

## GROTESQUE GENOCIDE OR GLORIOUS GRACE?

*Deuteronomy 7:1-26 // April 10, 2022 PM*

### **I. Israel is to conquer by destroying the serpent's offspring (vv. 1-5).**

- A. Israel must wipe out Canaan's unholy inhabitants (vv. 1-4).
- B. Israel must wipe out Canaan's unholy idols (v. 5).

### **II. Israel is to conquer by embodying the woman's offspring (vv. 6-26).**

- A. Israel must apprehend the unconditionality of Yahweh's love (vv. 6-8).
- B. Israel must apprehend the conditionality of Yahweh's love (vv. 9-16).
- C. Israel must apprehend the vehemency of Yahweh's love (vv. 17-26).

### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. How could God command Israel to destroy the men, women, and children who lived in Canaan?
2. Read Genesis 3:15. How does this promise help us understand what God is commanding Israel in Deuteronomy 7?
3. Which of Noah's sons did all seven of the nations listed in v. 1 descend from? Why does this matter?
4. What made Israel to differ from the nations in Canaan? What makes the church to differ from the world today?
5. How can God's love in the covenant of grace be both unconditional and conditional? Why is it important to embrace both sides of God's love?
6. Though we are not called to wage physical warfare today in God's name, what does the conquest teach the new covenant church about how they are to live in the world?

### QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. How does understanding the redemptive-historical logic of the conquest help me to see the glory of God's goodness in it?
2. Do I know the love of God? Am I increasing in my knowledge of His love in such a way that I am increasingly growing to reciprocate love back to Him?
3. Am I fighting the good fight of faith, wielding the word and prayer, as I look to the final day when I will dwell with the holy God in His holy garden forever?