

McMaster Divinity College Presents

THE ARM OF THE LORD GATHERS THE LAMBS

THE METAPHORS OF SHEPHERD & DIVINE WARRIOR
IN THE BOOK OF THE TWELVE



Theological Research Seminar

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This paper treads new ground by reading the metaphors of God as Shepherd and God as Divine Warrior in light of each other, despite their apparent contradictory natures (gentle, caring vs. violent and powerful). Building on the work of Van Hecke, and using a literary-linguistic approach to metaphor, this paper analyses Micah 2:12-13; 4:14-5:8, and Zechariah 9-11 and the use of the Shepherd and Divine Warrior metaphors, concluding that a new configuration of conceptual domain, "God as Divine Warrior-Shepherd," is formed by the interrelationship between these two conceptual domains of God. This new conceptual domain has important implications for reading the corpus of the Twelve Prophets as a literary whole.

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