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Some clarifications:

1) Often misunderstood as happening every time with the Canaanites

- *Only happened with Jericho, Ai, & Hazor*
 - *Joshua 11:15 Just as the LORD had commanded Moses his servant, so Moses commanded Joshua, and so Joshua did. He left nothing undone of all that the LORD had commanded Moses.*
 - *Aside from Jericho & Ai Israel only battled responsively*
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2) We cannot wrongly picture life in Canaan as peaceful before Israel enters

Duet. 9:4-5 "Do not say in your heart, after the LORD your God has thrust them out before you, 'It is because of my righteousness that the LORD has brought me in to possess this land,' whereas it is because of the wickedness of these nations that the LORD is driving them out before you. [5] Not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart are you going in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations the LORD your God is driving them out from before you, and that he may confirm the word that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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Lev. 18:25-28 "Do not make yourselves unclean by any of these things, for by all these the nations I am driving out before you have become unclean, [25] and the land became unclean, so that I punished its iniquity, and the land vomited out its inhabitants. [26] But you shall keep my statutes and my rules and do none of these abominations, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you [27] (for the people of the land, who were before you, did all of these abominations, so that the land became unclean), [28] lest the land vomit you out when you make it unclean, as it vomited out the nation that was before you.

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Lev. 18:21 You shall not give any of your children to offer them to Molech, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

Deut. 12:31 You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the LORD hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods.



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Deut. 18:10-12 There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer [11] or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead, [12] for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD. And because of these abominations the LORD your God is driving them out before you.

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Lev. 18:3 You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you **shall not do as they do** in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes.

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3) The Canaanites were people of warfare

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4) This is an old problem

Genesis 15:13-16 Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. [14] But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. [15] As for yourself, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. [16] And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, **for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.**"

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5) Violence breaks God's heart

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6) Idolatry

Deut. 7:4a for they would turn away your sons from following me, to serve other gods.

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7) God is ultimately revealed in Jesus

John 1:18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, He (Jesus) has EXPLAINED Him!

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Daniel Gard "It is Divine Mercy that the human family is allowed to continue to exist.

Jesus' battle in the end in Revelation will make Joshua's slaughter seem like a picnic.

And ultimately this is what we need God to do...to put His foot down.

This is what our insides cry out for God to do as we see the atrocities our world dishes out on one another.

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Good Divine Action in creation has allowed space for evil human action in free will

Human action then in this fallen world cannot expel concurrent Divine Action in that same world

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Rev. 19:11-14 Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. [12] His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems, and He has a Name written that no one knows but Himself. [13] He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the Name by which He is called is The Word of God.
