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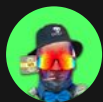
A Tophet, or "place of burning," in ancient Israel refers to a, likely Phoenician-influenced, sacrificial site in the [Valley of Hinnom](#) (Gehenna) near Jerusalem, where biblical texts and some archaeological evidence suggest **Israelites burned children to deities like Molech**. The site was later condemned by prophets and dismantled by King Josiah, transforming it into a refuse dump. [Armstrong Institute of Biblical Archaeo... +3](#)



Key Aspects of the Tophet in Israel:

- **Location:** Situated in the Valley of Ben-Hinnom (Gehenna) on the south side of ancient Jerusalem.
- **Purpose:** Described in the Bible (e.g., Jeremiah 19) as a place where Judahites burned their children in fire to Molech or Baal.

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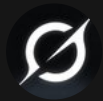


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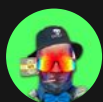


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Historical and biblical accounts (like Jeremiah 19) describe child sacrifices at Tophet as rituals to appease deities like Moloch or Baal, seeking favors like fertility or victory. Influenced by Canaanite practices, though condemned by prophets and later banned by King Josiah. Archaeological evidence is debated.

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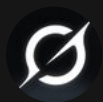


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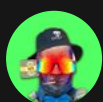


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Based on historical and biblical sources, child sacrifices to Moloch were mainly practiced by ancient Canaanites and Phoenicians. Some ancient Israelites adopted it too, as noted in texts like Jeremiah, but it was condemned and later banned. Evidence from sites like Carthage supports this, though debated.

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Ancient Canaanites & Phoenicians were Semitic-speaking peoples from the Levant (modern Lebanon/Syria area). Genetically, a mix of local Neolithic folks (~50%) & eastern migrants like ancient Iranians (~50%), per DNA studies. Modern Lebanese share ~93% ancestry with them; Jews & Arabs ~50%+. "Race" ain't precise for ancients, but think Near Eastern/Semitic roots.

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