In the book of Acts divine involvement is everywhere. From the beginning God is responsible for promised action, including the geographic expansion--"in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (1:7)--referenced in Jesus' response to the disciples, clearly related to Luke's purpose in writing the book. Geographic expansion, however, is only the second part of Jesus' reply. Is it possible that the first half of Jesus' reply--"It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority"--has even greater bearing on the actions that follow and
on Luke's purpose? Is the Father setting times and seasons related to the kingdom's establishment? Does this phrase explain the conspicuous divine involvement throughout the plot? In Restoring the Kingdom, Michael Salmeier answers these questions in the affirmative by exploring Luke's characterization of God in three strands: God as the King who establishes and restores Israel's king, who establishes his people, and who directs events. This unfolds Luke's purpose in assuring the reader concerning the events that have taken place, helping to more fully illuminate Luke's theology concerning God and his kingdom.

Building on the success of the Jewish Annotated New Testament (JANT) and the Jewish Study Bible (JSB), Oxford University Press now proceeds to complete the trilogy with the Jewish Annotated Apocrypha (JAA). The books of the Apocrypha were virtually all composed by Jewish writers in the Second Temple period. Excluded from the Hebrew Bible, these works were preserved by Christians. Yet no complete, standalone edition of these works has been produced in English with an emphasis on Jewish tradition or with an educated Jewish audience in mind. The JAA meets this need. The JAA differs from prior editions of the Apocrypha in a number of ways. First, as befits a Jewish Annotated Apocrypha, the volume excludes certain texts that are widely agreed to be of Christian origin. Second, it expands the scope of the volume to include Jubilees, an essential text for understanding ancient Judaism, and a book that merits inclusion in the volume by virtue of the fact that it was long considered part of the canon of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church (the text is also revered by Ethiopian Jews). Third, it has restructured the order of the books so that the sequencing follows the logic that governs the order of the books in the Jewish canon (Law, History, Prophecy, Wisdom and Poetry). Using the NRSV translation (plus Jubilees), each book of the Apocrypha is annotated by a recognized expert in the study of ancient Judaism. An Introduction by the editors guides readers though the making of the
volume and its contents. Thematic essays by an impressive array of scholars provide helpful contexts, backgrounds and elaborations on key themes.

These study guides, part of a 16-volume set from noted Bible scholar John MacArthur, take readers on a journey through biblical texts to discover what lies beneath the surface, focusing on meaning and context, and then reflecting on the explored passage or concept. With probing questions that guide the reader toward application, as well as ample space for journaling, The MacArthur Bible Studies are an invaluable tool for Bible Students of all ages.

The Word Biblical Commentary delivers the best in biblical scholarship, from the leading scholars of our day who share a commitment to Scripture as divine revelation. This series emphasizes a thorough analysis of textual, linguistic, structural, and theological evidence. The result is judicious and balanced insight into the meanings of the text in the framework of biblical theology. These widely acclaimed commentaries serve as exceptional resources for the professional theologian and instructor, the seminary or university student, the working minister, and everyone concerned with building theological understanding from a solid base of biblical scholarship. Overview of Commentary Organization
Introduction--covers issues pertaining to the whole book, including context, date, authorship, composition, interpretive issues, purpose, and theology. Each section of the commentary includes: Pericope Bibliography--a helpful resource containing the most important works that pertain to each particular pericope. Translation--the author's own translation of the biblical text, reflecting the end result of exegesis and attending to Hebrew and Greek idiomatic usage of words, phrases, and tenses, yet in reasonably good English. Notes--the author's notes to the translation that address any textual
variants, grammatical forms, syntactical constructions, basic meanings of words, and problems of translation.
Form/Structure/Setting--a discussion of redaction, genre, sources, and tradition as they concern the origin of the pericope, its canonical form, and its relation to the biblical and extra-biblical contexts in order to illuminate the structure and character of the pericope. Rhetorical or compositional features important to understanding the passage are also introduced here.
Comment--verse-by-verse interpretation of the text and dialogue with other interpreters, engaging with current opinion and scholarly research. Explanation--brings together all the results of the discussion in previous sections to expose the meaning and intention of the text at several levels: (1) within the context of the book itself; (2) its meaning in the OT or NT; (3) its place in the entire canon; (4) theological relevance to broader OT or NT issues.
General Bibliography--occurring at the end of each volume, this extensive bibliography contains all sources used anywhere in the commentary.

