The Religion of Israel

In this book, Robert Laha leads a ten-session study into the stories of suffering, blame, and, ultimately, hope found in the book of Jeremiah. In an attempt to bring some clarity to this at
times confusing book, Laha discusses Jeremiah's world and God's judgement; prophetic signs and false prophets; unfaithfulness and lament; and consolation and hope. Interpretation Bible Studies (IBS) offers solid biblical content in a creative study format. Forged in the tradition of the celebrated Interpretation commentary series, IBS makes the same depth of biblical insight available in a dynamic, flexible, and user-friendly resource. Designed for adults and older youth, IBS can be used in small groups, in church school classes, in large group presentations, or in personal study.

Jeremiah

Prophecy in Early Christianity and the Ancient Mediterranean World

Translated by Daniel P. Bailey The Servant Song of Isaiah 53 has been highly significant in both Jewish and Christian thought. Rarely, however, has it been explored from the broad range of perspectives represented in this long-awaited volume. In "The Suffering Servant ten talented biblical interpreters trace the influence of the Servant Song text through the centuries, unpacking the theological meanings of this rich passage of scripture and its uses in various religious contexts. Chapters examine in depth Isaiah 52:13-53:12 in the Hebrew original and in later writings, including pre-Christian Jewish literature, the New Testament, the Isaiah Targum, the early church fathers, and a sixteenth-century rabbinic document informed by Jewish-Christian dialogue. Contributors: Jostein Adna Daniel P. Bailey Gerlinde Feine Martin Hengel Hans-Jurgen Hermissen Ofried Hofius Wolfgang Hullstrung Bernd Janowski Christoph
The Problem of Suffering in the Old Testament

"Whether dealing with collective catastrophe or intimate trauma, recovering from emotional and physical hurt is hard. Kathleen O'Connor shows that although Jeremiah's emotionally wrought language can aggravate readers' memories of pain, it also documents the ways an ancient community, and the prophet personally, sought to restore their collapsed social world. Both prophet and book provide a traumatized community language to articulate disaster; move self-understanding from delusional security to identity as survivors; constitute individuals as responsible moral agents; portray God as equally afflicted by disaster; and invite a reconstruction of reality" -- Publisher description.

Jeremiah in Prophetic Tradition

The Suffering of God

Aune's comprehensive study of early Christian prophecy includes a review of its antecedents (Greco-Roman oracles, ancient Israelite prophecy, prophecy in early Judaism), a discussion of Jesus as prophet, and analyses of Christian prophetic speeches from Paul to the middle of the second century A.D. The most detailed study of early Christian prophecy written, Aune's book places the phenomenon of early Christian prophecy within the larger Greco-Roman world.
The publication of the King James version of the Bible, translated between 1603 and 1611, coincided with an extraordinary flowering of English literature and is universally acknowledged as the greatest influence on English-language literature in history. Now, world-class literary writers introduce the book of the King James Bible in a series of beautifully designed, small-format volumes. The introducers' passionate, provocative, and personal engagements with the spirituality and the language of the text make the Bible come alive as a stunning work of literature and remind us of its overwhelming contemporary relevance.

The Book of Jeremiah

In the last few years, 9/11, a tsunami, Hurricane Katrina, and many other tragedies have shown us that the vision of God in today's churches in relation to evil and suffering is often frivolous. Against the overwhelming weight and seriousness of the Bible, many Christians are choosing to become more shallow, more entertainment-oriented, and therefore irrelevant in the face of massive suffering. In Suffering and the Sovereignty of God, contributors John Piper, Joni Eareckson Tada, Steve Saint, Carl Ellis, David Powlison, Dustin Shramek, and Mark Talbot explore the many categories of God's sovereignty as evidenced in his Word. They urge readers to look to Christ, even in suffering, to find the greatest confidence, deepest comfort, and sweetest fellowship they have ever known.
By examining literary allusion in Isaiah 40-66, the author illuminates the changes that led to the demise of biblical prophecy and the rise of hermeneutically based religions in the post-biblical era.

