Major works on OT Theology from a broadly evangelical perspective

  Standard work by popular critical scholar focusing on the Israel’s call to holiness, the covenants, and finally wisdom & prophetic literature.


  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.

  Large work by a major critical scholar who denies the self-revelation of God in the Scriptures.


  A canon critic criticizes the rationalist approach to biblical theology that ties theological message to the critically assumed national/religious history of Israel.


  Careful scholar versed in covenant structures surveys the theological content of each book of the OT.

  Conservative survey of major OT themes by a student of Walter Kaiser.

    *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.


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.


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


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


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


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.


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.


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


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


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.


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).


  
  Survey of 10 key theological themes by an evangelical theologian.


  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.


SPECIALIZED WORKS ON ASPECTS/THEMES OF OT THEOLOGY


  
  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.

  

  
  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.

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

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

  
  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.

  
  First two essays of the total six evangelical essays cover this topic from the OT.
   Westminster Seminary scholar surveys Christology of OT under eight themes of the OT.

   Eight essays examine a key philosophical/theological question. One essay considers the book of Job, but no special focus is given to Habakkuk.

   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.

   A tome of 700 scholarly pages on human sexuality, addressing procreation, marriage, homosexuality.

   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.

   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.

   Study of the unfolding of the OT Messiah that progresses chronologically through the OT.

   Pastoral treatment by a renowned OT scholar of the call for revival by 10 OT leaders.

   Liberal collection of essays how tradition (religiongeschichte) shaped the belief, practice, and literature of the OT.

   Roman Catholic scholar surveys the ancient backgrounds of covenant, and traces the use of covenant in the OT. Worth a look.

   This Princeton scholar has produced a classic and reliable study of human sexuality, drawing heavily from OT theology. Recommended.

   Westminster Seminary scholar develops the typology/“corporate solidarity” from the Mosaic forms that pre-figure Christ. Helpful appendix on Theonomy.

   Trusted Reformed theologian surveys God’s design for human sexuality from the book of Genesis.

   Rationalist/modernist treatment of the creation story. Of some value for the study of the OT view of nature/created world.

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 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).


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.


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.


Recent contribution suggesting a general theme of OT theology is God’s plan of redemption for humanity that Israel was to reveal.


Rationalist review of the doctrine of hope in the OT: the language, basis, and fulfillment of hope.

**Suggested On-line Links on OT Theology**

[http://infoguides.fuller.edu/content.php?pid=190354&sid=3819594](http://infoguides.fuller.edu/content.php?pid=190354&sid=3819594)
