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**Make the Old Testament Live** Richard S. Hess 1998 Written by educators from five continents, this book offers fresh perspectives on teaching the old Testament today, and addresses problems of Curriculum, context, and communication.

**In Quest of a Vital Protestant Center** George Demetrion 2014-10-06 In Quest of a Vital Protestant Center probes the relationship between Scripture and culture in twentieth-century US theology and biblical studies. It points to the necessity of turning to what Karl Barth has referred to as "the strange new world within the Bible" for any revitalization of mainline Protestantism in the tradition of the Protestant Reformers in critical dialogue with serious evangelical theology. The study includes a historical overview underlying what Demetrion refers to as the "fundamentalist/modernist great divide," which continues to resonate powerfully in contemporary US Protestant thought and culture. Demetrion offers an in-depth exploration of four representative twentieth-century Protestant theologians and biblical scholars, spanning from the conservative evangelical theology of J. I. Packer to the postliberal dialectical theology of Walter Brueggemann. The book includes a chapter on the neo-orthodox legacy as a mediating resource in bringing evangelical and postliberal theology into dialogue with the core issues of theology, biblical hermeneutics, and religious culture. Demetrion concludes with a critically empathetic review of the postliberal dialectical theology of Douglas J. Hall and the evangelical narrative theology of Richard Lints. In linking evangelical, postliberal, and neo-orthodox theology to a common search for a vital Protestant center, this book will facilitate fruitful dialogue among divergent schools of Protestant thought and culture.

**Old Testament Theology** Walter Brueggemann 1992 Through these essays, Brueggemann addresses the necessity for thinking about the shape and structure of Old Testament theology, and the impact such thinking can have on the large issues of contemporary life. "The Old Testament is seen to be something that has intelligible and
significant connections to all sorts of things in this world".--Patrick D. Miller, Jr.

Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations Larry L. Walker

2017-05-01 The Cornerstone Biblical Commentary series (18 volumes) is the product of nearly 40 scholars, many of whom participated in the creation of the NLT. The contributors to this series, who are well-known and represent a wide spectrum of theological positions within the evangelical community, have built each volume to help pastors, teachers, and students of the Bible understand every thought contained in the Bible. In short, this will be one of the premier resources for those seeking an accessible but fairly high-level discussion of scriptural interpretation. Elmer A. Martens, PhD, is professor emeritus of Old Testament and president emeritus at Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary (Fresno, California), where he has taught for over 30 years. He is the author of God's Design, A Focus on Old Testament Theology, and a commentary on Jeremiah (Herald Press). He was coeditor of The Flowering of Old Testament Theology and served for several years as the editor of the journal Direction. Larry L. Walker, PhD, held a professional teaching career with time split between Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Mid-America Baptist Seminary. Since his retirement in 1998, he has done adjunct teaching at several seminaries. He authored a commentary on Zephaniah for the Expositor's Bible Commentary and is also a contributor to the New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology and Exegesis.

SCM Studyguide Old Testament John Holdsworth 2013-01-07

This undergraduate text provides an introduction to the Old Testament covering all the core topics provided on a typical level one course. Features include: boxed explanations of difficult concepts, bullet pointed notes to remember, shaded areas of text highlighting areas for reflection, questions at the end of each chapter, web links and more.

In His Own Image and Likeness W. Randall Garr 2003-01-01

This book argues that, within the Priestly tradition, human creation marks the replacement of God's divine community, signifying the moment when God takes control over that community, separates himself, and institutes monotheism.

Doing Theology in the New Normal Jione Havea 2021-07-30

Responses to the recent pandemic have been driven by fear, with social distancing and locking down of communities and borders as the most effective tactics. Out of fear and strategies that separate and isolate, emerges what has been described as the “new normal” (which seems to mutate daily). Truly global in scope, with contributors from across the world, this collection revisits four old responses to crises – assure, protest, trick, amend – to explore if/how those might still be relevant and effective and/or how they might be mutated during and after a global pandemic. Together they paint a grounded, earthy, context-focused picture of what it means to do theology in the new normal.

