

OT THEOLOGY SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY

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Major works on OT Theology from a broadly evangelical perspective

- + Anderson, Bernard. *Contours of OT Theology*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1999.
Standard work by popular critical scholar focusing on the Israel's call to holiness, the covenants, and finally wisdom & prophetic literature.
- Bartholomew, Craig G. and Michael W. Goheen. *The Drama of Scripture*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2004.
- Bartholomew, Craig G., and others. *Out of Egypt: Biblical Theology and Biblical Interpretation*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2004.
- + Birch, Brueggemann, et. al. *A Theological Introduction to the OT*. Nashville: Abingdon Press: 1999.
Traces the introduction and diachronic development of the major themes of the OT. Authors are sympathetic to the rationalistic understanding of the origins of the books of the OT.
- + Brueggemann, Walter. *Theology of the OT*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1997.
Large work by a major critical scholar who denies the self-revelation of God in the Scriptures.
- _____ *Reverberations of faith : a theological handbook of Old Testament themes*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2002.
- Childs, Brevard. *Biblical Theology in Crisis*. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1970.
A canon critic criticizes the rationalist approach to biblical theology that ties theological message to the critically assumed national/religious history of Israel.
- + Dumbrell, W.J. *Covenant and Creation*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1984.
- + _____. *The Faith of Israel*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2002.
Careful scholar versed in covenant structures surveys the theological content of each book of the OT.
- + Dyrness, William. *Themes in Old Testament Theology*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1979.
Conservative survey of major OT themes by a student of Walter Kaiser.
- Gibson, R. J. *Interpreting God's Plan: Biblical Theology and the Pastor*. Carlisle, U.K.: Paternoster Press, 1998.
- + Goldingay, John. *Old Testament Theology*. 3 vols. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2003ff.
Magnum opus of Fuller Seminary's OT Theologian. Vol. 1 (*Israel's Gospel*) focuses on God's actions as Creator and covenant initiator. Vol. 2 (Israel's Faith) focuses on the Yahwistic identity of God and the identity of His people in their world. Vol. 3. (Israel's Life) focuses on Israel's present and future behavior (ethics, cultus, spirituality) for the community as well as the individual.
- Hafemann, Scott. *Biblical Theology: Retrospect and Prospect*. Downers Grove: Intervarsity, 2002.
- + House, Paul. *OT Theology*. Downers Grove: IVP, 1998.
Extensive evangelical treatment of OT theology focusing on the nature and acts of God through each book of the Hebrew Scriptures.

Kaiser, Walter C. *Toward an Exegetical Theology*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1981.

Helpful introduction on method in doing OT theology followed by a diachronic survey of OT themes that rooted in Kaiser's "promise" theology of the OT. Part Three relates OT theology to the message of the NT.

_____. *The Promise-Plan of God*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2008.

+Knierim, Rolf. *The Task of OT Theology*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publ., 1995,

Extensive scholarly work (550 pp.) on the history and methods of OT theology.

Lehman, C.K. *Biblical Theology*. 2 vols. Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald, 1971-72.

+ Martens, Elmer. *God's Design*, 3rd ed. N. Richland Hills, Tex.: BIBAL Press, 1998.

A very useful BIBLIOGRAPHY capturing major works on OT and is valuable for its bibliography of significant works on categories of OT doctrine.

Matthews, Victor H. *Old Testament Turning Points: the Narratives that Shaped a Nation*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2005.

McComiskey, Thomas. *The Covenant of Promise*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1985.

+ Mead, James. *Biblical Theology: Issues, Methods, and Themes*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2007.

Scholarly work on the contribution and direction of biblical theology (OT/NT).

+ Moberly, R.W.L. *OT Theology: Reading the Hebrew Bible as Christian Scripture*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2013.

Not a general OT theology, his eight chapters delve into eight key OT themes that show the relevance of the OT Scriptures for the church.

Niehaus, Jeffrey. *Ancient Near Eastern Themes in Biblical Theology*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2008.

_____. *God at Sinai*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1995.

+ Payne, J. Barton. *The Theology of the Older Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1962.

Helpful but somewhat dated work (due in part to his misguided use of the term "testament" instead of "covenant") by a solid Presbyterian scholar from early Covenant Seminary.

+ Rowley, H.H. *The Faith of Israel*. London: SCM Press, 1956.

Leading British OT theologian surveys the key themes of the OT: God, man, community & the individual, life & death.

+ Routledge, Robin. *OT Theology: A Thematic Approach*. Downers Grove: IVP, 2008.