Pastor

The Open Access version of this book, available at www.taylorfrancis.com/books/9781472453983, has been made available under a Creative Commons Attribution-Non Commercial-No Derivative 4.0 license. Experiences of hearing the voice of God (or angels, demons, or other spiritual beings) have generally been understood either as religious experiences or else as a feature of mental illness. Some critics of traditional religious faith have dismissed the visions and voices attributed to biblical characters and saints as evidence of mental disorder. However, it is now known that many ordinary people, with no other evidence of mental disorder, also hear voices and that these voices not infrequently include spiritual or religious content. Psychological and interdisciplinary research has shed a revealing light on these experiences in recent years, so that we now know much more about the phenomenon of "hearing voices" than ever before. The present work considers biblical, historical, and scientific accounts of spiritual and mystical experiences of voice hearing in the Christian tradition in order to explore how some voices may be understood theologically as revelatory. It is proposed that in the incarnation, Christian faith finds both an understanding of what it is to be fully human (a theological anthropology), and God’s perfect self-disclosure (revelation). Within such an understanding, revelatory voices represent a key point of interpersonal encounter between human beings and God.
Thinking about the Torah

Continuing a Gold Medallion Award-winning legacy, this completely revised edition of The Expositor’s Bible Commentary series puts world-class biblical scholarship in your hands. Based on the original twelve-volume set that has become a staple in college and seminary libraries and pastors’ studies worldwide, this new thirteen-volume edition marshals the most current evangelical scholarship and resources. The thoroughly revised features consist of: • Comprehensive introductions • Short and precise bibliographies • Detailed outlines • Insightful expositions of passages and verses • Overviews of sections of Scripture to illuminate the big picture • Occasional reflections to give more detail on important issues • Notes on textual questions and special problems, placed close to the texts in question • Transliterations and translations of Hebrew and Greek words, enabling readers to understand even the more technical notes • A balanced and respectful approach toward marked differences of opinion

Where Is the God of Justice?

What does the Old Testament say about the problem of suffering? Though Christians believe themselves to be held in the care of the God of love and strength, they yet find that sufferings come their way. Moreover, whole communities, even whole nations, experience terrible sufferings—all of which frequently raises the question, "Where is the God of justice?" Those parts of the Old Testament that deal with this question are here considered and discussed, both those that understand suffering as due to human sinfulness and those that raise serious questions about that sort of understanding. Further, here are Jeremiah’s questions about why
he, as the Lord's prophet, must suffer; the gentler questions in Ecclesiastes; the perplexing life experiences of Joseph; the agonized prayer of Habakkuk; those most urgent questions in the book of Job; the outspoken words of psalmists; the radical talk about a "suffering servant"; and the confident hope expressed in Daniel. Thompson argues that while the Old Testament cannot always give us answers, it does point us to God for hope in the midst of suffering.

Man The Dwelling Place of God

This book features a collection of articles on the Hebrew Scriptures that spring from the author's many years of teaching Old Testament in a context combining academic study and faith formation. Covering a wide breadth of topics and texts from the Hebrew Scriptures - from the Torah to the Prophets to the Writings - the unifying feature that emerges is an approach to Old Testament interpretation that refuses the dichotomy between academic scholarship and Pentecostal spirituality and seeks instead to re-fuse the connection between the sacred Scriptures and the Holy Spirit. These articles represent an unfolding effort to break ground and open up the emerging field of Pentecostal biblical hermeneutics.

Jeremiah & Lamentations

"Magisterial... A learned, brilliant and enjoyable study." — Géza Vermès, Times Literary Supplement In this exciting book, Paula Fredriksen explains the variety of New Testament images of Jesus by exploring the ways that the new Christian communities interpreted his mission and message in light of the delay of the Kingdom he had preached. This edition
includes an introduction reviews the most recent scholarship on Jesus and its implications for both history and theology. "Brilliant and lucidly written, full of original and fascinating insights."—Reginald H. Fuller, Journal of the American Academy of Religion "This is a first-rate work of a first-rate historian."—James D. Tabor, Journal of Religion "Fredriksen confronts her documents—principally the writings of the New Testament—as an archaeologist would an especially rich complex site. With great care she distinguishes the literary images from historical fact. As she does so, she explains the images of Jesus in terms of the strategies and purposes of the writers Paul, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John."—Thomas D’Evelyn, Christian Science Monitor

