He gives life. Can He not take it away?
- C. He allowed His people to protect themselves when attacked.
- D. He didn't always approve of the wars recorded.
- E. He personally took the lives of many and will again.
  - Genesis 6 and the flood. Why?
  - 2 Kings 19:35 and 185,000 Assyrians. Why?
  - 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 and the world. Why?







## A. Were the Canaanites innocent?

- Christopher Hitchens (author of god Is Not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything) said the Canaanites were "pitilessly driven out of their homes to make room for the ungrateful and mutinous children of Israel."
- B. Why did God cleanse the land?
  - Genesis 15:13-16; Deuteronomy 7:1-11; 9:4-5; 18:9-14;
    20:16-18 Promises, Punishment, and Parenting







- God gave those in Noah's day time to repent while preparing the ark.
- God gave them 400 years to repent.
- God "cleansed" for about one generation worth of time to a limited place.
- God offered peace to other nations (Deuteronomy 20:10-15).
- God treated His people the same way (Deuteronomy 28). They went into captivity.







- God saved Rahab and Jericho didn't fall until the 7th day.
- God saved Nineveh.
- God was seeking to bless all nations (Genesis 12:1-3; Galatians 3:8)
- God loves even His enemies (Romans 5:6,8,10) and wants all to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). Jesus loved the Canaanite woman (Matthew 15:22-28).
- God can never win to the critic. Either He's evil for punishing or evil for not punishing and allowing evil to continue.









## Question: will man repent?



