
A Deadly Dictator

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The following is a partial list of atrocities perpetrated by a particular ruler. The name of this ruler will be revealed later in this article.

- This ruler killed 50,070 men because a few of them looked into his treasure box.
- This ruler killed 24,000 people by disease because they had mixed (inter-tribal) marriages.
- This ruler ordered the slaughter of 500,000 men because they did not support him. A further 120,000 were slaughtered and took 200,000 women and children captive and took all their possessions.
- This ruler was responsible for the slaughter of 1,000,000 Ethiopians.
- The thumbs and big toes of 70 local rulers were cut off in the name of this ruler.
- When members of the army tried to arrest one of his followers, he burnt 100 of them to death.
- This ruler plans to kill so many people that the bodies, he says, will lie from one end of the earth to the other.
- This ruler killed 23,000 people in one day for having extra-marital and pre-marital sex.
- This ruler killed 70,000 people by disease because a local ruler took a census.
- This ruler had 20,000 people killed because they were not of his preferred group.
- This ruler killed every living thing in two towns because some people in them were homosexual.
- This ruler killed 185,000 people in one area because a few of them said something against him.
- When his people wanted to abandon him, he threatened to kill 90% of the population.
- When he became disgusted with the people, he wiped out almost every living thing under his domain.

His favourite ways to kill and torture are:

- For breaking laws: disease, using wild animals to kill children.

- For having a religion different to his: burning, shot with arrows, savaged by wild animals, bitten by poisonous snakes, beaten with iron rods, having the children dashed to pieces, ripping up pregnant women and their unborn children.
- Enemies of his favourite group: Breaking their bones, horns, making them eat their own flesh and drink their own blood.

Some of this ruler's laws:

- Murder is permissible if your victim is homosexual, or is of mixed marriage, or urinates against a wall, or is a witch, or if a stranger approaches you.
- Intolerance towards the handicapped is permissible when they cannot pray at the altar, or have damaged testicles or a missing penis. One is permitted to run them out of town.
- Cannibalism is permissible if the ruler has taken away food supplies.
- Murdering your child is permissible if they swear at you, or encourage you to change your religion, or is killed in the name of the ruler.
- Rape is a serious crime unless the victim is a captive.
- Savagely beating another person with a weapon is a crime unless you stop just before the victim dies and the victim is a domestic helper, or your own child.
- Abandoning your family is a crime unless it is a family had out of wedlock, or your wife is a foreigner, or you spend more time supporting the ruler.
- Homosexuality is a crime unless you have many wives in addition to your boyfriend.

By any account, the actions of the ruler as described above are truly horrifying. The perpetrator of the above has never answered for these deeds, and never will. The reason why this will never happen is that these abominable doings were all the responsibility of the God of the Old Testament. Shocking, isn't it? If you don't believe it, you can verify these things for yourself: there is a list of biblical references at the end, showing where in the bible these deeds were taken from. Some of these acts were perpetrated by God himself, some were ordered by him, and many more were perpetrated in his name. What is even more

shocking is that the actions mentioned above are just a fraction of what you will find in the bible. Some of these can also be found in the New Testament. Have you ever wondered why we are constantly fighting wars, killing, maiming, torturing, all in the name of a just cause? It's because, through the ages, we have been following the examples set by this deity who, we are told, loves everyone.

As a teen and a young man, reading about these terrible deeds led me to question what was written. Was this all true, was it made up, was it myth, who wrote this? Looking for answers to these questions started my life long quest to discover the truth, and it's amazing what one finds when one starts to look. The truth, as I have discovered, is even more shocking. However, my purpose in this article is to try and awaken the desire in people to find the truth for themselves. Being handed the truth, without having to search for it, will greatly diminish its value and, in most cases, will be rejected by many. One needs to, as I have, "follow the white rabbit", to quote from the movie The Matrix.

The *first* step is to determine who wrote the Old Testament. One will discover that much of it is a rehash of the Sumerian texts, which were written long before the Old Testament came about. These were brought out of Babylon by the Jews held captive there. The *second* step is to read and understand these texts. Only then will the truth begin to peek out at you. This will lead on to modern discoveries that confirm what was written in those old texts. Then you start to put everything into perspective, then

you can begin to look for the true creator of all, and then have the answers to the age old question of "why are we here?"

References:

1 Samuel 6:19; Numbers 25:6-9; 2 Chronicles 13:15-18;
2 Chronicles 14:8-12; Judges 1:5-7; 2 Kings 1:10-14; Jeremiah 25:33;
1 Corinthians 10:8; 1 Chronicles 21:1-14; Judges 3:28-29;
Genesis 19:24-25; Isaiah 37:1-36; Amos 5:1-3; Genesis 6:5-7:22;
Deuteronomy 28:15-28; Psalms 2:8; Isaiah 49:26; Hosea 13:16;
Ezekiel 5:11-13; Leviticus 20:14; Leviticus 21:9; Kings 16:11-12;
Leviticus 21:17-21; Deuteronomy 23:1; Jeremiah 19:9;
Deuteronomy 28:57; Isaiah 9:19-20; Numbers 19:13;
Exodus 21:17; Deuteronomy 13:6-10; Matthew 10:21-22;
Deuteronomy 20:13-14; Leviticus 19:20-22; Deuteronomy 22:28-29;
Exodus 21:20-21; Proverbs 23:13-14; Genesis 21:10-14;
Nehemiah 13:25-30; Luke 14:26; Mark 10:29-30; Luke 18:29-30;
Leviticus 18:22; 2 Samuel 1:26; 1 Samuel 20:41; 1 Kings 11:3;
Romans 1:26-27; Exodus 22:18; Numbers 3:38