Hearing Voices, Demonic and Divine

Jesus and the Suffering Servant

A Redesign of the Classic Work by Francis A. Schaeffer Few Christians had a greater impact on the Christian response to modernism and postmodernism during the last half of the twentieth century than Francis A. Schaeffer, whose works offered a seemingly prophetic perspective that anticipated shifts in culture long before they happened. In Death in the City, originally written against the backdrop of the 1960s countercultural upheaval, Schaeffer shows that when the intellectual and spiritual foundation of a society fails, the society itself is destined to crumble. The death that follows subtly suffocates truth, meaning, and beauty out of the culture. Schaeffer offers a simple response to the rejection of biblical principles we see in our day—commitment to
God’s word as truth. This commitment is often a costly practice, but it is compassion for a world that is lost and dying without the gospel. Death in the City encourages us to respond to the changing culture—not by hiding away, but by living each aspect of life in supernatural communion with the Lord.

The Spirit of the Old Testament

In this comprehensive and thought-provoking study, Terence Fretheim focuses on the theme of divine suffering, an aspect of our understanding of God which both the church and scholarship have neglected. Maintaining that "metaphors matter," Fretheim carefully examines the ruling and anthropomorphic metaphors of the Old Testament and discusses them in the context of current biblical-theological scholarship. His aim is to broaden our understanding of the God of the Old Testament by showing that "suffering belongs to the person and purpose of God".

Living Through Grief With Spirituality

The destruction of Jerusalem is the likely setting for the book of Lamentations, delivered from a place of unspeakable pain in poetry of astonishing beauty and intricacy. In this Bible Speaks Today volume, Christopher Wright shows that we must not, and cannot, isolate Lamentations from the rest of the Bible.

The Gospel According to Matthew
Are you looking for answers as you struggle with grief, hurts, difficult circumstances, or suffering? "Living Through Grief With Spirituality, with Pictured Words of Comfort from Jeremiah the Prophet" relates our own struggles with grief and suffering to the hardships experienced by Jeremiah, an Old Testament prophet. We can develop a deeper spirituality through trusting God and accepting the comfort that He offers, no matter how much we are grieving. The book briefly explains Jeremiah's tragic experiences that led him to be called "the weeping prophet." Yet God used his horrible circumstances to bring about a depth of spirituality that resulted in his sharing many words of comfort and encouragement that we can benefit from today. Wonderful Scripture verses of encouragement and comfort are displayed on beautiful nature pictures. They come from the books of Jeremiah and Lamentations, where Jeremiah's story and words are recorded. Take this part of the book slowly. Pick a verse, enjoy its picture, and sit and meditate on the promise that God gives you through the verse. As you take time to enjoy each verse and to let each inspiring message sink into your spirit, you'll find your own spiritual growth just as Jeremiah did. Allow God to bring His peace to you through these Scripture verses. Experience His comfort. Your circumstances may not change quickly, but the new level of spirituality you experience will give you the strength and wisdom you need.

The Message of Lamentations

This book explores alterity, pain, and suffering though readings of selected passages from Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel. It uses reading methods drawn from modern literary theory, cultural geography, social psychology, and moral philosophy to read these ancient texts from the viewpoint of twenty-first century interests. Mills' aim is to focus on the absolute reality of pain, suffering, and difference in human experience and to find the values contained in these
experiences; thus it produces a Narrative Ethics approach to the Old Testament. Mills argues that these selected biblical texts provide evidence of human interrogation of the meaning and value of pain and loss in human experience. The ways in which these texts interweave the subjective voice of the prophet with the life experience of the wider society offer the modern reader a resource for exploring contemporary concerns such as embodiment, landscape, and horror.