Theology of the Old Testament Walter Brueggemann 2012-06-01

In this powerful book, Walter Brueggemann moves the discussion of Old Testament theology beyond the dominant models of previous generations. Brueggemann focuses on the metaphor and imagery of the courtroom trial in order to regard the theological substance of the Old Testament as a series of claims asserted for Yahweh, the God of Israel. This provides a context that attends to pluralism in every dimension of the interpretive process and suggests links to the plurality of voices of our time.

Abraham in the Old Testament and Early Judaism John Eifion Morgan-Wynne 2020-04-23

In this book, John Morgan-Wynne carefully examines the pivotal figure of Abraham in the Old Testament and Early Judaism. Our earliest literary evidence concerning Abraham is the stream of tradition known as J, the so-called Yahwist source (ca tenth century BCE), and also the Elohist stream of tradition (ninth to eighth century, or perhaps earlier). The subsequent eclipse of the Abrahamic tradition in the south is probably accounted for by the stress on the Davidic monarchy. However, Abraham’s
profile begins to rise again during and after the Babylonian exile when Jewish theologians had to come to terms with the traumatic events of the fall of the northern and southern kingdoms. He is frequently discussed in many non-canonical, early Jewish writings as he became a figure of identification, a pre-eminently righteous man, and an example to imitate, as Jews came to terms with being a subject people and with persecution.

**A God So Near** Patrick D. Miller 2003 Annotation. Patrick Miller is widely known as an educator, editor, President of the Society of Biblical Literature, and academic who is concerned to ensure that academics and the life of the church are not torn asunder in this era of fragmentation. This volume honors him for his life's work, presenting 24 essays by students and colleagues on themes dear to Miller: (1) the Psalms and God's nearness to his people, and (2) Torah (Deuteronomy, in particular) and God's connection with his people in their lives together.


**The Early Christian Community** Douglas A. Hume 2011 Douglas A. Hume offers a narrative ethical reading of the passages depicting the early Christian community in Acts (2:41-47 and 4:32-35). He begins with a methodological exploration of how contemporary scholars may examine the impact of biblical narratives upon reader's moral imaginations. Given the presence of friendship language in Acts, the work subsequently launches into an examination of this idiom in Greco-Roman philosophical and literary works by Aristotle, Plutarch, Diogenes Laertius, and Iamblichus. The author then proceeds to an exegetical examination of how friendship language is employed by Luke in the narrative summaries of Acts. This ethical reading of the Acts 2:41-47 and 4:32-35 incorporates multiple features of narrative criticism and asks such wide ranging questions as the use of emotion, point of view, and characterization to shape the reading audience's perception of God, the early Christian community, and other characters within the story of Luke-Acts. This study has implications for biblical studies, practical theology, and contemporary understandings of ecclesiology.

**Restorative Readings** L. Juliana Claassens 2015-05-15 The Bible has the unfortunate legacy of being associated with gross human rights violations as evident in the scriptural justification of apartheid in South Africa as well as slavery in the American South. What is more, the Hebrew Bible also contains numerous instances in which the worth or dignity of the female characters are threatened, violated or potentially violated, creating a situation of dehumanization in which women are viewed as less than fully human. And yet the Bible continues to serve as a source of inspiration for readers committed to justice and liberation for all. But in order for the Bible to speak a liberative word, what is necessary is to cultivate liberating Bible reading practices rooted

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in justice and compassion. Restorative Readings seeks to do exactly this when the authors in their respective readings seek to cultivate Bible reading practices that are committed to restoring the dignity of those whose dignity has been violated by means of racial, gender, and sexual discrimination, by the atrocities of apartheid, by the HIV/AIDS pandemic, and by the dehumanizing reality of unemployment and poverty. Conversations with the Old Testament John Holdsworth 2016-07-20 This book discusses major themes and critical issues of the Old Testament in a way that relates to current experience, context and culture.

Exile and Suffering Bob Becking 2009 At the fiftieth anniversary of the Old Testament Society of South Africa a conference was organized on the theme Exile and Suffering. This volume contains a selection of the papers presented. Focal questions are such themes as: What do we really know about the Exile? To what degree did suffering take place? How did the Ancient Israelites cope with the disaster? Where the ancinet traditions sufficient to deal with the Exile? Or did this period produce new forms of 'theology'? The significance of the Exile as a matrix for understanding suffering until this day is also dealt with.