A fresh and helpful volume that captures the major themes of the OT after introducing the importance of OT theology.

+ Sailhamer, John I. *Introduction to Old Testament Theology*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1995.

Primarily hermeneutical and methodological in support of a unified message and consistent themes of the OT. Sailhamer rightly gives preeminence to the OT text in letting it reveal God rather than attending events.

Smith, Ralph. *OT Theology: Its History, Method, and Message*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publ., 1993.

Trustworthy work by a Baptist scholar. Helpful introduction on the development of the study of OT theology followed by treatment of the big themes of the OT (God, man, sin/redemption, death, glory).

* _____ . *New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology and Exegesis*, vol. 4. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1997. [vol. 4 contains helpful articles on the theology of each of the books of the OT]

_____. *The Progress of Redemption*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1988.

Vos, Geerhardus. *Biblical Theology*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1954.

+ Youngblood, Ronald. *The Heart of the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1998.
Survey of 10 key theological themes by an evangelical theologian.

Waltke, Bruce K. *Old Testament Theology: An Exegetical, Theological, and Thematic Approach*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2006.

950 paged tome by a leading evangelical scholar. First 150 pages survey the role and method of OT theology before diachronically developing the major themes of the OT. Not always balanced (the author writes expansively on his favorite topics while only surveying other important matters), still this reliable work is more than extensive enough to cover the sweep of OT theology.

Zuck, Roy B., ed. *A Biblical Theology of the Old Testament*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1991.

SPECIALIZED WORKS ON ASPECTS/THEMES OF OT THEOLOGY

Beale, G.K. *We Become What We Worship: A Biblical Theology of Idolatry*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2008.

+ Blomberg, Craig. *Neither Poverty Nor Riches: A Biblical Theology of Possessions*.

Reliable evangelical study. First half of the book surveys the OT/Intertestamental references to material possessions in the light of obedience to God; second half surveys the NT contribution to the topic.

+ Bock, D. & Glaser, M., eds. *The Gospel According to Isaiah: Encountering the Suffering Servant in Jewish and Christian Theology*. Grand Rapids: Kregel Publ., 2012.

Modern collection of evangelical essays on the interpretation of the Isa 53 and the Suffering Servant.

+ Boecker, Hans J. *Law and the Administration of Justice in the OT and Ancient East*. Minneapolis: Augsburg Press, 1980.

Useful study of a central OT theme: God's law. Compares Mosaic law to surrounding cultures (Hammurabi), compares casuistic and apodictic laws within the Book of the law (Exo 20-24), and reviews the contribution of Deuteronomy.

+ Brown, Michael. *Israel's Divine Healer*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1995.

Conservative treatment of health, illness, and healing in the OT (400+pages). Part of Zondervan's series of study in OT theology.

+Brueggemann, Walter. *OT Theology: Essays on Structure, Theme, and Text*. Augsburg Press, 1992.

A couple essays on the method of OT theology with several essays providing case examples.

+ _____ *The Land*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1977.

Important study on a central OT theme of the gift of the land to God's people by covenant promise. Helpful NT references to some of the OT uses.

+ Campbell, Ken, ed. *Marriage and Family in the Biblical World*. Downers Grover: IVP, 2003.

First two essays of the total six evangelical essays cover this topic from the OT.

