
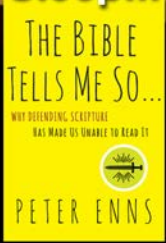


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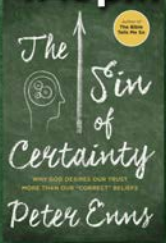


**Sunday, July 31**


**Spark Church**  
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**God Did What?!**  
*The Bible and Divine Violence*



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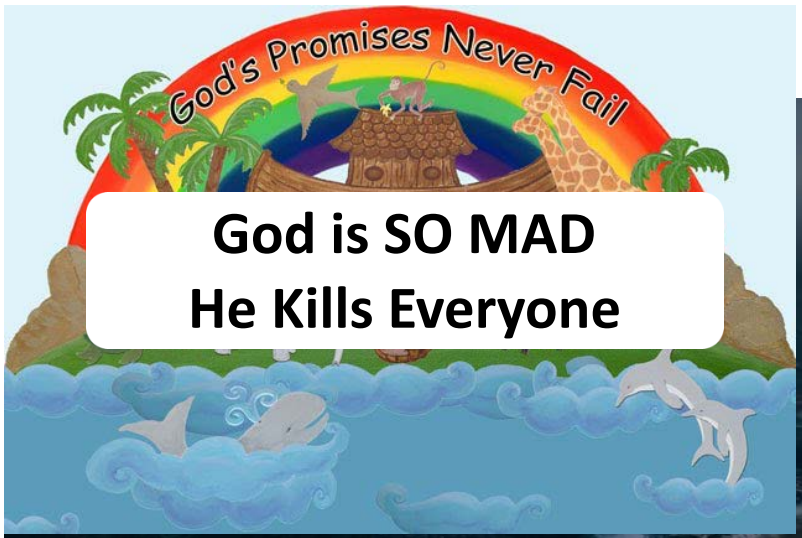
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- Incurable boils, ulcers, scurvy, itches
- Madness, blindness, confusion
- Continually robbed and abused with no help to come
- Other men will lie with your betrothed woman.
- Livestock will be butchered and stolen from you.
- Your sons and daughters will be taken from you as you look on.
- You will eat your own children and afterbirth, and withhold food from loved ones.
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- 3. *We’re not the first people to notice all this.***
- 4. *The Bible gives us a snapshot of genuine faith in God in that time and place.***
- 5. *Trusting the Bible (?)***