



THE **GOOD**,
THE **BAD**,
AND THE **UGLY**

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The Main Point

God's purposes are unstoppable by those who oppose Him!

The Unstoppable God

- **God is passionate for His glory and the display of His character**
- **God uses His people to accomplish His redemptive purposes, and invites us to join Him in His work**
- **The nature of faith requires trust, obedience, dependence and action**
- **God is faithful to us and unstoppable to those who oppose Him.**

The **UGLY**:

**EVERYBODY
LOSES**

Numbers 25 & 31

Interruption #1

Why Was Idolatry Attractive?

- **It made sense to people in that time**
- **It promised what they wanted – material prosperity**
- **It was self-gratifying and seductive**

Interruption #2

The Large Numbers in Numbers

**600,000 men equates to between
2,000,000 and 2,500,000 people...**

**Forty-six thousand five hundred
...not 46,500**

Can't be a mistake for 4,650

Could mean 46 clans with 500 men

Interruption #3

Genocide and Divine Justice

However, in the cities of the nations the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, do not leave alive anything that breathes. Completely destroy them—the Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites—as the Lord your God has commanded you.

Deuteronomy 20:16-17

Interruption #3

Genocide and Divine Justice

Then the Lord said to him, “Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years... In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.”

Genesis 15:13-16

Interruption #3

Genocide and Divine Justice

“Completely destroy them... Otherwise, they will teach you to follow all the detestable things they do in worshiping their gods, and you will sin against the Lord your God.”

Deuteronomy 20:17-18

Significance of the Story

**When God's people are unfaithful...
disloyal... adulterous... sinful...
lack fidelity... break faith...**

EVERYBODY LOSES

