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Episode 7: *Hero or Hellboy?*

**The Bible –
Amazing chronicle of history?
Or a screenplay for an outrageously
unbelievable “B” movie?
People have diverse opinions...**

“The Scriptures have God as their author.”

~ *The First Vatican Council*

“Whenever we read the obscene stories, the voluptuous debaucheries, the cruel and torturous executions, the unrelenting vindictiveness, with which more than half of the Bible is filled, it would seem more consistent that we called it the word of a demon than the Word of God.”

~ *Thomas Paine (1737-1809)*

The Bible, especially the Old Testament, is filled with numerous stories of animal and human sacrifice. God, we are told, likes the pleasing aroma of burning flesh. Animal sacrifice is much more common than human sacrifice, but both occur and are “pleasing to the Lord.”

~*excerpt from evilbible.com*

You must not worship the Lord your God in the way of the nations around you, because in worshipping their gods, they do all kinds of detestable things the Lord hates. They even burn their sons and daughters in the fire as a sacrifice to their gods.

~ *Deuteronomy 12:31 – also see Jeremiah 7:31*

The book of Judges answers the question, “How bad can it get for a people who have rejected God’s leadership?” It is a book of chaos, horror and atrocities. Don’t worry if you are shocked and deeply disturbed when you read it. That is its point!”

~ *Anonymous*

I wonder if it is not possible that the book of Judges was composed by a deeply religious woman who is satirizing men who play who play God, a woman who is using humour to deflate the arrogant.

~ *Adrien Janis Bledstein*

“The whole design of the book from prologue to epilogue...clearly portrays an age gone awry...”

~ *John Davis, Herbert Wolfe, Commentary on Judges*

“In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit.”

~ *Judges 21:25 – conclusion to the book of Judges*

From start to finish, the Bible is a book of wild, shattering behaviour.”

~ *Michael Ventura*

**Perhaps the Bible is filled with stories that are...
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