

1

GENTILE NATIONS IN THE LAND

- utterly destroy them (Deut 20:16–18)
- don't pity them (Deut 7:16)
- their iniquity is complete (Gen 15:16 with Lev 18:24–28)
- moral depravity: incest, adultery, child sacrifice, homosexuality, bestiality (Lev 18:3, 24 with 18:6–30)
- their abominations are contagious (Deut 20:18)
- make no covenants with them (Ex 23:32–33; 34:12; Deut 7:1–2)
- don't intermarry with them (Deut 7:3–4)
- destroy their religious shrines (Ex 34:13; Deut 7:5, 25–26)
- Israel was a rod of discipline—
an instrument of
divinely ordered executions

2

GENTILE NATIONS OUTSIDE THE LAND

- are "far off" (Deut 20:15)
- to be left alone unless they initiate hostilities
- Israel may attack them if they initiate hostilities (Deut 20:1–2)
- offer terms of peace before engagement: slavery or death (Deut 20:10–15; cf. Gen 9:25)



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SIEGE OF JERICHO

- an angel appears as "the captain of the LORD's host" (Josh 5:13–15; cf. Ex 23:20–23)
- God fought for Israel
- no loss of Israelite life
- unique type of warfare (Psa 44:3)

3

GOD WILL FIGHT FOR ISRAEL AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

- help in battle is conditioned on obedience (Ex 23:22–23, 27–28)
- will be a progressive conquest (Ex 23:29–30; Deut 7:22)
- have faith and don't be afraid (Deut 7:17–21)
- no one will stand before Israel (Deut 7:24)
- called "the wars of the LORD" (Num 21:14)
- not an enterprise carried out by Israel with great cruelties and claiming divine sanction, but an enterprise of God using human instruments to carry out His will