

# Difficult Passages

Exploration of the challenging passages of the Scripture and how to honestly and accurately weigh them.

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# Numbers 5:22 and Abortion

- Is Numbers 5:22 teaching a priest how to cause an abortion?
- How do you justify a pro-life position and this passage?
- What related verses would you bring into the discussion?

Numberbs 5:20-22		
vs	NIV	KJV
20	But if you have gone astray while married to your husband and you have made yourself impure by having sexual relations with a man other than your husband —	But if thou hast gone aside to another instead of thy husband, and if thou be defiled, and some man have lain with thee beside thine husband:
21	here the priest is to put the woman under this curse — may the Lord cause you to become a curse among your people when <b>he makes your womb miscarry</b> and your abdomen swell.	Then the priest shall charge the woman with an oath of cursing, and the priest shall say unto the woman, The LORD make thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when <b>the LORD doth make thy thigh to rot,</b> and thy belly to swell;
22	<b>May this water that brings a curse enter your body</b> so that your abdomen swells or <u>your womb miscarries</u> .	And <b>this water that causeth the curse</b> shall go into thy bowels, to make thy belly to swell, and <u>thy thigh to rot</u> : And the woman shall say, Amen, amen.

# Genesis 6:4 and Nephilim

- Who were the nephilim?

Genesis 6:4 — There were **giants** in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

# Deuteronomy 7:2 and Genocide

- Does God teach genocide?

Deuteronomy 7:2 — And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and **utterly destroy** them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:

# 1 Samuel 15:11 and God Changing His Mind

- Does God change his mind in 1 Samuel 15:11?
- How can you reconcile 1 Samuel 15:11 and Numbers 23:19?

1 Samuel 15:11 — **It repenteth me** that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.

Numbers 23:19 — God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, **that he should repent**: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

# 1 Samuel 28:15 and Talking to the Dead

- Was Saul talking to Samuel in 1 Samuel 28?
- How can you reconcile 1 Samuel 28:15 and Ecclesiastes 9:6

1 Samuel 28:11 — Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, **Bring me up Samuel.**

1Sa 28:15 — **And Samuel said to Saul**, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.

Ecclesiastes 9:4-6 — For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion. 5 For the living know that they shall die: but **the dead know not any thing**, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. 6 Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; **neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.**

# Psalm 139:22 and Hating Enemies

- Should we hate or love our enemies?
- How can you reconcile Psalm 139:22 and Matthew 5:44

Psalm 139:22 — **I hate them** with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

Matthew 5:44 — But I say unto you, **Love your enemies**, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

# Proverbs 29:18 and Visionaries

- Does Proverbs 29:18, What is the vision of Proverbs 29:18?
- Is it just any vision, that will keep the people from perishing?
- Is Proverbs 29:18 about forward thinking and ambition?

Proverbs 29:18 — Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.