

*What does the Bible say about terrorism? Your article said that the Israelites were "commanded to offer peace". Well, I find that fishy. The Israelites were not commanded to offer peace to the Canaanites. The Israelites killed civilians and soldiers. That is terrorism no matter how PC or extreme you twist/spin it to be. Every country committed horrible atrocities. Am I wrong about this?*

God laid down principles in warfare (Deut 20:1–20) and in welfare (Deut 24:19–22).<sup>1</sup>

The Canaanites<sup>2</sup> were God's enemies. Their destruction was commanded (Ex 23:23, 28–33). God is the giver of life. He alone can rightfully take life.

Terrorism is the unlawful use of intimidation and/or violence for political ends. All that God does is good (Ps 31:19) and lawful (Is 11:4, 55:9). All that wicked men (Deut 9:4) do to oppose him is evil and unlawful (2 Thess 2:7, 8).

Israel is not innocent before God today (Lk 13:35). They have rejected their Messiah and have made falsehood their refuge (Is 28:18). God is not finished with the nation Israel or his judgment against her enemies.

Regarding Revelation 14:20<sup>3</sup> J. Vernon McGee wrote:

...All of Palestine is the scene of this final war which ends in what is called Armageddon. It is a campaign beginning about the middle of the Great Tribulation and is concluded by the personal return of Christ to the earth.<sup>4</sup>

It is wise to be on God's side (Josh 24:14-15) whether one is Israeli *or* Arab (Dan 11:23).

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<sup>1</sup> The article stated: "...Israel was commanded to offer peace—and with it a warning—to a city prior to any attack (Deuteronomy 20:10). This procedure not only left room for peace, but it gave non-combatants an opportunity to flee prior to the battle." *What does the Bible say about terrorism?* GotQuestions.org. 27 Sept 2018:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-terrorism.html>

<sup>2</sup> The original inhabitants of Palestine. Described as: descendants of Ham (Gen. 10:5, 6), under a curse (Gen. 9:25, 26), Amorites (Gen. 15:16), seven nations (Deut. 7:1), fortified (Num. 13:28), idolatrous (Deut. 29:17), defiled (Lev. 18:24–27). Thomas Nelson Publishers. (1996). Nelson's quick reference topical Bible index (p. 122). Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

<sup>3</sup> And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs. The Holy Bible: King James Version. (2009). (Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version., Re 14:20). Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

<sup>4</sup> McGee, J. V. (1991). Thru the Bible commentary: The Prophecy (Revelation 14-22) (electronic ed., Vol. 60, p. 52). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.