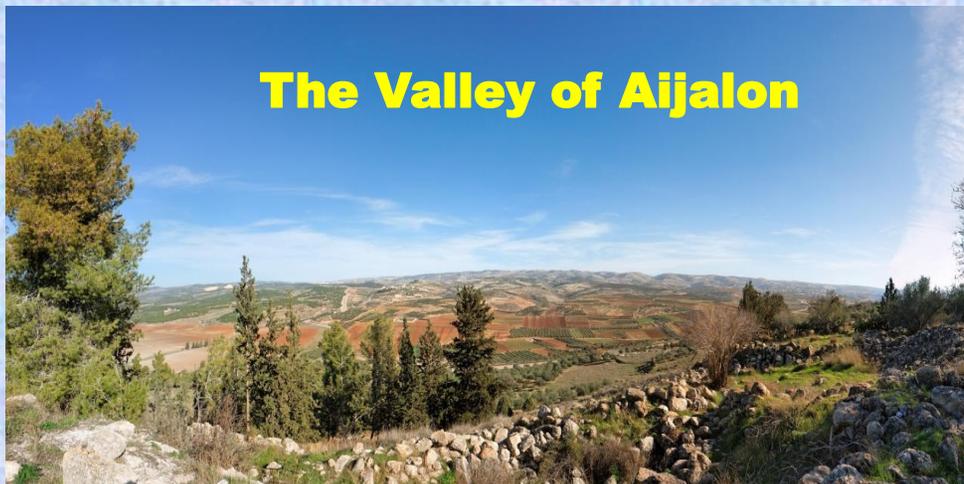


# Unpunished Corruption Breeds Violence.-Part 2

It is written: "And God said to Noah, 'The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.'" Gen. 6:13

Although God is loving and caring in nature, He is determined to punish sin whenever it pokes its nose like never before. God spoke to Abraham and promised that He would give his descendants the Land of Canaan. He waited for appropriate time for this to come to pass. Israel dwelt in Egypt for 430 years. This is the approximate time **God allowed the sin of the Amorites the then occupants of this land to ripe before punishing them.** Never be cheated, sin is punishable! The timing is what varies. Sometimes God gives people time to repent. The worst happens when they remain stiff-necked and persist in it..



**The Valley of Aijalon**

Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel: **"Sun, stand still over Gibeon; And Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon."** Joshua 10:12

The LORD honoured the prayer of Joshua. He fulfilled the promise He had made to Abraham about the nation of Israel many years back. We see Joshua remind Israel about the goodness and the intervention of the LORD in the lives. It is written: "Now therefore," he said, 'put away the foreign gods which are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD God of Israel.'" Joshua 24:23

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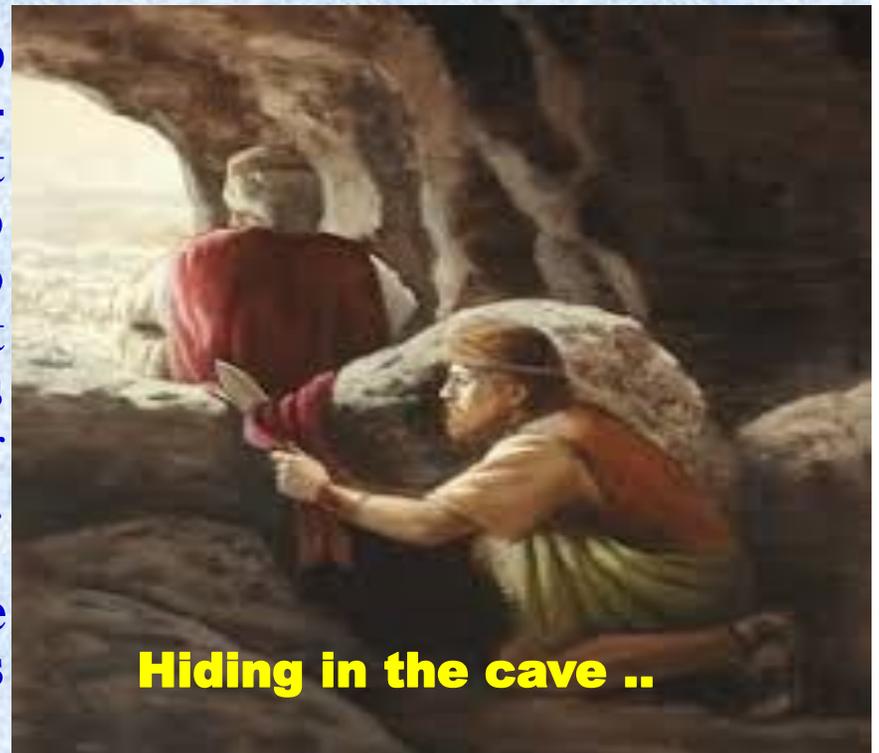
I am always embraced with the response of the people to Joshua's message. It is written: **And the people said to Joshua, 'The LORD our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey!'** Joshua 24:24. Although they had in past disobeyed God, especially during the days of Moses, this time they got it right.

