

1) What was the stated reason for the genocide in each instance?

In each instance we hear the term removing or purifying to “become a perfect state.” They viewed these set of groups as less than and had them killed.

2) Do you see a pattern in these reasons?

I do see a pattern for these reasons. One group becomes blameful on the other groups and blames them for the downfall economically, socially, etc. We are still witnessing this in today's society, where one side of the political spectrum blames the other, and all it's doing is creating division in the world.

3) Are elements of civil war, or nationalism, or racism, or religion involved in genocides? Do you see examples of identerest? Be specific as to the nation/group and the aspect involved.

I do believe we have some who are involved in genocides. I often think we, as Christians, can play a significant role in genocides where we can exclude people and act as if they don't exist. We also have the Crusades and many other events in the “name of Jesus.”

4) How do hierarchies and politics impact genocides? How?

Politics are well-informed on what is happening around them but refuse to do something about it. It is due to power and their understanding eliminating particular population would benefit their political agenda.

5) What do you think can be done to stop genocides from happening in the present/future?

There are times when I'm incredibly hopeful that leaders with integrity, character, and courage will rise and begin doing the things that will change all of it. However, I have witnessed too many leaders go in with good intentions but, somewhere in between, get mixed up in corruption and the need for power that they betray their values.