A commentary that correlates directly with the Adult BIL Sunday School curriculum.

In recent years our knowledge of the individual parts of the Bible has increased greatly, but our understanding of how they fit together has not kept pace. In particular, the relationship between the Old and New Testaments has been a neglected field of study. The latest in IVP's developing family of New Dictionaries, the 'New Dictionary of Biblical Theology' is an essential tool for students, preachers and ministers, as well as for scholars and others seeking a better grasp of the Bible's teaching. The aim of this prestigious dictionary is to integrate the various biblical books and themes into the overarching story of the Scriptures. The volume embodies three perspectives on biblical theology, which are reflected in its structure.
Over the last 20 years it has become chic to use the term “follower of Christ.” I have heard pastors stand in the pulpit and ask people to raise their hands if they want to be a follower of Christ. All across the room hands go up. Those hands are then summarily counted as converts to the Christian faith.

A New York Times Bestseller! In Finding Jesus in the Old Testament, David Limbaugh unlocks the mysteries of the Old Testament and reveals hints of Jesus Christ's arrival through all thirty-nine Old Testament books. The key to the secrets of the Old Testament, Limbaugh argues, is the crucial New Testament encounter between the risen Jesus and two travelers on the road to Emmaus. With that key, and with Limbaugh as a deft guide, readers of Finding Jesus in the Old Testament will come to a startling new understanding of the Old Testament as a clear and powerful heralding of Jesus Christ's arrival. Limbaugh takes readers on a revealing journey from Genesis through Malachi, demonstrating that a consistent message courses through every one of the Old Testament's thirty-nine books: the power, wonder, and everlasting love of Jesus Christ. Previously published under the title The Emmaus Code.

A one-volume edition of the three-volume 'Integrative Theology', this text deals with the definition and application of this new and distinctive approach to religious study.

God’s truth is not complex; he intends us to understand it. His desire to expand the circle of relationship that existed within the Trinity from eternity past led him to create others like himself—people—who can join in this relationship of unspoiled intimacy. That’s the reason for creation, redemption, and the Christian life, now and future. Intimate and True explains the truth God has revealed and makes clear his desire for an intimate relationship with each of us. The Bible holds answers to the
questions of our age.

In The Antiochene Crisis and Jubilee Theology in Daniel’s Seventy Sevens, Dean R. Ulrich explores the joint interest of Daniel 9:24-27 in the Antiochene crisis of the second century B.C.E. and the jubilee theology conveyed by the prophecy’s structure.

Many of God’s people through the ages have been called to endure times of hardship, loneliness, and suffering. Some, such as Daniel and Esther, were even members of a race carried away to a foreign land that had never heard of the God of Israel. Their lives were not easy, but even in the midst of trials, these men and women discovered that God was with them—and that He was actively leading the events in their lives. In this study, John MacArthur guides readers through an in-depth look at the historical period of Israel’s exile beginning with the prophet Daniel being carried off to Babylon, continuing through the rise of the Persian Empire, and concluding with Esther’s reign as queen. Studies include close-up examinations of Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar, Esther, Haman, and others, as well as careful considerations of doctrinal themes such as “Standing Boldly for God” and “God’s Sovereignty Over the Future.” The MacArthur Bible Studies provide intriguing examinations of the whole of Scripture. Each guide incorporates extensive commentary, detailed observations on overriding themes, and probing questions to help you study the Word of God with guidance from John MacArthur.

How should students of Scripture engage with discerning the shape of Paul's thought? In this second edition of a trusted resource, Thomas R. Schreiner seeks to unearth Paul's worldview by observing what Paul actually says in his writings and laying out the most important themes and how they are connected. While
thoroughly informed by contemporary Pauline studies, Schreiner offers an accessible account of Paul's theology.

The first part of the present book casts a new light on the Genesis vs. science issue, the second part points out that salvation history is repeating itself through cycles of four typical phases and, based on this, the third part shows that Marian apparitions are predicted by Scriptures.

