

1. Canaanites

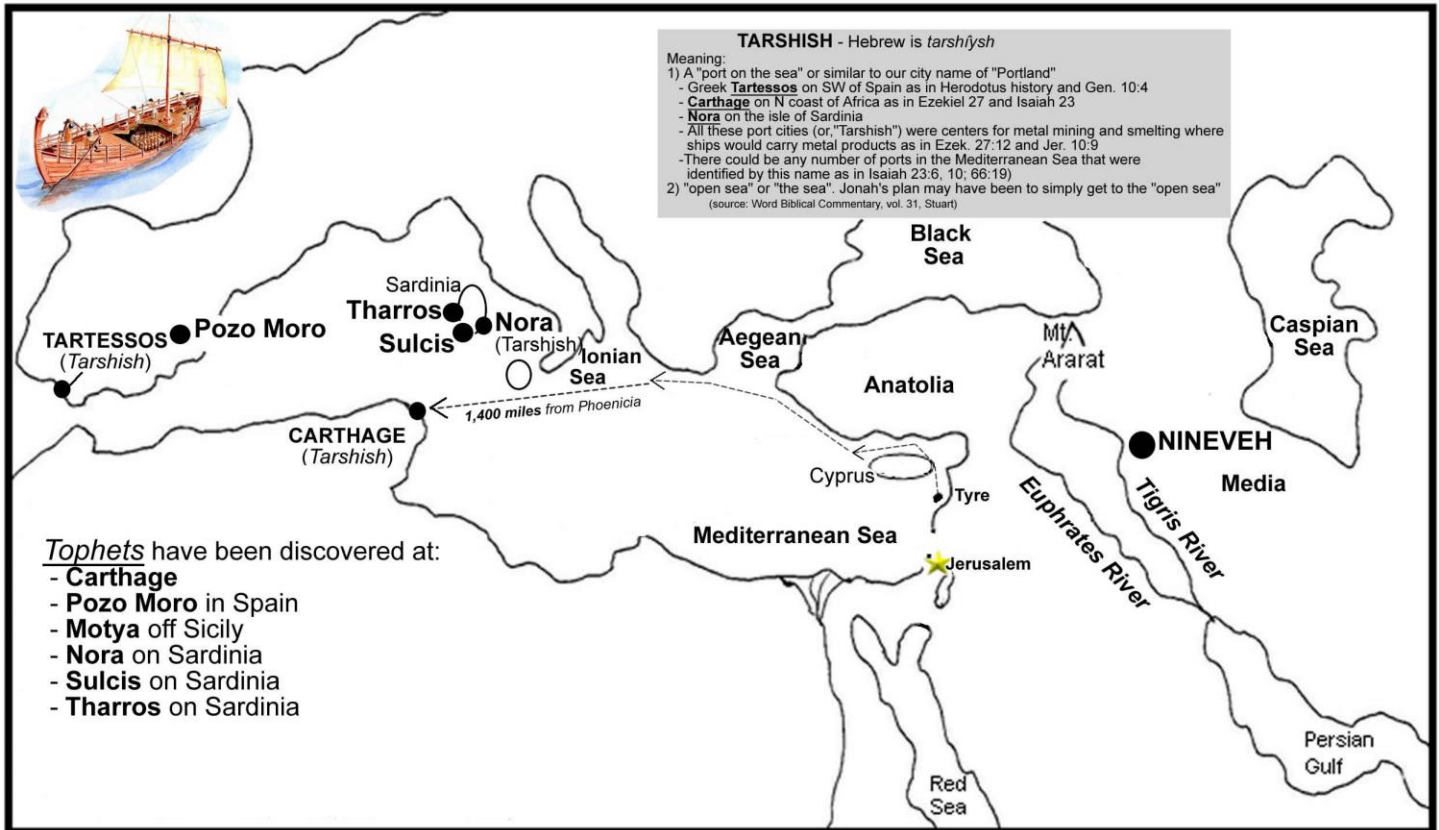
- a. Evil people according to the Lord because:
 - i. Deuteronomy 20:18 – they worshipped false gods
 - ii. Deuteronomy 12:31 – they sacrificed their children to their gods
 - iii. Deuteronomy 18:9-11 – they practiced magic
- b. In Abraham's day Canaanite sin and social depravity had begun:
 - i. Sodom was a Canaanite city (Genesis 19)
 - ii. Canaanites (Ammorites) still had time to repent and restore their minds and their culture to Reality before a total national disaster would take place in 400 years, or 4 generations:
 1. Genesis 15:13 – “Then the LORD said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years.”
 2. Genesis 15:16 – “And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”
 3. Melchizedek was a priest of God most high living in Salem in the days of Abraham. And, there were other believers at that time.
 - iii. God is just and will punish sin. God is at war with evil. The Lord will make war against societies that are corrupt. This is what a righteous God will do to peoples who corrupt his Reality and destroy his Creation.
 - iv. The Ras Shamra Tablets:
 1. These Ras Shamra Tablets are cuneiform text written in Ugaritic language from north of Israel in Syria, many along the coastal cities of the Mediterranean Sea. They were discovered beginning in 1928-1994. They were written during the height of their power in 1450 BC until its destruction in the 1200's. A total of 1,500 clay texts and fragments have been recovered. These documents include:
 - a. poems,
 - b. the Baal Cycle -
 - c. Legend of Keret
 - d. Tale of Aqhat
 - e. 150 describe the Ugaritic (Canaanite) cults and rituals
 2. The Ras Shamra Tablets have shed much light on Canaanite religion and culture. Archaeologists discovered these written records ("several hundred clay tablets and fragments"[\[19\]](#)) in northwest Syria at the site of an ancient city: Ugarit. They date from the fourteenth century B.C., the time of the conquest by Joshua. The Canaanites wrote them in the Ugaritic language in cuneiform script. These records reveal that Canaanite culture was extremely immoral and inhumane. The Canaanites commonly practiced prostitution of both sexes, many kinds of sexual perversion, and human sacrifice. These were their *religious* practices.
 3. Wikipedia – Ugarit - “After its destruction in the early 12th century BCE, Ugarit's location was forgotten until 1928 when a peasant accidentally opened an old tomb while ploughing a field. The discovered area was the [necropolis](#) of Ugarit located in the nearby seaport of [Minet el-Beida](#). Excavations have since revealed a city with a prehistory reaching back to

c. 6000 BCE.^[15] The site is a sixty-five foot high mound. Archaeologically, Ugarit is considered quintessentially Canaanite.^[16]

