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Renewing Trust (Joshua 6:17-21)

Why is God so Angry in
the O. T. ?

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- D. Medical issue

Troubling O.T. Passages

A. Joshua 6:17-21

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¹⁷ Jericho and everything in it must be completely destroyed as an offering to the Lord. Only Rahab the prostitute and the others in her house will be spared, for she protected our spies.

Joshua 6:17-21

¹⁸ “Do not take any of the things set apart for destruction, or you yourselves will be completely destroyed, and you will bring trouble on the camp of Israel. ¹⁹ Everything made from silver, gold, bronze, or iron is sacred to the Lord and must be brought into his treasury.”

Joshua 6:17-21

²⁰ When the people heard the sound of the rams' horns, they shouted as loud as they could. Suddenly, the walls of Jericho collapsed, and the Israelites charged straight into the town and captured it. ²¹ They completely destroyed everything in it with their swords—men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep, goats, and donkeys.

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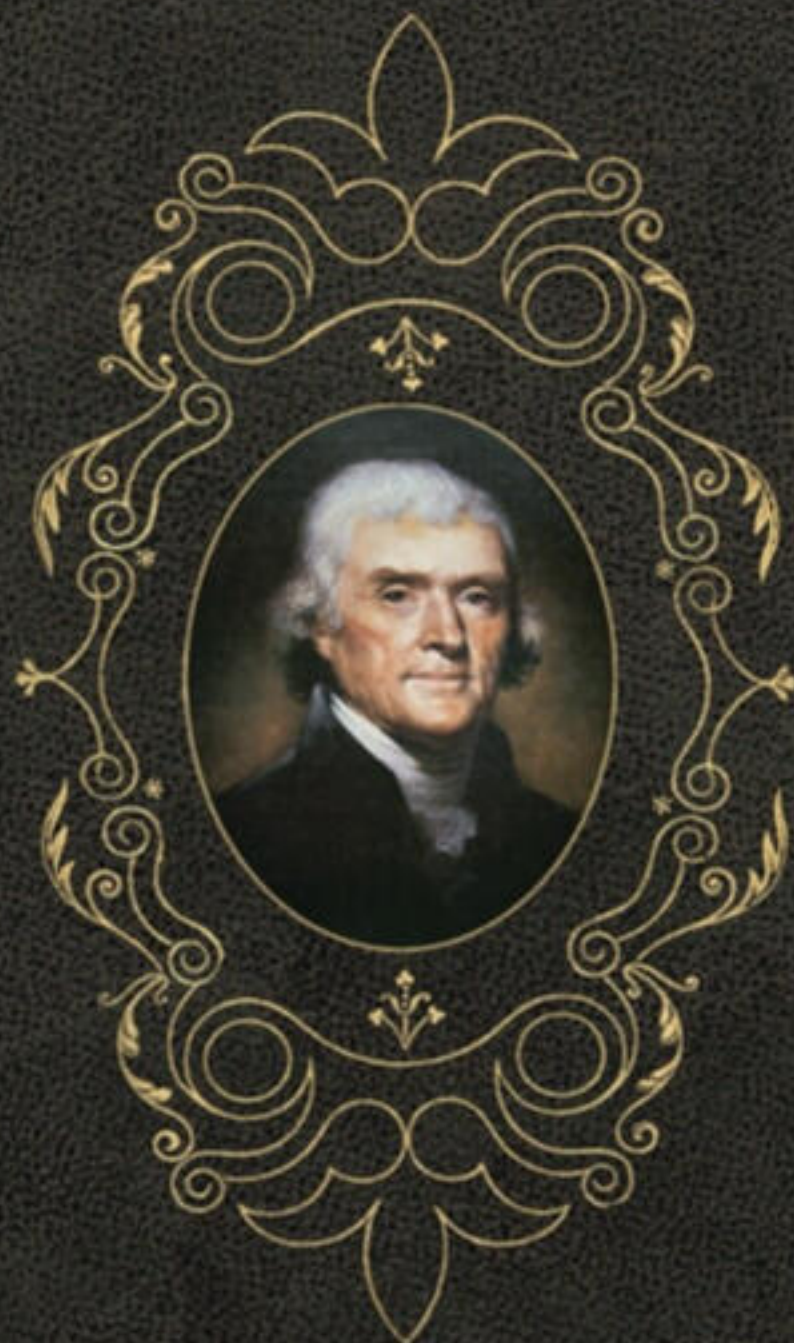
Richard Dawkins

Explanation #1

Ignore those scriptures or eliminate them.

THE JEFFERSON BIBLE

The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth



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Jesus' view of the Old Testament

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Explanation #3

Canaanite people were extremely morally corrupt bringing justice on human evil.

Leviticus 18:24

Explanation #4

The Holiness of God

God's Anger—essential character or response as corruption and injustice require it?

What's Your Image of God?

Isaiah 6

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Psalms 103

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Jesus (John 1, John 14, Heb. 1)

Have You Heard?