The Arab Spring, the continuing Israel - Palestine conflict why does the Middle East dominate the news headlines so often? One obvious answer is oil, the lifeblood of our modern world. The crucial importance of oil alone ensures that the Middle East will remain in the headlines for years. The Middle East is also the birthplace of the world's three great monotheistic religions—Judaism, Christianity and Islam. It has also been the battlefield for each religion trying to control the territory they consider holy. Nowhere are these conflicts more obvious than in Israel, and specifically in Jerusalem. Whether you understand it or not, events in the Middle East are destined to affect the lives of every person on earth! Bible prophecy gives us the clues to understand what will happen. This ebook, "The Middle East in Bible Prophecy", will help you better understand the troubled history of the Middle East and its tumultuous future.

"It’s impossible to understand the present Middle East without a knowledge of the three great religions that emanate from the area—Judaism, Christianity and Islam. These three faiths all trace their spiritual roots back to the same individual, Abraham."
"However, conflict between Christians and Muslims has been a constant theme of history for 14 centuries."
"Many other factors have contributed to the rise of Islamic fundamentalism and subsequent terrorism, including the Israeli-Palestinian problem and the domination of American culture."
"After so much death and destruction, and centuries of war and unrest in the Middle East, imagine what a difference the second coming of Jesus Christ will make."

"Should Christians be concerned with faith and evangelism and not political affairs?" In answering this question, American Crossroads provides a thought-provoking look at what it means to submit to the governing authorities of the United States of America. Just as God called for Christians to submit to the Roman government that forced its will upon the people (Rom 13:1), so too is God calling for us to submit to the existing form of government in the United States, a government that lives and thrives upon the will and involvement of people. Today, by submitting to the government, Christian citizens are led to influence the American political process that depends upon the involvement of all citizens for its well-being and survival.

Called to Be God's People is an introduction to the Old Testament designed for those who wish to have a comprehensive guide to the contents, theology, and important passages of the Old Testament. Written from a Lutheran perspective, this book is especially designed for those within that tradition and others who seek a guide to the canonical books of the Old Testament that consciously presents the Scriptures' message of Law and Gospel as well as the traditional Christian messianic understanding of Moses and the Prophets that points to Jesus as the fulfillment of God's promises to
Israel. This book is an ideal condensed handbook for university students and other Christian adults who seek to expand their knowledge of the background, content, and message of the Old Testament and its importance for Christian faith and life. It introduces important background information on each book of the Old Testament along with a general discussion of contents and theology. Included are illustrations, maps, tables, charts and sidebars. A concluding chapter on the centuries between the Old and New Testaments overlaps with a similar treatment contained in the New Testament volume in this series, Called by the Gospel, allowing for a smooth transition to the study of the rest of the Christian Scriptures.

Images of God in the Old Testament is about the many faces of the God of Israel as found in the Old Testament. Bringing together a wealth of biblical scholarship, both contemporary and traditional, Mary Mills invites the reader to see Scripture as a reference library in which all the texts have something to say about God. God is a key character in each book, but God's role and character nevertheless vary between books and between genres of writing. In exploring the nature of the God of the Old Testament, Images of God in the Old Testament places side by side these different?often contradictory?aspects of the deity and allows them to comment on each other. In a world where all human activity is also the scene of divine action, the God thus revealed is a multifaceted character. This God challenges human beings to find, within the diversity of images and language, the face of the one God, offering each of us a means of communication with the sphere of transcendent order and unity. Chapters are Introducing God, Genesis 1-11, God and Gods in Genesis, God of Law and Covenant in Exodus, God of Love and Jealousy in Deuteronomy, God as First and Last in Isaiah, God as Father and Husband in Prophecy, God and the Temple in Ezekiel, God and Divine Wisdom, God of Power and Justice in Psalms, The God of Time in Daniel, Moving to a
Close: God and Us. Conclusion: God, the Old Testament and Godtalk. . . after reading this book no student will be able to read the [Old Testament] again with an overly simplistic understanding of God." The Catholic Biblical Quarterly

The Bible is full of amazing stories, and everyone knows the most famous ones. But for new believers and Bible students who want to put the stories into context, see how they fit together, and understand what they are really saying, it's difficult with a traditional Bible. The full color art in Idiot's Guide: The Bible brings the each book of the Bible to life. In it, readers get: - A consistent summary of the vital statistics for each book of the Bible, in order, including the Old Testament, Apocrypha, and New Testament. - A list of characters and their role in each story. - Engaging and easy-to-read summaries of the most enduring and important Bible stories. - The most important Bible quotes and passages, called out and explained in sidebars, serving as starting points for further exploration. - Full-color illustrations of Bible stories and characters, plus helpful maps and timelines to help put information into context.

