

Shocking Sovereignty - Gentile Nations

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Possible responses to God's Sovereignty:

1. Resistance –I'm not going to believe that God is like that.
2. _____ –That seems inconsistent, could He really have *that* as a standard?
3. Worship –I am going to submit myself to One greater than I and trust Him even when I don't understand everything.

The Gentile Nations were used by God as:

1. An Object for _____
2. A _____ for Implementation
3. A _____ for Clarification

An Object of Demonstration

Egypt-Demonstration of Power and a _____ Kept
Genesis 15:13-21

Canaan-Demonstration of God's _____, Judgement and Faithfulness to His Promises

Canaanite culture was morally disgusting.

Deut 9:5; Lev 18:24-25; Deut 18:9,12

Their idolatrous system and culture had been evil for over 400 years Gen 15:14-16

Nineveh- Demonstration of _____
Jonah 1:2; 3:2-5; 3:9; 4:2

A Tool for Implementation

Nebuchadnezzar-Tool of God's Judgment
Nehemiah 1:8

Cyrus-Tool of God's _____
Isaiah 44:28

Pilate-Tool of God's Redemption
John 18: 28-32; 19:11;

A Witness for God (Clarification)

Samaritan Villagers-Witnesses for God
John 4:39-42

Pilate-Witness for God
John 18:38; 19:4,6; Matt 27:19; Luke 23:4

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So what do we do with this?

- _____ the shocking things we are studying.
- Embrace the contradictions of what God says is righteous and what our culture says should be embraced.
- _____ the interpretation of the facts from an unfair to a merciful perspective.

Answer Key (in order): Confusion, Demonstration, Tool, Witness, Promise, Patience, Mercy, Restoration, Embrace, Flip
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