Theology of the Biblical Witness Klaus Nürnberg 2002 The Word of God emerged and evolved as divine responses to changing human needs in biblical history. By tracing the historical trajectories of six paradigms of salvation, such as ex-odus, kingship and sacrifice, through a millennium of biblical history, Nurnberger reveals a vibrant current of meaning underlying the texts which expresses growing insight into God's redemptive intentions and which can be extrapolated in to the present predicaments of humankind. Klaus Nurnberger is professor emeritus for Systematic Theology and Theological Ethics at the University of Natal in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. His carreer has been devoted mainly to the underlying causes of world-wide socio-economic discrepancies and the relevance of the Christian faith in this regard.

The Role of Old Testament Theology in Old Testament Interpretation Walter Brueggemann 2015-05-14 This collection of essays is drawn from a series of previous collections to which the author has contributed that were designed to honor senior scholars in the discipline of Old Testament study. Each of these essays reflects a distinct intention depending on the nature of the original collection in which they appeared and the scholar who was being honored. Taken together, however, this collection amounts to an articulation of Brueggemann's distinctive approach to theological interpretation of the Old Testament. Already in his major volume on Old Testament theology, Brueggemann proposed a dynamism of tension, dispute, and contradiction as the text of ancient Israel sought to give voice to the mystery of God as a sustaining and disruptive agent in the life of the world. Over a long period of time, this collection reflects the author's growing clarity about the task of Old Testament theology. It further reflects on the nature of the biblical text and the way in which the God who inhabits the text runs beyond all of our attempts to define and explain. These essays reflect not so much on methodological issues, but take up the substantive questions that regularly occupied these ancient text-makers.

An Annotated Guide to Biblical Resources for Ministry David R. Bauer 2011-04-01 "David Bauer's Annotated Guide to Biblical Resources for Ministry is without doubt the most complete and up-to-date practical bibliographic compendium on the Bible now available. All interpreters of Scripture--pastors and teachers--will find the information provided here useful and accessible. Especially valuable are the annotations of selected books, which offer careful and informed judgments about the usefulness of the works and provide succinct, but informative and accurate, descriptions and evaluations of each book. While Bauer is a New Testament teacher, his choices and assessments in the Old Testament bibliography are as good as any Old Testament scholar.
could produce. I do not know of any comparable work for pastors and teachers." --Patrick D. Miller, Charles T. Haley Professor of Old Testament Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary "This is one of those rare bibliographic guides that every student of religion, seminarian, and minister will want to have on his or her bookshelf. The focus of this guide is on biblical studies. It contains entries on 2,200 books written by 1,300 scholars. Annotations describe and evaluate books that are highly recommended. Virtually every topic in biblical studies is noted: commentaries on each book of the Bible; biblical histories, theologies, and ethics; books on the canon, archaeology, early Judaism, and interpretive methods; and technical books such as grammars, concordances, Bible dictionaries, and atlases. The great strength of this guide is not only that it provides the reader with a wealth of information but also that the format it follows is eminently reader-friendly. The Guide is invaluable for assisting the student, seminarian, or minister in building a personal library. I highly recommend it! --Jack Dean Kingsbury, Professor Emeritus of Biblical Theology, Union Theological Seminary in Virginia This book provides pastors and church workers with a map for navigating the maze of biblical studies. It offers an extensive list of resources, with helpful comments and recommendations that help readers discover which books will be of most interest to them. The consistent focus is on volumes that are attentive to faith concerns and thus most promising for use within faith communities. A valuable tool for any minister or church worker committed to taking the Bible seriously! --Mark Allan Powell, Professor of New Testament, Trinity Lutheran Seminary Biblical Theology James K. Mead 2007-01-01 In this, the first overview of biblical theology in nearly thirty years, James K. Mead addresses the core issues of biblical theology essential to both Old Testament and New Testament study. Can we draw theological principles from Scripture? What methods will give useful results for theological exploration of biblical texts? Aply synthesizing classic and recent scholarship while asserting his own theological findings, Mead provides an excellent overview of the history of biblical theology and a thorough examination of its basic issues, methods, and themes.


