

THE SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENTS

Leviticus 20: 1 – 5

20 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Again, you shall say to the children of Israel: ‘Whoever of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who ^[a]dwell in Israel, who gives *any* of his descendants to Molech, he shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones. ³I will set My face against that man, and will ^[b]cut him off from his people, because he has given *some* of his descendants to Molech, to defile My sanctuary and profane My holy name. ⁴And if the people of the land should in any way ^[c]hide their eyes from the man, when he gives *some* of his descendants to Molech, and they do not kill him, ⁵then I will set My face against that man and against his family; and I will cut him off from his people, and all who prostitute themselves with him to commit harlotry with Molech.

2 Kings 16: 2 - 4

²Ahaz *was* twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and he did not do *what was* right in the sight of the LORD his God, as his father David *had done*. ³But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel; indeed he made his son pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had cast out from before the children of Israel. ⁴And he sacrificed and burned incense on the high places, on the hills, and under every green tree.

2 Kings 21: 1 – 6

21 Manasseh *was* twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother’s name *was* Hephzibah. ²And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel. ³For he rebuilt the ^[a]high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; he raised up altars for Baal, and made a ^[b]wooden image, as Ahab king of Israel had done; and he worshiped all ^[c]the host of heaven and served them. ⁴He also built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, “In Jerusalem I will put My name.” ⁵And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. ⁶Also he made his son pass through the fire, practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft, and consulted spiritists and mediums. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke *Him* to anger.

2 Kings 23: 10 – 11

Josiah Restores True Worship (8 years old when he became king)

¹⁰And he defiled Topheth, which *is* in the Valley of the ^[a]Son of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter pass through the fire to Molech. ¹¹Then he removed the horses that the kings of Judah had ^[b]dedicated to the sun, at the entrance to the house of the LORD...

2 Chronicles 28: 1 – 4

28 Ahaz *was* twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and he did not do *what was* right in the sight of the LORD, as his father David *had done*. ²For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made molded images for the Baals. ³He burned incense in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, and burned his children in the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel. ⁴And he sacrificed and burned incense on the ^[a]high places, on the hills, and under every green tree.

Jeremiah 7: 30- 31

“For the children of Judah have done evil in My sight”, says the LORD. “They have set their abominations in the house which is called by My name, to pollute it. And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, nor did it come into My heart.”

Jeremiah 8: 19b – 22

Listen! The voice, The cry of the daughter of my people From a far country: "Is not the Lord in Zion? Is not her King in her?" "Why have they provoked Me to anger With their carved images-- With foreign idols?" [20](#) "The harvest is past, The summer is ended, And we are not saved!" [21](#) For the hurt of the daughter of my people I am hurt. I am mourning; Astonishment has taken hold of me. [22](#) Is there no balm in Gilead, Is there no physician there? Why then is there no recovery For the health of the daughter of my people?

Jeremiah 32: 33 – 35

[33](#) And they have turned to Me the back, and not the face; though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not listened to receive instruction. [34](#) But they set their abominations in the house which is called by My name, to defile it. [35](#) And they built the high places of Baal which are in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire to Molech, which I did not command them, nor did it come into My mind that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.'

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- The people to whom these verses were directed (God’s chosen) - to the **same** people was directed the promise of certain judgement, and this judgement was directly related to their sin – the sin of slaughtering their children. (Sometimes the sin was committed in the temple area, sometimes it may have been [in their minds] in their minds an offering to God, though HE condemned the practice and never commanded it, and said that it had never entered His mind.)
- Therefore...Jeremiah 19 (read), but first chpt. 18!

Now, if Israel was created by God as a nation, called by God for a special purpose, commissioned by God to bring the world into an awareness of who God really is - - if He punished them for the slaughter of the innocents... would He not also punish others for the same?

And if God was involved in the formation of this great nation called America - and we certainly believe He was... from Columbus, to the pilgrims, to the Mayflower, to the words of the early leaders (who were God fearing men), to the nation which has until recently called upon God in times of national crisis – would not God also punish America for the slaughter of 60 million innocents? (Remember, the number is **1 billion** globally!)

How long could we really expect God to ignore the absolute disregard in modern day America to the truths contained in His Holy Bible? And it’s not only that we ignore the truth, many actually **hate** the truth, and others are so timid and weak as to be unwilling to take a stand to proclaim the truth! (Won’t speak up!)

Chapter 18 of Jeremiah teaches us that God wants to remake us...

Chapter 19 of Jeremiah teaches us that there comes a time when the clay gets so dry and brittle that there's no changing it – "cannot be made whole again!"

We MUST take seriously the teaching of Holy Scripture. Living the Christian life is not something to be taken lightly. "Why do you call Me Lord, Lord, and do not do the things I say", Jesus said. (Luke 6:46)

Remember, we are "salt" in a decaying, immoral world, and "light" at a time when the darkness is getting more intense daily. Get ready...

(an afterthought...We need to "show up" for the "show down"!)