Why Does the God of the Old Testament Seem so Violent and Hateful?

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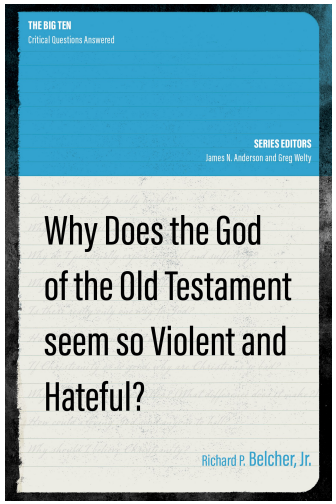

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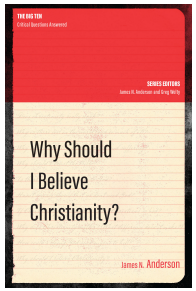

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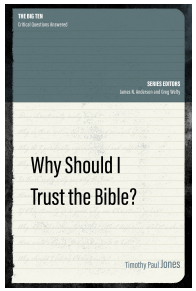

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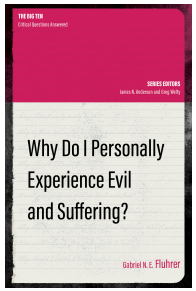

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Atheists often level charges at the God of the Bible as being angry and hateful. They claim that God is a cruel and oppressive megalomaniac. But does this match what Christians claim about Him being a God of love? Belcher's addition to the Big Ten series addresses this commonly asked question and shows how the God of the Old Testament is the same loving, generous, gracious God that we meet in the person of Jesus Christ. An excellent read for any who struggle to answer questions about the character of God and for those looking to bolster their faith in the God of the Bible.

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ENDORSEMENTS

Although the New Atheism has now fizzled out, many of its arguments have spread widely into the culture—not least the idea that the God of the Old Testament is mean, vicious and hateful. In this thorough, well researched book, Richard Belcher explores why this argument fails. It will be a helpful addition to any pastor's library!

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