

ISN'T CHRISTIANITY A VIOLENT RELIGION?

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Critics falsely attempt to lay the blood of mankind at Christianity's feet.



Joel 3:9 *ESV*

Proclaim this among the nations:

Consecrate for war;

stir up the mighty men.

Let all the men of war draw near;

let them come up.

Looking at the Battles of the Bible

Exodus 20:13 ESV

¹³ “You shall not murder.

Genesis 4:7 ESV

⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”

Religion alone does not explain violence

James 4:1 ESV

¹ What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?

Jeremiah 17:9 ESV

⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick;
who can understand it?

Psalms 58:2 ESV

² No, in your hearts you devise wrongs;
your hands deal out violence on earth.

Proverbs 24:2 ESV

² for their hearts devise violence,
and their lips talk of trouble.

Jeremiah 13:22 ESV

²² And if you say in your heart,
‘Why have these things come upon me?’
it is for the greatness of your iniquity
that your skirts are lifted up
and you suffer violence.

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Jeremiah 22:17 ESV

¹⁷ But you have eyes and heart only for your dishonest gain, for shedding innocent blood, and for practicing oppression and violence.”

The Bible's fight is Spiritual and it's reward is Heaven

John 18:10-11 ESV

¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) ¹¹ So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

John 18:36 ESV

³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”

2 Corinthians 10:3 ESV

³ For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh.

1 Peter 2:11 ESV

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

Romans 14:17 ESV

¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

