

Genocide in the Bible

One way of looking at the issue of genocide in the Bible is to understand that everything that happens is permitted to happen by God. Since God is the beginning cause of everything you could correctly conclude that God caused the Genesis flood and caused all forms of genocide in the Bible. Because God is love, there must be a loving purpose behind all the tragedies of life, not only the genocide. The law of sowing and reaping, I believe, is a universal law of cause and effect and its purpose is to steer humanity in the right direction. This law applies to nations as well as individuals. The writers of the Hebrew Bible viewed God as the direct, rather than the indirect, cause of human events and incorrectly viewed God as a big man in the sky making things happen, when the actual truth of the matter is that God merely oversees what mankind is doing to itself, feels their pain, and tends to our wounds and heals us. I don't believe that the history in the Bible is accurate literal history. Some is accurate, but a lot of it is myth and legend, man's attempt to understand how God operates in history.