

A Lens of Love: Reading the Bible in Its World for Our World

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In order to engage the Bible in the spirit of justice, compassion, and love, Jonathan L. Walton suggests reading the Bible in its world for our world. *A Lens of Love* helps Christians to read and interpret the Bible morally and confidently as they engage society's pressing issues. Walton provides interpretive tools to help understand the context of the Scriptures along with the Scriptures themselves in order to engage the richness of the Bible as they strive to live in the world in a biblically grounded, theologically sound, and socially responsible way.

Part I: The Promise of Moral Imagination

Part II: The Power of Sacred History

Part III: The Practice of Subverting Authority

Oct 18 Part I

- Chapter 1: Is There Room? Faith and Intellectual Curiosity

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- Chapter 3: Seeing as God Sees: Putting on the Lenses of Love

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- Chapter 4: Explaining the Inexplicable: Sacred History and Suffering in the Dynastic Literature
- Chapter 5: Origins, Apologies and Attacks: Political Allegory in the Pentateuch

Nov 8 Part II

- Chapter 6: Is God Racist and Sexist? Inappropriate Metaphors and Perverted Interpretations

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- Chapter 7: Setting the Captives Free: A Gospel Ethic
- Chapter 8: Reading Someone Else's Mail: the Pauline Epistles

Nov 22 Part III

- Chapter 9: Faith over Fear: A New Testament Ethic of Resistance
- Chapter 10: Speaking Truth to Power: A Subversive Gospel Ethic