Old Testament Theology Paul R. House 2012-11-30 Paul R. House provides a comprehensive theology of the Old Testament, carefully exploring each Old Testament book, thematically summarizing its content, and showing its theological significance within the whole of the Old Testament canon. Student friendly and useful to a wide audience, this impressive work has proved a profitable read for many.

Text in Context Society for Old Testament Study 2000-09-07 The scholarly study of the Old Testament is now marked by a rich diversity of approaches and concerns. In the last two decades, an interest in the text and the implications for its interpretation is no longer the preserve of a single scholarly community, while the reconstruction of the history of the people from whom it derived has been transformed by new methods. This new book published under the auspices of the Society for Old Testament Study reflects these new approaches and developments, and has a particular concentration on literary and historical study. Thus, it not only clearly recognizes the diversity now inherent in 'Old Testament study', but also welcomes the integration into its field of the wide range of approaches available in current literary and historical investigation. The study of the biblical text and how it is received and interpreted by its various readerships has a certain logical priority over the study of its historical background and authorship. Yet an ongoing investigation of issues relating to the
latter cannot await definitive conclusions on the former. So, essays on the text and its reception discuss primary issues which arise in Old Testament study, while those on background and authorship reflect the continued vitality of, and the fresh perspective possible in, more traditional scholarly concerns.

**God in the Fray** Walter Brueggemann 1998 This volume engages the work of Walter Brueggemann, most of which has been published by Fortress Press. The volume centers on the character of God in the text of the Old Testament as a site of theological tension and even ambivalence. Biblical faith never experiences God as entirely above the fray but rather as entangled in history, astonishingly transformative, and impinged upon by the voices of the suffering. Brueggemann's monumental Theology of the Old Testament addresses this fact with great theological insight and rigor, and the internationally renowned biblical scholars writing here engage and extend his insights into the "unsettled Character . . . at the center of the text."

**Lamentations in Ancient and Contemporary Cultural Contexts** Nancy C. Lee 2008 Personal tragedy and communal catastrophe up to the present day are universal human experiences that call forth lament. Lament singers from the most ancient civilizations to traditional oral poets to the biblical psalmists and poets of Lamentations to popular singers across the globe have always raised the cry of human suffering, giving voice to the voiceless, illuminating injustice, or pleading for divine help. This volume gathers an international collection of essays on biblical lament and Lamentations, illuminating their genres, artistry, purposes, and significant place in the history and theologies of ancient Israel. It also explores lament across cultures, both those influenced by biblical traditions and those not, as the practices of composition, performance, and interpretation of life's suffering continue to shed light on our knowledge of biblical lament.

**From Biblical Criticism to Biblical Faith** William H. Brackney 2007 From Biblical Criticism to Biblical Faith offers cutting-edge essays in the three discipline areas of theological education: History and Exegesis, Canon and Theology, and Christian Life and Ministry.

**The Community of the Weak** Hans-Peter Geiser 2013-03-28 Social postmodernism and systematic theology can be considered the new pair in some of the most creative discussions on the future of theological method on a global scale. Both in the academy and in the public square, as well as in the manifold local and pastoral moments of ministry and community social activism, the social, the postmodern, and the theological intermingle in engaging and border-crossing ways. The Community of the Weak presents a new kind of jazz fundamental theology with a postmodern touch, using jazz as a metaphor, writing ethnographically messy texts out of the personal windows of lived experiences, combining fragments of autobiography with theological reconstruction. A comparative perspective on North American and European developments in contemporary systematic theology serves as a hermeneutical horizon to juxtapose two continents in their very different contexts. The author proposes a systematic and fundamental theology that is more jazzy, global, and narrative, deeply embedded in pastoral ministry to tell its postmodern story.