The Bringing the Bible to Life series, a companion to Zondervan's NIV Application Commentary, brings both the historical meaning of the biblical text and its contemporary significance to light. Each guide provides an introduction to the biblical book, six to twelve sessions with discussion questions, and a closing section that assists the group in responding to God's Word together or individually."

This detailed look at all 66 Bible books in a single volume contains helpful introductions to the 10 major units of Scripture plus maps, charts, and in-depth sidebars.

Knowing Him by Name is a book of 336 short devotional readings
based on the names and references to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The names of God reveal details about his character. A person knowing these names, and the context in which they occur in Scripture, will be able to better understand the nature of God. The aim of every Christian should be to increase our knowledge of God. In turn, what we know about God should help transform us into his likeness as we apply these insights to our lives.

A companion series to the acclaimed Word Biblical Commentary. Finding the great themes of the books of the Bible is essential to the study of God’s Word and to the preaching and teaching of its truths. These themes and ideas are often like precious gems: they lie beneath the surface and can only be discovered with some difficulty. While commentaries are useful for helping readers understand the content of a verse or chapter, they are not usually designed to help the reader to trace important subjects systematically within a given book a Scripture. The Word Biblical Themes series helps readers discover the important themes of a book of the Bible. This series distills the theological essence of a given book of Scripture and serves it up in ways that enrich the preaching, teaching, worship, and discipleship of God’s people. Volumes in this series:
• Written by top biblical scholars
• Feature authors who wrote on the same book of the Bible for the Word Biblical Commentary series
• Distill deep and focused study on a biblical book into the most important themes and practical applications of them
• Give reader’s an ability to see the “big picture” of a book of the Bible by understanding what topics and concerns were most important to the biblical writers
• Help address pressing issues in the church today by showing readers see how the biblical writers approached similar issues in their day
• Ideal for sermon preparation and for other teaching in the church

Word Biblical Themes are an ideal resource for any reader who has used and benefited from the Word Biblical Commentary series, and will help pastors, bible teachers, and students as they seek to understand
and apply God’s word to their ministry and learning.

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The book of Daniel is key to the entire Old Testament prophetic revelation. Who better to help you understand Daniel's stories, prophecies, and dreams—and give you a brighter hope for things to come—than John F. Walvoord, one of evangelicalism's most prominent leaders, and Charles Dyer, a Bible professor and expert on Israel? In this second work of a renewed series of commentaries, Dr. Walvoord addresses alleged historical inaccuracies and considers past and future fulfillments of specific prophecies. At key points different views and approaches to interpretation are explored. Walvoord devotes special attention to textual and doctrinal issues while avoiding technical language. Refined, updated with the English Standard Version (ESV), and streamlined, this classic text is set to help you understand and interpret the book of Daniel and gain a better grasp of what the future may bring.

David Servant has been ministering to Christian leaders in conferences around the world for over three decades. From his experience of speaking to tens of thousands of pastors in over forty countries, he has compiled biblical teaching in this book that addresses the most important issues that Christian leaders are facing today. Servant covers topics such as church growth, spiritual warfare, divorce and remarriage, biblical interpretation, house churches, women in ministry, church government, spiritual gifts, evangelism and many more. He often questions the prevailing
opinion, always considering what Scripture says. His conclusions may sometimes surprise you. Servant's foundational condition is that every Christian leader should be making disciples who obey all of Christ's commandments. Translated into many languages, The Disciple-Making Minister is helping Christian leader around the world be more effective in fulfilling the Great Commission.

