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The Two Warnings

Speaking to oneself:

Gen 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

Gen 6:7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

The Lord Speaks to Israel	The Lord Speaks to Himself
<p>2:1 And an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swear unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you. 2 And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this? 3 Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you.</p>	<p>2:20 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice; 21 I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died: 22 That through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk therein, as their fathers did keep it, or not.</p>

“I will not drive them out” 2:3, 21

2Sam. 24:4 And Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel. ... 6 Then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtimhodshi; and they came to Danjaan, and about to **Zidon**, 7 And came to the strong hold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the **Hivites**, and of the **Canaanites**: and they went out to the south of Judah, even to Beersheba.

1Kings 9:20 And all the people that were left of the **Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites**, which were not of the children of Israel, 21 Their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, upon those did Solomon levy a tribute of bondservice unto this day.
Cf. persistence of Baal worship down to the captivity.

Question:

Ex. 23:28 And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee. 29 I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee. 30 By little and little **I will drive them out** from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land.

Deut. 7:22 And the LORD thy God **will put out** those nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee.

Answer:

Jer 18:7 At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it; 8 If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them. 9 And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; 10 If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them.

Proving Israel, 3:1-4

<p>3:1 Now these are the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them, ...</p>	<p>4 And they were to prove Israel by them,</p>
<p>2 Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know to know the generations of the children of Israel,</p>	<p>to know</p>
<p>to teach them war,</p>	<p>whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the LORD,</p>
<p>1 ... even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan; 2 ... at the least such as before knew nothing thereof;</p>	<p>which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.</p>
<p>3 Namely, five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Baalhermon unto the entering in of Hamath.</p>	

The Nation-Lists in 3:3, 5

3:3: ignoring Joshua's legacy

Judg 3:3 Namely, **five lords of the Philistines**, and all the **Canaanites**, and the **Sidonians**, and the Hivites that dwelt in **mount Lebanon**, from **mount Baalhermon** unto **the entering in of Hamath**.

Josh. 13:2 This is the land that yet remaineth: all the borders of the **Philistines**, and all Geshuri,
3 From Sihor, which is before Egypt, even unto the borders of Ekron northward, which is counted to the **Canaanite: five lords of the Philistines**; the Gazathites, and the Ashdothites, the Eshkalonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; also the Avites:
4 From the south, all the land of the **Canaanites**, and Mearah that is beside the **Sidonians**, unto Aphek, to the borders of the Amorites:
5 And the land of the Giblites, and all **Lebanon**, toward the sunrising, from **Baalgad under mount Hermon** unto **the entering into Hamath**.

3:5: despising the promise to Abraham

Judg 3:5 And the children of Israel dwelt among the **Canaanites**, **Hittites**, and **Amorites**, and **Perizzites**, and Hivites, and **Jebusites**:

Gen. 15:18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:
19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,
20 And the **Hittites**, and the **Perizzites**, and the Rephaims,
21 And the **Amorites**, and the **Canaanites**, and the Girgashites, and the **Jebusites**.

3:6 fulfills Moses' warning ...

Deut. 7:1 When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, **the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites**, seven nations greater and mightier than thou; 2 And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them: 3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; **thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.** 4 For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may **serve other gods**: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.