This awesome response prompted Joshua to make a covenant with the people. The Bible says, "So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made for them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem." Joshua 24:25. **That is the attitude we should always emulate from the people of Israel. There is no need to strive with God.**

**Sin has ugly consequences. It must be punished otherwise it will pollute the land.** It is written: "And God said to Noah, 'The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.'" Ge 6:13

**David warned those who defected to him from King Saul against promoting violence.** The Bible declares: "And David went out to meet them, and answered and said to them, 'If you have come peaceably to me to help me, my heart will be united with you; but if to betray me to my enemies, since there is no wrong in my hands, may the God of our fathers look and bring judgment.'" 1 Chron. 12:17

**The LORD tests the righteous, But the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates.** Psalms 11:5



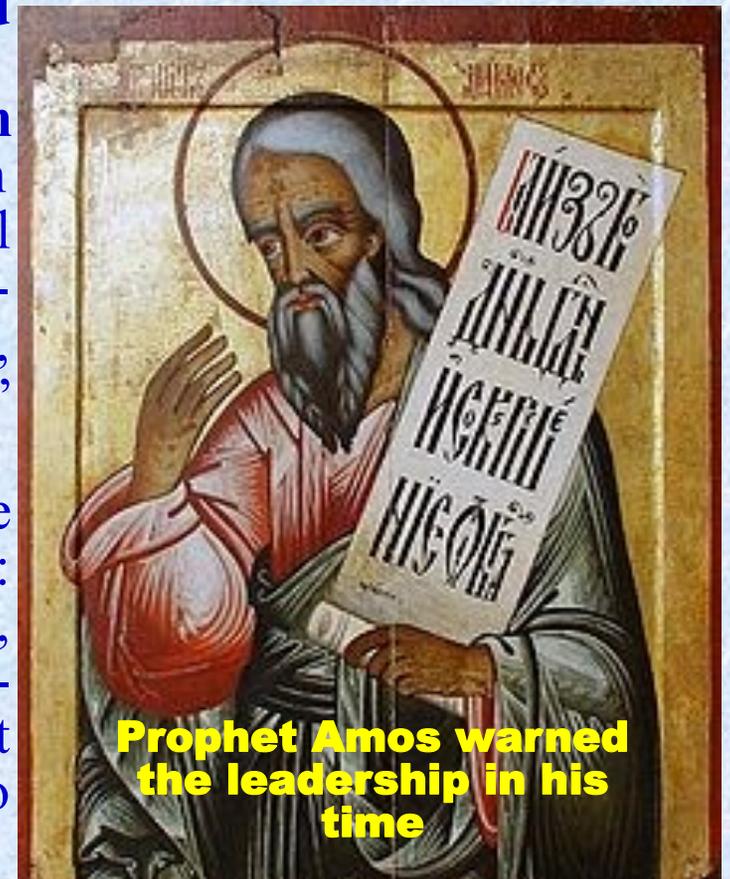
**Hiding in the cave ..**

**The LORD warns his people never to do violence to the stranger, the fatherless, or the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place.** It is written: 'Thus says the LORD: 'Execute judgment and righteousness, and deliver the plundered out of the hand of the oppressor. Do no wrong and do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, or the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place.'" Jer. 22:3

During electioneering period, it is like there is a free license for some people to be violent. To some people spilling innocent blood is their norm and joy. Do you know violence provokes the LORD to anger? And He said to me, "Have you seen this, O son of man? Is it a trivial thing to the house of Judah to commit the abominations which they commit here? **For they have filled the land with violence; then they have returned to provoke Me to anger. Indeed they put the branch to their nose.**" Eze. 8:17

**Shedding innocent blood causes barrenness in the land.** Please listen these words. God puts it in black and white for all to hear: He says, "Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land." Joel 3:19

Prophet Amos warned the leadership in his time against storing violence in the palace. It is written: "For they do not know to do right,' Says the LORD, 'Who store up violence and robbery in their palaces.'" Am 3:10. Blessed are the leaders who do not use their privileged office to propagate evil, but to fight it.



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