**Moses, God, and the Dynamics of Intercessory Prayer** Michael Widmer 2004 Michael Widmer reconsiders the significance of the canonical portrayal of Moses as intercessor. At the heart of this study is a close reading of Exodus 32-34 and Numbers 13-14 with particular focus on Moses' prayers. By examining intertextual associations between these two accounts and other texts, the author argues for not only the paradigmatic nature of these prayers but also the intrinsic connection between prayer and biblical theology.

**The Survivor's Guide to Theology** M. James Sawyer 2016-04-11 Men and women embarking on the study of systematic theology quickly find themselves awash in a sea of unfamiliar theological terms, historical names,
and philosophical "-isms." The Survivor's Guide to Theology is both a life preserver to help stay afloat and a compass to help navigate these often unfamiliar waters. While many books on systematic theology provide introductory material, still the reader is often forced to dive right into actual theology without adequate framework for understanding. Resources for building this framework are available but scattered. This unique book brings them together in one place. The Survivor's Guide to Theology is ideal for both introduction and review/reference. - The first part deals with the question, "What is Theology?" It addresses issues, categories, theory of knowledge, and more. - The second part surveys nine major theological systems. For each, the author provides history and background, overview of content and theological distinctive, and a critique. - The final part provides the reader with biographical sketches of significant theologians, a brief dictionary of common theological terms, and an annotated bibliography of major theological works.

Divine Presence amid Violence Walter Brueggemann 2009-02-11 "To pursue the matter of "revelation in context," I will address an exceedingly difficult text in the Old Testament, Joshua 11. The reason for taking up this text is to deal with the often asked and troublesome question: What shall we do with all the violence and bloody war that is done in the Old Testament in the name of Yahweh? The question reflects a sense that these texts of violence are at least an embarrassment, are morally repulsive, and are theologically problematic in the Bible, not because they are violent, but because this is violence either in the name of or at the hand of Yahweh." -from chapter 2

Psalms Geoffrey Grogan 2008-04-22 Geoffrey Grogan evaluates the different scholarly approaches to Psalms and analyses their contemporary relevance. He provides an exegesis of each psalm and incorporates a full survey of Psalter's theological themes.

Paul Cries Freedom in Galatia! Gysbert M. H. Loubser 2017 This study emphasizes Paul's urgency in conveying the radical newness of life since the advent of Christ and his Spirit. Just as the Spirit introduces believers to the life in Christ, he equally leads them to live life in the faithfulness of Christ, producing the fruit of the Spirit. Paul describes this as a life of freedom from flesh and its law, as well as the elements of the world. Guiding believers ethically from inside and empowering them to do God's will, the Spirit has no need of law, making the christological pneumatological ethic of the new creation wholly anomistic. (Series: Theology in Africa, Vol. 6) [Subject: Religious Studies, Christian Studies]

Missiological Research: Marvin Gilbert 2018-01-15 This comprehensive volume is one you will pull off your shelf again and again as you delve into missiological study. The editors could not have made a more thorough or straight-forward volume that will serve researchers across disciplines. Each chapter succinctly defines the method, summarizes its process, suggests resources for more advanced interaction, and provides an exemplar journal article with abstract. Features to look forward to include: Enjoy the benefits of 14 veteran practitioner-scholars who provide clear and concise guidance to empirical research methodology, biblical-theological inquiry, and the integration of the two interdisciplinary approaches.

A Pathway of Interpretation Walter Brueggemann 2009-01-01 Writing with the pastor and student in mind, Walter Brueggemann provides guidance for interpreting Old Testament texts. He offers both advice for the interpreter as well as examples of working with different sorts of passages: from narratives, prophecies, and Psalms. He also demonstrates how to work thematically, drawing together threads from different traditions. His goal is to work through the rhetoric of these passages to reach toward theological interpretation. These investigations indicate Brueggemann's conviction that the process of moving from text to interpretive outcome is an artistic enterprise that can be learned and practiced.
The Fiery Throne Walther Zimmerli 2002-12-01 This work brings together some of Zimmerli's work on Old Testament theology and the prophets. He is especially renowned for his works on Ezekiel, Jeremiah, and the prophetic experience. It includes additional notes and bibliography for each essay to show how the discussion has continued.

