Bible through the Lens of Trauma

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Explore emerging trends in trauma studies and biblical interpretation

In recent years there has been a surge of interest in trauma, trauma theory, and its application to the biblical text. This collection of essays explores the usefulness of using trauma theory as a lens through which to read the biblical texts. Each of the essays explores the concept of how trauma might be defined and applied in biblical studies. Using a range of different but intersection theories of trauma, the essays reflect on the value of trauma studies for offering new insights into the biblical text. Including contributions from biblical scholars, as well as systematic and pastoral theologians, this book provides a timely critical reflection on this emerging discussion.

Features:

- Implications for how reading the biblical text through the lens of trauma can be fruitful in pastoral and theological pursuits
- Articles that integrate hermeneutics of trauma with classical historical-critical methods
- Essays that address the relationship between individual and collective trauma

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