

Doctrine of Cannibalism

1. When speaking to the people of the Covenant, the Lord warned that if they violated His commandments one form of divine discipline would include the act of cannibalism.
 - *Leviticus 26:16 I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.*
 - *Leviticus 26:29 And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat.*
 - *Deuteronomy 28:53 And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the Lord thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee:*
 - *Deuteronomy 28:57 And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates.*

2. The centuries passed and the people of God grew more and more wicked. Finally, in 721 BC the Lord sent the Assyrians to destroy the northern kingdom of Israel resulting in acts of cannibalism.
 - *Isaiah 9:19 Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts is the land darkened, and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire: no man shall spare his brother. And he shall snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied: they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm.*

3. In 586 BC the southern kingdom of Judah fell before the army of the Babylonians with the same prophesied behavior of cannibalism being engaged in.
 - *Jeremiah 19:9 And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend.*
 - *Ezekiel 5:10 Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of thee, and the sons shall eat their fathers.*
 - *Zechariah 11:9 I will not feed you: that that dieth, let it die; and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh of another.*

4. The extremely depraved act of cannibalism is a form of divine judgment upon the non-believing community as well as the people of the Covenant.

- *Isaiah 49:26 And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine.*

5. There Bible reports specific cases of cannibalism.

- *2 Kings 6:28 This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him to day, and we will eat my son to morrow. So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him.*
- *Lamentations 4:10 The hands of the pitiful women have sodden their own children: they were their meat.*
- *Micah 3:2 Who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones; Who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron.*
- *Ezekiel 24:10 Heap on wood, kindle the fire, consume the flesh, and spice it well, and let the bones be burned. Then set it empty upon the coals thereof, that the brass of it may be hot, and may burn, and that the filthiness of it may be molten in it, that the scum of it may be consumed. She hath wearied herself with lies, and her great scum went not forth out of her: her scum shall be in the fire.*