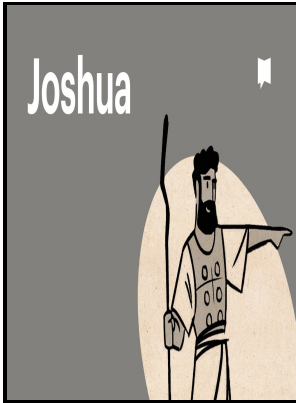


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He doesn't say anything particularly new, but he articulates in a systematic and readable way things not enough of us dare say about the troubling nature of the Old Testament and possible approaches to it.

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Thus, even those depictions of God which attribute violence to God may continue to function as important hermeneutical irritants that provide the means for emerging with a Word of God for our time and place—even and perhaps especially when it challenges contemporary understandings or makes us very uncomfortable. Recognizing biblical depictions of the divine as contextual does not provide the basis for rejecting them as inaccurate, but rather the invitation to empathetically understand how, within that context, they reveal something of who God is. Sinai, while with only the second, the God of the prophets who orchestrates world events according to a divine plan would be largely incomprehensible.

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I read this much slower than I have read other books because I was challenged in every chapter.

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On the contrary, the God Jesus reveals is one who loves enemies and calls us to go and do likewise. This sounds reasonable and fair. He explains that the Old Testament writers didn't write objective history true enough and that the texts often had a more grounded political bent true again.

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Although Seibert and I fundamentally agree that as Christians we are called to a life of nonviolent discipleship, I am less convinced than he that

Jesus believed God to be essentially nonviolent: in part because he celebrates Passover, warns of impending judgment, and quotes from Isaiah and other prophets for whom exile was a divine punishment and return a sign of divine mercy.

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He argues that we do not have to accept any verse in the Bible as true if it might give the impression that God is anything less than perfectly good. These literary portrayals are culturally conditioned and reflect ancient Israelite perceptions about God.

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If this is the case, it may be an important reason for maintaining this concept.

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