

A Biblical Response to Dr. Todd Phillips

Part 2 | Finding the Ancient Path

The Four Questions

Lot and his daughters

David, Bathsheba, and the child

Midianite captives

Amalek and the infants

How to Read Difficult Narratives

Narration does not automatically equal approval

Read the text and its context

Compare related Scriptures

Lot and His Daughters

Genesis 19:1-29

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2 Peter 2:6-8

What Does Righteous Mean?

Lot's serious wrongdoing

Peter's description of his distress

Psalm 103:8-12 and mercy

David: Personal Guilt vs. Consequences

Deuteronomy 24:16

2 Samuel 11:26-27

2 Samuel 12:7-14

The Child and the Difficult Question

The speaker acknowledges the difficulty

The child is not described as guilty of adultery

Distinguish guilt from consequences

Consequences Beyond One Generation

Lamentations 5:7

Romans 5:12

David's household in 2 Samuel 13-18

The Midianite Captives

Numbers 31:17-19

Numbers 31:25-27

What does the text explicitly say?

Captive Women and Torah

Deuteronomy 21:10-14

Time to mourn

Marriage and release provisions

Amalek and the Infants

1 Samuel 15:1-3

Exodus 17:8-16

Deuteronomy 25:17-19

Interpretation vs. Explicit Text

The speaker proposes a Nephilim connection

1 Samuel 15 does not explicitly identify Amalekites as Nephilim

Keep claims and interpretations distinct

Yahovah as Judge

Psalm 96:10-13

Justice and human understanding

The Teaching's final appeal

Study Questions

Where does narration differ from approval?

How do guilt and consequences differ?

Which claims require further study?

Next Teaching and Closing

Biblical slavery reserved for separate study

Community Q&A and Paul's letters

Shabbat shalom