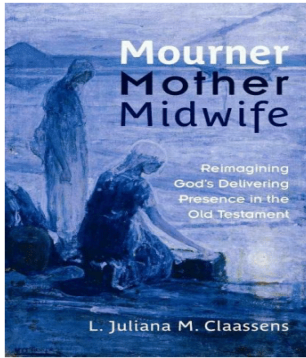


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Summary

Traditional understandings of God as deliverer depict God as a mighty liberator-warrior and wrathful avenger. Juliana Claassens explores alternative Old Testament metaphors that portray God as mourner, mother, and midwife—images that resist the violence and bloodshed associated with the dominant warrior imagery. Claassens discusses how metaphors of God as life-giver began to develop in the aftermath of the trauma of Israelite exile. She offers compelling examples of how this feminine imagery still has the power to inspire hope amidst violence in today's world. She demonstrates that God's delivering presence helps people of faith cope with trauma and suffering on many levels—individual, community, national, and global—while bringing forth new life out of death and destruction.

Advance Praise for Mourner, Mother, and Midwife

In this book Claassens has defeated decisively the myth of the Old Testament God as an "Angry Old Man." Here revealed is the One who has been there all along: God as a woman who mourns in solidarity with those who suffer, as the midwife and mother who delivers from bondage and oppression. What a delightful encounter it is to meet such a gracious and caring deity! Claassens has written the most bold and exciting work of feminist biblical theology in thirty years, and among the most exciting works in biblical theology in the last decade. Full stop. I can't wait to share this with students in the classroom, and I wish every pastor would inwardly digest it, and then preach it from the rooftops.
—Jacqueline E. Lapsley, Associate Professor of Old Testament,
Princeton Theological Seminary

These essays exhibit a discerning feminist perspective. But the collection is not just another reiteration of what has become a rough consensus from a feminist hermeneutic. Rather this is a bold proposal for fresh imagery for God that is a compelling alternative to the familiar images that bespeak virility that readily implies violence. These fresh delineations, moreover, are deeply grounded in the text, as Claassens is a judicious reader of texts. The outcome is to give us a method and perspective informed by

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