Risking Truth Scott A. Ellington 2008-09-01 Ours is a world characterized by change. Often the most fundamental changes in our lives result from experiences of profound suffering and loss as we are wrenched from our familiar world and driven into one that is alien. In the midst of such loss, we are compelled to choose between trying to cling to the remnants of a reality that is passing away and trying to make a home in a strange new world. Biblical prayers of lament wait for us at this crossroad of loss and newness. Prayers of lament are marked both by loss and by the inexplicable silence of God. Everything we believe about God's justice and goodness is placed in doubt by his hiddenness. The cry of lament is an act of tremendous risk. To lament is to abandon the sinking ship of religious certainty and strike out in a small dingy, amidst stormy seas, in search of a hidden God. Faced with God's silence, the biblical writers are willing to place at risk their most fundamental beliefs and to lament. The Psalm writers risk the loss of the Exodus story by crying out to a God who has failed to save, demanding that he once more part the chaotic waters and make a way in the desert. Job risks the loss of a moral God by confronting God with his injustice. Jeremiah risks the loss of the covenant by calling out for God to return yet again to a faithless partner and a failed marriage. Matthew and John the Revelator recognize that the coming of Messiah is impelled by the cries of innocent sufferers. Throughout the Bible, lament risks the possible loss of relationship with God and presses for a new, though uncertain, experience of God's presence.

Old Testament Theology: Israel's Gospel John Goldingay 2003 The first volume focuses on the story of God's dealings with Israel, or Israel's gospel. The second volume investigates the beliefs of Israel, or Israel's faith. In the third volume the attention is on the Old Testament's perspective on the life that Israel should live in its present and future, including its worship, prayer and spirituality, as well as its practices, attitudes and ethics before God. --FROM PUBLISHER

The Abiding Presence Mark Scarlata 2018 With an emphasis on the nature and importance of divine presence, "The Abiding Presence" provides a unique perspective on the overarching theology of Exodus drawing particular attention to God's revelation at the burning bush, Sinai, and the tabernacle. Exploring the rich theological themes that emerge from the final form of the narrative the commentary also reflects on how these themes were employed by New Testament authors in understanding the life and ministry of Christ. Bridging the gap between accessibility and scholarly rigour, this commentary offers an excellent tool for ordinands, students, teachers in higher education and preachers to engage with the theology of the book in its Old Testament context as well as how its message is revealed in the New Testament and continues to speak today.


Implied Law in the Abraham Narrative James K. Bruckner 2002-01-01 A study of the significance of implied law in the Abraham narrative. Bruckner examines legal and juridical terminology in the text, with a close reading of legal referents in Genesis 18.16-20.18. He demonstrates that the literary and theological context of implied law in the narrative is creational, since the implied cosmology is based in Creator-created relationships, and the narrative referents are prior to
the Sinai covenant. The narrative's canonical position is an ipso jure argument for the operation of law from the beginning of the ancestral community. The study suggests trajectories for further research in reading law within narrative texts, pentateuchal studies, and Old Testament ethics.

Patrick D. Miller

The Religion of Ancient Israel

2000-01-01 The historical and literary questions about ancient Israel that traditionally have preoccupied biblical scholars have often overlooked the social realities of life experienced by the vast majority of the population of ancient Israel. Volumes in the Library of Ancient Israel draw on multiple disciplines -- such as archaeology, anthropology, sociology, and literary criticism -- to illumine the everyday realities and social subtleties these ancient cultures experienced. This series employs sophisticated methods resulting in original contributions that depict the reality of the people behind the Hebrew Bible and interprets these scholarly insights for a wide variety of readers. Individually and collectively, these books will expand our vision of the culture and society of ancient Israel, thereby generating new appreciation for its impact up to the present. Patrick Miller investigates the role religion played in an expanding circle of influences in ancient Israel: the family, village, tribe, and nation-state. He situates Israel's religion in context where a variety of social forces affected beliefs, and where popular cults openly competed with the "official" religion. Miller makes extensive use of both epigraphic and artefactual evidence as he deftly probes the complexities of Iron Age culture and society and their enduring significance for people today.

The Theology of the Book of Jeremiah

Walter Brueggemann

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