Jeremiah in Matthew's Gospel

Jeremiah and Lamentations tell the story of God's judgment during a bleak period in Judah's history. While painting a vivid picture of human loneliness and suffering, these Old Testament books also reveal the beautiful hope found only in God. This twelve-lesson Bible study begins with a thorough examination of Jeremiah, one of the most autobiographical books in the Bible. By studying the “weeping prophet” and his faithfulness to his calling, who or what you obey will become clearer. The final chapter examines Lamentations, its lyrical style, and the deep sorrow its life-changing lessons convey. Includes: • 12 lessons • Questions for group discussions or personal reflection • Study aids

A Biblical Approach to Personal Suffering

The Bible is an enduring source of inspiration for the human heart and mind, and readers of Thinking about the Torah will be rewarded with an enhanced understanding of this great work’s deeper meanings. Drawing on Western philosophy and particularly Jewish philosophy, Kenneth
Seeskin delves into ten core biblical verses and the powerful ideas that emerge from them. He speaks to readers on every page and invites conversation about topics central to human existence: how finite beings can relate to the infinite, what love is, the role of ethics in religion, and the meaning of holiness. Seeskin raises questions we all ask and responds to them with curiosity and compassion, weaving into his own perceptive commentary insights from great Jewish thinkers such as Maimonides, Spinoza, Buber, Rosenzweig, and Levinas, as well as Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Luther, Kant, and Kierkegaard. The Bible is concerned with how we think as well as how we follow the commandments, rituals, and customs. Seeskin inspires us to read the Torah with an open mind and think about the lessons it teaches us.

Jeremiah

This devotional book walks pastors, teachers and parishioners through the hardships and joys of the prophet Jeremiah's ministry. Find comfort as the Lord preserves his prophet even in the worst of times. Share his joy as he points you ahead to your forgiveness of sins through your Savior Jesus.

A Prophet Reads Scripture

The Suffering Servant

Of the Major Prophets, Jeremiah is perhaps the least straightforward. It is variously comprised
of stories about the prophet Jeremiah, exchanges between Jeremiah and Yahweh, and messages directly from Yahweh—meaning a consciousness of form is essential to the understanding of its content. At times it is written in poetry, resembling Isaiah, while at other times it is written in prose, more similar to Ezekiel. And it is without doubt the darkest and most threatening of the Major Prophets, inviting comparisons to Amos and Hosea. John Goldingay, a widely respected biblical scholar who has written extensively on the entire Old Testament, navigates these complexities in the same spirit as other volumes of the New International Commentary on the Old Testament series—rooted in Jeremiah's historical context but with an eye always trained on its meaning and use as Christian Scripture. After a thorough introduction that explores matters of background, composition, and theology, Goldingay provides an original translation and verse-by-verse commentary of all fifty-two chapters, making this an authoritative and indispensable reference for scholars and pastors as they engage with Jeremiah from a contemporary Christian standpoint.

Genesis, Isaiah, and Psalms

Ordained ministry, says Willimon, is a gift of God to the church—but that doesn't mean that it is easy. Always a difficult vocation, changes in society and the church in recent years have made the ordained life all the more complex and challenging. Is the pastor primarily a preacher, a professional caregiver, an administrator? Given the call of all Christians to be ministers to the world, what is the distinctive ministry of the ordained? When does one's ministry take on the character of prophet, and when does it become that of priest? What are the special ethical obligations and disciplines of the ordained? In this book, Willimon explores these and other central questions about the vocation of ordained ministry. He begins with a discussion of who
pastors are, asking about the theological underpinnings of ordained ministry, and then moves on to what pastors do, looking at the distinctive roles the pastor must fulfill. The book also draws on great teachers of the Christian tradition to demonstrate that, while much about Christian ministry has changed, its core concerns—preaching the word, the care of souls, the sacramental life of congregations—remains the same. Ordained ministry is a vocation to which we are called, not a profession that we choose. To answer that call is to open oneself to heartache and sometimes hardship; yet, given the one who calls, it is to make oneself available to deep and profound joy as well.