- v. Leon J Wood in “A Survey of Israel’s History” writes: “Canaan was advanced in material culture.
1. Cities were well laid out, and
 2. houses showed good design and construction.
 3. Floors of buildings were often paved or plastered.
 4. Drainage systems had been developed.
 5. Workers were skilled in the use of:
 - a. copper,
 - b. lead, and
 - c. gold.
 6. Pottery was among the finest anywhere in the world.
 7. Extensive trade was conducted with foreign countries, including;
 - a. Egypt,
 - b. Northern Mesopotamia, and
 - c. Cyprus.
 8. In technical knowledge, Canaanites were much in advance of Israelites who had spent the past forty years in nomadic conditions of the desert.
 9. In this cultural disparity lay grave danger for Israel: a danger which soon issued in sad reality.
 10. History shows that less developed cultures are normally absorbed by those more advanced.
 11. In years which followed, Israel did not become absorbed by Canaan, but she did experience pronounced influence.
 - a. Had this involved only material culture, such as pottery manufacture, city construction, or methods of farming, there could even have been benefit;
 - b. but when it came to include ways of thinking, ideas, and especially religious belief and practice, the harm was great.”
- vi. The Biblical record of Canaanite’s false philosophy, false reality and false religion:
1. Leviticus 18:1-30 –
 - a. Lev. 18:1-5 – “The Lord said to Moses, “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘I am the Lord your God. You must not do as they do in Egypt, where you used to live, and you must not do as they do in the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you. Do not follow their practices. You must obey my laws and be careful to follow my decrees. I am the Lord your God. Keep my decrees and laws, for the person who obeys them will live by them. I am the Lord.”
 - b. “Do not...”
 - i. 18:6-20 - Do not have sexual relations with...family
 - ii. 18:6-20 - Do not have sexual relations with people other than spouse

- iii. 18:21 – Do not give any of your children to be sacrificed to Molek...
- iv. 18:22 – Do not have sexual relations with a man
- v. 18:23 – Do not have sexual relations with an animal

Lev. 18:24-25 – “This is how the nations that I am going to drive out before you became defiled. Even the land was defiled; so I punished it for its sin, and the land vomited out its inhabitants...for all these things were done by the people who lived in the land before you, and the land became defiled. AND IF YOU defile the land, it will vomit you out as it vomited out the nations that were before you...do not follow any of the detestable customs that were practiced before you came...”



Verses:

1. Ezekiel 23:39 attach practice to worship of YHWH
2. 2 Chron. 28:2-3 and 33:6 – King Ahaz and King Manasseh
3. Leviticus 20:4-5 – “And if the people of the land do at all close their eyes to that man when he gives one of his children to Molech, and do not put him to death, ⁵ then I will set my face against that man and against his clan and will cut them off from among their people, him and all who follow him in whoring after Molech.”
4. Deuteronomy 12:29-31 – ““When the Lord your God cuts off before you the nations whom you go in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land, ³⁰ take care that you be not ensnared to follow them, after they have been destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire about their gods, saying, ‘How did these nations serve their gods?—that I also may do the same.’ ³¹ You shall not worship the Lord your God in that way, for every abominable thing

that the Lord hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods.

5. Deuteronomy 18:10 – “There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer.”
6. Jeremiah 19:3-6 – “You shall say, ‘Hear the word of the Lord, O kings of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I am bringing such disaster upon this place that the ears of everyone who hears of it will tingle. Because the people have forsaken me and have profaned this place by making offerings in it to other gods whom neither they nor their fathers nor the kings of Judah have known; and because they have filled this place with the blood of innocents, and have built the high places of Baal to burn their sons in the fire as burnt offerings to Baal, which I did not command or decree, nor did it come into my mind— therefore, behold, days are coming, declares the Lord, when this place shall no more be called Topheth, or the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter.
7. Jeremiah 7:30-32 – “For the sons of Judah have done evil in my sight, declares the Lord. They have set their detestable things in the house that is called by my name, to defile it. And they have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, nor did it come into my mind. Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when it will no more be called Topheth, or the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter; for they will bury in Topheth, because there is no room elsewhere.
8. 2 Kings 23:10 - Molech

Tophet is an open air sanctuary where child sacrifice took place. It means “roaster” or “place of burning”

- A Tophet today is the place where scholars and archaeologist find remains of burned children buried in a cemetery in urns
- Read ancient accounts

Mulk is a technical word in Semitic for “a live sacrifice”

- Semitic inscription mlk for *Mulk* is **mlk**
- An inscription from Carthage: “To our lady, to Tanit, the face of Baal, and to our lord, to Baal Hammon, that which was vowed...because he heard this voice and blessed him.”
- **Molech** has the same Semitic consonants as found on the funerary stela at Carthage...**mlk**...which refers to a living sacrifice
- In the Carthage cemetery with the children are also animals