



**Title | *How Can You Justify the  
Cruel Things God Does  
in the Old Testament?***

**Series | *Torpedoes***

**Text | *Topical***

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# **Sermon Notes**

Joshua 10:40 So Joshua struck the whole land, the hill country and the Negeb and the lowland and the slopes, and all their kings. He left none remaining, but devoted to destruction all that breathed, just as the LORD God of Israel commanded. *ESV*

## **Big Idea:**

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Psalm 47:1 Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! 2 For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. 3 He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. *ESV*

## ***For Reflection & Application:***

### ***Monday:***

Have you ever been bothered by some of the things God does in the Bible that seem cruel? If so, how have you dealt with it? If not, why not?

### ***Tuesday:***

Read Deuteronomy 20:16-18 and Joshua 10:40. How would you respond to the person who says that the conquest of the Promised Land is not morally different than the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center on 9/11/2001?

### ***Wednesday:***

Why is it helpful to view the conquest through the lenses of context, justice, and salvation? What difference does it make?

### ***Thursday:***

Read Psalm 4:1-3. Why should all people, even those who are not Jewish, praise God for the conquest of the Promised Land?

### ***Friday:***

Read Isaiah 55:9. How does this help us embrace what we cannot explain?

### ***Daily Prayer:***

Lord, help me to embrace what I cannot explain by seeing it as part of the bigger story of your love and salvation. Amen.