Death in the City (repackage)

The #1 bestselling inspirational classic from the internationally known spiritual leader; a source of solace and hope for over 4 million readers. Since its original publication in 1981, When Bad Things Happen to Good People has brought solace and hope to millions. In the preface to this edition, Rabbi Kushner relates the heartwarming responses he has received over the years from people who have found inspiration and comfort within these pages. When Harold Kushner’s three-year-old son was diagnosed with a degenerative disease that meant the boy would only live until his early teens, he was faced with one of life’s most difficult questions: Why, God? Years later, Rabbi Kushner wrote this straightforward, elegant contemplation of the doubts and fears that arise when tragedy strikes. In these pages, Kushner shares his wisdom as a rabbi, a parent, a reader, and a human being. Often imitated but never superseded, When Bad Things Happen to Good People is a classic that offers clear thinking and consolation in times of sorrow.
A lterity, Pain, and Suffering in Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel

Preaching's Preacher's Guide to the Best Bible Reference for 2014 (Old Testament Commentaries) The prophet Jeremiah addressed the people of Judah and Jerusalem over a forty-year period leading up to the destruction of Jerusalem in 587 B.C. The book of Jeremiah addresses the exiles, especially those in Babylon, in the years after the catastrophe. Here we encounter Jeremiah the prophet who, from his youth to old age, delivered the word of God to the people of Israel at the most terrifying time in all their troubled history. Understanding Jeremiah's context is essential to understanding his life and message. More than that we must encounter the God of Jeremiah--an encounter that should be both profoundly disturbing and ultimately reassuring, as it was for him. If Jeremiah spoke in his day, and if the book still speaks today, in both cases it is because of the God who called the man to speak and commanded the book to be written. In the end, Jeremiah is a book of the victory of God's love and grace. His redemptive, reconstructive work comprises the book's portrait of the future--a future that we see fulfilled in the New Testament through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah. Ultimately we see it in God's dwelling with his redeemed people forever in the new creation. A replacement volume in the Bible Speaks Today Old Testament commentary series, this book offers a new exposition on the book of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah Studies

When Bad Things Happen to Good People
The Knowing the Bible series is a resource designed to help Bible readers better understand and apply God’s Word. These 12-week studies lead participants through books of the Bible and are made up of four basic components: (1) reflection questions help readers engage the text at a deeper level; (2) “Gospel Glimpses” highlight the gospel of grace throughout the book; (3) “Whole-Bible Connections” show how any given passage connects to the Bible’s overarching story of redemption, culminating in Christ; and (4) “Theological Soundings” identify how historic orthodox doctrines are taught or reinforced throughout Scripture. With contributions from an array of influential pastors and church leaders, these gospel-centered studies will help Christians see and cherish the message of God’s grace on every page of the Bible. Appointed to be a prophet before he was born, Jeremiah faithfully preached God’s Word in the face of confusion, opposition, and persecution. When instructed, he brought the message of God’s righteous judgment against sin to the nation of Israel, but not without reminding them of God’s covenant faithfulness. In this 12-week study, Matthew Harmon highlights key biblical themes, clarifies crucial doctrines, and draws personal applications from the book of Jeremiah—reminding us of the truth that God’s proclamation of judgment is always intended to spur his people to seek salvation in and through him.

Jeremiah, Lamentations

"Ryken's Worldly Saints offers a fine introduction to seventeenth-century Puritanism in its English and American contexts. The work is rich in quotations from Puritan worthies and is ideally suited to general readers who have not delved widely into Puritan literature. It will also be a source of information and inspiration to those who seek a clearer understanding of the Puritan roots of American Christianity." -Harry Stout, Yale University "the typical Puritans were
not wild men, fierce and freaky, religious fanatics and social extremists, but sober, conscientious, and cultured citizens, persons of principle, determined and disciplined excelling in the domestic virtues, and with no obvious shortcomings save a tendency to run to words when saying anything important, whether to God or to a man. At last the record has been put straight." -J.I. Packer, Regent College "Worldly Saints provides a revealing treasury of primary and secondary evidence for understanding the Puritans, who they were, what they believed, and how they acted. This is a book of value and interest for scholars and students, clergy and laity alike." -Roland Mushat Frye, University of Pennsylvania "A very persuasivemost interesting bookstuffed with quotations from Puritan sources, almost to the point of making it a mini-anthology." -Publishers Weekly "With Worldly Saints, Christians of all persuasions have a tool that provides ready access to the vast treasures of Puritan thought." -Christianity Today "Ryken writes with a vigor and enthusiasm that makes delightful reading-never a dull moment." -Fides et Historia "Worldly Saints provides a valuable picture of Puritan life and values. It should be useful for general readers as well as for students of history and literature." -Christianity and Literature

The Pastoral Prophet

Did Jesus of Nazareth live and die without the teaching about the righteous Servant of the Lord in Isaiah 53 having exerted any significant influence on his ministry? Did the use of Isaiah 53 to interpret his mission actually begin with Jesus?

