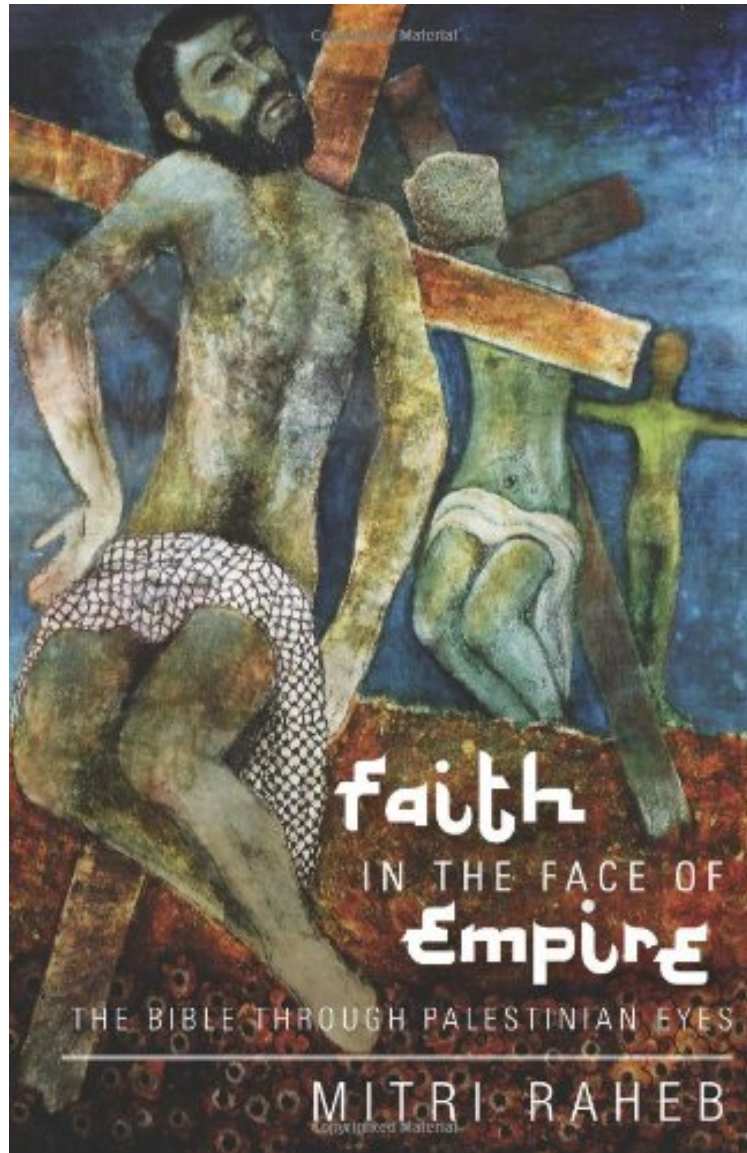


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focus is on the internal map each person must develop for her/himself. The way to freedom, equality, and self determination starts inside every person. Real change comes from within, as Jesus said often. And that starts with faith. But it is not only faith, as Dr Raheb points out, but informed faith. One needs to look soberly on the history of the region, as he does in this text, in order to understand that the only "solutions" that will last are those emanating from the region itself. Empires come and go. Their brilliant solutions for those under their domination also come and go. The people of the region will devise their own future, if left to it. But first they must search within themselves for what they truly want the future to look like. Dr. Raheb provides a roadmap to do just that. I highly recommend this book for anyone who is interested in a better, more in-depth understanding of the Middle East. 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. An interesting examination of the plight of the Palestinians By sarabee The author, a Palestinian Protestant pastor living in Bethlehem, traces the plight of people living in the area through the ages. Oppressed by the empires on whose border they exist, they somehow manage to survive. He identifies today's empire as the United States with Israel as its client state. The book is interesting because it presents a point of view different from one favoring Israel without question. 15 of 16 people found the following review helpful. "Buying the field" By Arnie Voigt In the Epilogue to his book, Faith in the Face of Empire, author Mitri Raheb refers us to Jeremiah 32: Jeremiah is in prison, the city destroyed, the temple burned, and yet Jeremiah is asked to buy his cousins field. Raheb writes: He was able to imagine a future beyond the destruction around him. And then, Hope was deciding to invest in the area at a time when no sane person would dare. Those words describe the author himself. Raheb is a Palestinian pastor who given his gifts and talents easily could have emigrated and found a parish or academic perch elsewhere. But he stayed in his home town of Bethlehem and bought the field: under his guidance programs and institutions of mercy, well-being, and education have been established. Faith in the Face of Empire is a reading of The Bible Through Palestinian Eyes which contextualizes the Biblical narrative with a Palestinian face and speaks of how faith creatively resists the machinations of the present day empire, Israeli occupation. One can almost hear the author breathe out his own journey of faith and embodied creative resistance, a quality for which he credits his father. Resistance, he writes, is action, not reaction, and Faith is nothing less than developing the bold vision of a new reality and mobilizing the needed resources to make it happen. This book is a solid and literate resource for anyone wishing understanding to join in buying the field."

A Palestinian Christian theologian shows how the reality of empire shapes the context of the biblical story, and the ongoing experience of Middle East conflict.

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