

SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH

# SUNDAY SERMON

**“YOU MUST  
DESTROY THEM  
TOTALLY”**

Deuteronomy 7:1-6 NIV

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# Deuteronomy 7:1-6

**WHAT** Israel must do?

**WHY** Israel must do?

# Deuteronomy 7:1-6 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> When the LORD your God brings you into the land you are entering **to possess and drives out** before you many nations—the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, seven nations larger and stronger than you—  
<sup>2</sup> and when the LORD your God has delivered them over to you and you have defeated them, **then you must destroy them totally. Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy.**  
<sup>3</sup> **Do not intermarry with them.** Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons,  
<sup>4</sup> **for they will turn your children away from following Me to serve other gods, and the LORD's anger will burn against you and will quickly destroy you.** <sup>5</sup> This is what you are to do to them: **Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones, cut down their Asherah poles and burn their idols in the fire.**  
<sup>6</sup> **For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be His people, His treasured possession.**

# Does God condone genocide?

- Rules of engagement in war (Deuteronomy 20)

**10** When you march up to attack a city, make its people an offer of peace. **11** If they accept and open their gates, all the people in it shall be subject to forced labor and shall work for you.

**12** If they refuse to make peace and they engage you in battle, lay siege to that city. **13** When the LORD your God delivers it into your hand, put to the sword all the men in it. **14** As for the women, the children, the livestock and everything else in the city, you may take these as plunder for yourselves. And you may use the plunder the LORD your God gives you from your enemies. **15** This is how you are to treat all the cities that are at a distance from you and do not belong to the nations nearby.

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- Rules of engagement in war (Deuteronomy 20)
- This command is people and context specific (apply to 7 nations during Canaan campaign)
- Amalekites devoted to destruction (Genesis 17:8-14; Deuteronomy 25:17-19; 1 Samuel 15:2-3)

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- **The nations and the land have become defiled  
(Leviticus 18:24-25; refer Leviticus 18, 20;  
Deuteronomy 18:9-12)**

**Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, because this is how the nations I am going to drive out before you became defiled. Even the land was defiled; so I punished it for the its sin, and the land vomited out its inhabitants. **Leviticus 18:24-25****

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In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure. **Genesis 15:16**

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- **Self forfeiting to the right to life**

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28 Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done.

29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; 31 they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. 32 Although they know God’s righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them. **Romans 1: 28-32**

# Applications

- **Seriousness and call to decisive action to deal with sin** **Matthew 18:8-9**

**8 If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire.**

**9 And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.**

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- **Seriousness and call to decisive action to deal with sin [Matthew 18:8-9](#)**
- **God wants to tabernacle amongst His people**
- **We are His image-bearers and sign-posts**
- **New Covenant in Christ -  
God works in/We work out**

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