

- **1. God's Authority** As Creator, He has the right to give and take life.
- **2. Judgment, Not Genocide** The conquest targeted wickedness, not ethnicity.
- **3. Limited and Specific** Regarding the initial conquest and occupation of the land.
- **4. Ancient Hyperbole** "Destroy all" often mean military defeat, not extinction.
- **5. Holy War on Giants** Targeting spiritual corruption that led to ancient evil.
- **6. Mercy Available** God spared those who turned to Him (e.g., Rahab, Gibeonites)
- 7. Foreshadowing Judgment Herem prefigures God's final