The Life and Witness of Jeremiah
Studies of Genesis, Isaiah and Psalms, key biblical texts that represent the interests of the honorand, Professor John Emerton. The comparison of biblical texts with the ancient Near East and archaeological finds; intertextual work, literary historical approaches, texts and versions and scholarly interpretations from the past are all represented.

From Jesus to Christ

Man - The Dwelling Of God, A. W. Tozer reveals what it truly means to have Christ within us - like leaving your old life behind, Understanding the Bible; making Godly Choices; loving God for himself; Christian Fellowship and more. Once the spirit enters the core of the believers heart and establishes residence there, man becomes a true child of God.

Suffering and the Sovereignty of God

In this study it is argued that the book of Jeremiah was influenced by the books of Amos and Hosea. All three books show a similar pattern of development. There is a correspondence between the reactions of those addressed and the prophetic massage, which changes from the preaching of repentance to a message of irreversible judgment. Finally, these prophets testified that only God could bring about a new future. This study, which originally took the form of a dissertation, examines several topics common to Hosea, Amos and Jeremiah. Dr. Lalleman demonstrates important correspondences which point to a prophetic tradition received and developed by Jeremiah in his own way. The research concentrates on the themes of repentance and hope, covenant, and the role of the prophet in intercession, as well as his personal
involvement in his message. The differences between these prophetic books, however, show that the individual characteristics of each prophet must not be neglected. The assumption of one monolithic Deuteronomistic redaction responsible for the editing of all the books is therefore unlikely. The prophets are best interpreted in their own historical contexts, although they are connected by a common spiritual heritage, a prophetic tradition.

Oxford Bibliographies

The Life and Witness of Jeremiah introduces the general reader to the Hebrew prophet Jeremiah. As such it provides an overall sketch of his life and times and serves as a portal into his thought world. Jeremiah is among the most eloquent and passionate prophets in the Hebrew Bible. For readers who enjoy evocative poetry and harrowing accounts of near-death experiences, Jeremiah merits careful reading. One of the primary purposes in writing this book is to assist the reader in negotiating its anthology format and disorderly arrangement. To this end, the author provides in six chapters a thematic and topical approach to important aspects of Jeremiah's career and message that speak powerfully to our own day. In other words, this book focuses on applied theology. How does what Jeremiah said then relate to readers now? The book of Jeremiah is remarkably relevant, especially in its interface between faith and politics. The author also approaches this exposition of Jeremiah from a biblical theology perspective by connecting his preaching with the canon of sacred Scripture. A major concern is to place Jeremiah's prophecy within the broader context of redemptive history.

Life-Study of Jeremiah and Lamentations
"An emerging field of study that explores the Hispanic minority in the United States, Latino Studies is enriched by an interdisciplinary perspective. Historians, sociologists, anthropologists, political scientists, demographers, linguists, as well as religion, ethnicity, and culture scholars, among others, bring a varied, multifaceted approach to the understanding of a people whose roots are all over the Americas and whose permanent home is north of the Rio Grande. Oxford Bibliographies in Latino Studies offers an authoritative, trustworthy, and up-to-date intellectual map to this ever-changing discipline."--Editorial page.

The Message of Jeremiah

The International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia

The author concentrates on Matthew's explicit references and allusions to the prophet Jeremiah, and as a result sheds fresh light upon an important and distinctive theme in Matthew's Gospel. Taking a theme never examined in detail before, and using the varied resources of sociological criticism and Jewish studies, Knowles makes an original and substantial contribution to Matthaean scholarship.

Divine initiative and human response in Ezekiel