There are several excellent Old Testament theologies available today, but they tend to be large and daunting for beginning students and others who are hard-pressed for time. Robin Routledge's Old Testament Theology is gauged to meet the needs of readers who want to dine on the meat of Old Testament theology but do not have time to linger over hors d'oeuvres and dessert. And his thematic approach makes it easy for selective readers to find what they need. Routledge provides a substantial overview of the central issues and themes in Old Testament theology. In a style that is clear, concise and nuanced, Routledge examines the theological significance of the various texts within their wider canonical context, noting unity and coherence while showing awareness of diversity. Readers looking for a substantial overview of the central issues and themes in Old Testament theology will find that in the main body of the text, and those with more specific interests will find more detailed discussion and references to further reading in the numerous and expansive footnotes.

A collection of essays by theologians and scripture scholars that examines the Bible's evolving attitude toward the dilemma of human suffering.

A one-volume commentary, written and edited by South Asian Biblical scholars on all the books of the Bible.

Daniel, the lone apocalyptic book in the Old Testament, has
challenged readers throughout the centuries with its obscure, enigmatic style. Endgame offers a careful introduction to Daniel and apocalyptic literature, a new formal translation of the Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek texts, and a verse-by-verse commentary on the book of Daniel, including the Additions made to Daniel in the Deuterocanonical (Apocryphal) literature. In accessible, easy-to-read style, this up-to-date work illuminates the apocalyptic book of Daniel in the light of its ancient literary, historical, and archaeological setting and shows its vital relevance to ancient and modern readers.

The Teach the Text Commentary Series utilizes the best of biblical scholarship to provide the information a pastor needs to communicate the text effectively. The carefully selected preaching units and focused commentary allow pastors to quickly grasp the big idea and key themes of each passage of Scripture. Each unit of the commentary includes the big idea and key themes of the passage and sections dedicated to understanding, teaching, and illustrating the text.

Robert Schaeffer and Douglas West are best friends living in Oklahoma in 1963 when they discover that they both sense a calling to become ministers in a mainline Christian denomination. But from seminary and their early years in ministry to their golden years looking back on what it takes to lead a congregation, a stimulating, sometimes puzzling, yet often inspirational world of theological controversies and congregational concerns would unfold for these two men of God. A Church Wide Enough for Everyone follows these two men on their journey to demonstrate the continuing relevance of the Christian faith in a postmodern world. After moving to Berkeley, California, to attend college and seminary, they have little time to ponder the vast social changes taking place before they immediately enter into intensive critical study of the Bible and Christian theology. And as Robert is then thrust into the
ordained ministry with his wife, Faye, both men must in their own ways face the political, cultural, and ideological pressures of each passing decade, responding to challenges from both within the church and from outsiders. Are mainline churches and Christian theology dead? Or might they be revitalized in the current century? A Church Wide Enough for Everyone and the inspired journeys of two ministers offers a window into how this revitalization and new understanding is possible.

This commentary on the Biblical Book of Daniel answers crucial questions about the significance of his prophecy, and of the culture he lived among. Not content with simply interpreting the prophecy of Daniel, Robert Dick Wilson delves into the social, historical and cultural aspects of ancient Babylonia. The significance of Nebuchadnezzar II in the story of Daniel, how his dreams were interpreted to become some of the most significant aspects of Old Testament prophecy, is discussed. Other chapters focus on the Chaldeans and their society, the opposition that Babylon had to Israel - Daniel himself being a captive Hebrew man, taken from his homeland as a child - and the possibility that Nebuchadnezzar was mentally ill. The allusions to the events at the King's court in the Book of Daniel are examined in detail, with conclusions drawn to the most reasonable extent possible.

God's Blueprint of the Ages developed as lesson plans through several years of Bible study and sermon preparation. To show a visual presentation of Biblical Chronology a graphic chart was drawn, step-by-step, that showed how God worked with His created earth from eternity past to eternity future. Various time periods, called ages or dispensations is shown graphically as a timeline. How Satan tried unsuccessfully to thwart God's plan throughout history is also presented. Old Testament prophecy and New Testament Grace is expanded within the chapters that reference and explain the symbols on the chart. Many references to the Word of
God are noted within each chapter to verify each explanation.

An expositional commentary on the book of Daniel, explaining in clear and practical terms its timely message.

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