

Thinking Deeply

God and Genocide

INTRO: *To some people, the God of the Old Testament appears very different from the God revealed in the New Testament. This discontinuity has confused many people and evoked different interpretations. How do Christians reconcile the God of the Old Testament with the God of the New?*

I. God commanded Israel to commit _____ on the Canaanites. *Cf. Deuteronomy 20:1-20; Joshua 10:40.*

II. Confusion over Old Testament passages in which God commanded _____ has led to disagreement about their interpretation and their impact upon _____. *There are at least four major views that have emerged: The "Two Gods" View, the "Misunderstood Plan" View, the "Lesson Plan" View, and the "One God, Two people" View.*

III. Believe what the Bible teaches about God and genocide: There is one _____ and two _____ with two _____ plans fulfilling one _____ purpose. *Three points should be underscored.*

A. _____.
Cf. Romans 3:10-12, 23; 5:12; 6:23.

B. _____.
Cf. Genesis 15:13-16; Luke 13:4-5; 2 Peter 3:9.

C. _____.
Cf. Habakkuk 1:5-11.