

Understanding God's Justice and Judgement

1. God is Angry

- **In Hosea, God is angry at Israel**
 - **Hosea 4:5-6**
 - **Hosea 5:8-9**
 - **Hosea 5:14**
 - **Hosea 6:5**
 - **Hosea 9:1-3**
 - **Hosea 9:7**
 - **Hosea 9:11-14**
 - **Hosea 13:7-9**
- **God's anger leads to Judgement and Destruction for Israel**
 - **2 Kings 17:1-6**
- **God's anger against Judah**
 - **Amos 2:4-5**
 - **2 Kings 24:20b – 25:12**
- **God's anger against the Nations**
 - **Isaiah 13:6-9**
 - **Isaiah 17:1-3**
 - **Isaiah 24:1-3**
- **God's anger against the Canaanites**
 - **Deuteronomy 7:1-2**
 - **Deuteronomy 20:16-17**
 - **Joshua 6:20-21**

2. The Problem

- 1 John 4:8

3. The start of an answer

- Genesis 15:13-16

4. Justice

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5. God's Righteous Judgement

- Genesis 15:13-16
- Deuteronomy 18:9-22
- Deuteronomy 20:16-18

There is no indication that the Canaanite gods handed down a moral code for their people to follow. Indeed, the Canaanites were apparently much more moral than were their gods, an observation that is not especially flattering to the gods. To the Canaanite, fertility was of major importance in worship, and both male and female temple prostitution was prevalent... God had had enough. The people of Canaan were wicked in Abraham's day, but God showed mercy. The Canaanites had the witness of Abraham and his altars, and they recognised the power of the patriarch's god, but they did not forsake their own imitations. There were other opportunities and signs of the truth, but the Canaanites ignored them as well. Finally, God's mercy turned to judgement. Punishment was meted out to the Canaanites for their sins and to prevent them from leading Israel astray. In later centuries the prophets would entreat their hearers to 'repent today lest tomorrow be too late'. At the end of the fifteenth century many Canaanites ran out of tomorrows.

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6. Sin is Serious

- Romans 1:18-32

7. God's Anger and Love Collide at the Cross

- 2 Corinthians 5:21