

Seven Gods of the Bible

El, the Canaanite God of Abraham

In Genesis 15, Abraham is blessed by the Canaanite God El Elyon by the Canaanite Priest Melchizedek and swears by this God El to take none of the goods taken in his victory.

YHWH, the Colonial God of Moses

When Moses asks God his name at the burning bush, he says he is YHWH (Ex. 3.15) and that he will enable Israel to colonise Canaan ((Ex. 6.1-9) & blot out the Canaanites (Ex. 23.23-33).

The Warrior God of the Primordial

The Psalmist (Ps. 74) reminds God that the primordial warrior God overcame primordial chaos and crushed the primordial dragons, including Leviathan.

Cosmic Wisdom, the God of the Wisdom School

Wisdom preceded creation and functioned as the Architect in the design and formation of the cosmos (Prov. 8. 22-31). After viewing the 'design' of Wisdom innate across the cosmos, Job claims to 'see' God (Job 42.5).

The New YHWH of the New Covenant of Jeremiah

Unlike the Old colonial YHWH of Moses, the New YHWH makes a new covenant, is empathetic, not jealous, experienced in the human heart, has the divine law inscribed on the heart and forgives transgressions (Jer. 31.31-34).

The Compassionate God of Jesus of Nazareth

In Luke 4 Jesus declares that the Spirit of his loving God has called him to show compassion to the poor, the captives, the blind and the oppressed, and to people other than Israel.

The Cosmic Christ of Early Christians

In John, the Gospel writer declares that Jesus is God incarnate, far more than a compassionate God of good news, a god who is later identified as the Cosmic Christ (Col. 1.15-20).

So, which God/gods will you choose?