God and the Origin of Evil: A Contextual Analysis of Alleged Monistic Evidence in the Old Testament


Abstract
This book is dedicated to the study of a problem which Biblical research has regarded as a central aspect of the OT understanding of God, namely, the thesis that the Deity was held to be the immediate author of all evils affecting both the individual and the nation of Israel as a whole. Examination of the exegetical literature dealing with this problem reveals that scholars have thought to find support for this view in passages of two types, in part in texts which explicitly place responsibility for evil with God, and in part in texts which seem to indicate that a demonic element was incorporated into the Deity via a process of identification. In the first part of Lindström’s study the latter supposition is examined by means of a critical...

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