- + Clowney, Edmund. *The Unfolding Mystery: Discovering Christ in the OT*. Phillipsburg: P&R Press, 1988.
Westminster Seminary scholar surveys Christology of OT under eight themes of the OT
- + Crenshaw, James ed. *Theodicy in the OT*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1983.
Eight essays examine a key philosophical/theological question. One essay considers the book of Job, but no special focus is given to Habakkuk.
- + Dumbrell, W.J. *The Search for Order: Biblical Eschatology in Focus*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1994.
Dumbrell is always insightful. The first half of this book focuses on OT eschatology that is rooted in the beginnings of Genesis; the second half is NT eschatology.
- + Davidson, Richard. *Flame of Yahweh: Sexuality in the OT*. Peabody, Mass: Hendrickson Publ., 2007.
A tome of 700 scholarly pages on human sexuality, addressing procreation, marriage, homosexuality.
- + Estelle, Bryan, et.al. *The Law Is Not of Faith: Essays on Works and Grace in the Mosaic Covenant*.
Phillipsburg: P&R Press, 2009.
Reformed collection of essays treating the message and implication of the Mosaic covenant, especially with regard to its divinely gracious elements. Relevant for the recent controversy of whether the covenant of works was “republished” in the Sinai covenant.
- + Hildebrand, Wilf. *An OT Theology of the Spirit of God*. Peabody, Mass: Hendrickson Publ., 1995.
Wide-ranging treatment of the person and work of the H.S. in the OT. Focus is on His creative activity and on charismatic gifting of God’s leaders. No direct consideration of distinction of operation in God’s people between the testaments. See B.B. Warfield’s essay on H.S. in the OT in his *Biblical and Theological Studies*.
- + Kaiser, Walter. *The Messiah in the OT*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1995.
Study of the unfolding of the OT Messiah that progresses chronologically through the OT.
- + _____. *Quest for Renewal: Personal Revival in the OT*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1986.
Pastoral treatment by a renowned OT scholar of the call for revival by 10 OT leaders.
- + Knight, Douglas ed. *Tradition and Theology in the OT*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1977.
Liberal collection of essays how tradition (*religiongeschichte*) shaped the belief, practice, and literature of the OT.
- + McCarthy, D.J. *OT Covenant*. Atlanta: John Knox Press, 1972.
Roman Catholic scholar surveys the ancient backgrounds of covenant, and traces the use of covenant in the OT.
Worth a look.
- + Piper, Otto. *The Biblical View of Sex and Marriage*. New York: Scribners, 1960.
This Princeton scholar has produced a classic and reliable study of human sexuality, drawing heavily from OT theology. Recommended.
- + Poythress, Vern. *The Shadow of Christ in the Law of Moses*. Phillipsburg: P&R Press, 1991.
Westminster Seminary scholar develops the typology/“corporate solidarity” from the Mosaic forms that pre-figure Christ. Helpful appendix on Theonomy.
- + Robertson, O.P. *The Genesis of Sex: Sexual Relationships in the First Book of the Bible*. Phillipsburg: P&R Press, 2002.
Trusted Reformed theologian surveys God’s design for human sexuality from the book of Genesis.
- + Simkins, Ronald. *Creator and Creation*. Peabody, Mass: Hendrickson Publ., 1994.
Rationalist/modernist treatment of the creation story. Of some value for the study of the OT view of nature/created world.

- + VanDrunen, David. *Divine Covenants and Moral Order: A Biblical Theology of Natural Law*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publ., 2014.
Recent work by a leading Reformed theologian/attorney (Westminster West) in defense of a “two kingdom” view (current world and the world to come). Natural law divinely revealed by God in natural revelation is a reflection of God’s ordered law and relevant to all humanity. Addresses Thomistic philosophy, neo-Calvinist theology, and God’s purpose in the covenants, particularly the Noahic and Sinai covenants.
- + VanGemeren, Willem. *Interpreting the Prophetic Word*.
A general and special introduction to the latter prophets by an evangelical scholar, interpreting their messages within the religious/political context of their time.
- + Vos, Geerhardus. *The Eschatology of the OT*. Phillipsburg: P&R Press, 2001.
Vos is a modern pioneer in biblical theology. Treats the eschatological implications of various events (fall of man, flood, theophanies), and key prophecies (Shiloh, Balaam, Messianic Psalms).
- + Williamson, Paul. *Sealed with an Oath*. Downers Grove: IVP, 2007.
Shows no appreciation for Federal Theology’s pre-creation covenant of redemption and doubts a covenant with Adam in the garden. Otherwise, useful for studying each OT covenant individually, leading to the fullest revelation of the new covenant in the NT.
- + Wright, Christopher. *God’s People in God’s Land: Family, Land, and Property in the OT*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publ., 1990.
Surveys Israel’s social structure as rooted in its religious beliefs and considers resulting economic
- _____ *Knowing Jesus Through the OT*. Downers Grove: IVP, 1992.
Recommended by Bruce Waltke.
- + _____ *The Mission of God: Unlocking the Bible’s Grand Narrative*. Downers Grove: IVP, 2014.
Recent contribution suggesting a general theme of OT theology is God’s plan of redemption for humanity that Israel was to reveal.
- + Zimmerli, Walther. *Man and His Hope in the OT*. London: SCM Press, 1971.
Rationalist review of the doctrine of hope in the OT: the language, basis, and fulfillment of hope.

Suggested On-line Links on OT Theology

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<http://www.scribd.com/doc/89523995/Block-D-Syllabus-Old-Testament-Theology-2009>

<http://www.providenceuc.ca/resource/file/college/Faculty%20Syllabi/Randall%20Holm/otsyllabus.pdf>