



Upcoming Events

TROY METHODIST MEN'S MINISTRY

BREAKFAST & PROGRAM

SATURDAY, MAY 11
9:00 - 10:30 A.M.
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

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Message Notes

May 5, 2024

You Asked For It: Why does God sanction killing in the Old Testament
Deuteronomy 7:1-6, 20:17-18; Isaiah 53:5-6; Romans 5:9

A Framework for understanding the Biblical Story of Redemptive History: 1) The **people** of God, 2) in the **place** of God, 3) with the **presence** of God.

- Adam and Eve - **people** = all humanity; **place** = Eden; **presence** = complete UNTIL their rebellion caused them to lose it all. *Redemptive history is the story of God restoring it all!*
- Abraham and his descendants (Isaac & Jacob/Israel) - **people** = one extended family; **place** = Canaan, the Promised Land; **presence** = only a promise
- Moses and the Law - **people** = nation of Israel; **place** = the Promised Land; presence = in the tabernacle (All of these are very limited relative to what they were in creation!)

Israel was a THEOCRACY - this is the context of the conquest - God was their king; They were God's Kingdom; The Promised Land was God's land; Israel's enemies were God's enemies

The conquest:

- WASN'T ethnic cleansing (Rahab, a Canaanite, was incorporated into Israel by faith in Yahweh) or imperialistic expansion (God told them to keep no plunder)
- WAS Yahweh reestablishing the borders of His Kingdom and His judgment on the inhabitants for false worship and rejection of him as king

Jesus changes everything! In the New Covenant, Israel was no longer a theocracy!

- **People** - comprised of people from every nation, language, and tribe - God does not favor any particular nation because his Kingdom is not limited to any one nation.
- **Presence** - indwelling Holy Spirit - not limited to the temple, but is accessible to EVERY believer.
- **Place** - the promised new heavens and new earth that Jesus will establish upon his return. Until then, our kingdom is not of this world because Jesus reigns in heaven.

We all stand in judgment before God (Isaiah 53), but the gospel proclaims that while we were still sinners, Jesus died for us (Romans 5:8).