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*God with Us* - Christoph Barth  
1991-04-30

This is a print on demand book and is therefore non- returnable. "God's dynamic initiative" is the main theme of biblical testimony, says Christoph Barth. Here he expounds the message of the Old Testament in a manner that is faithful to the Old Testament itself -- as an account of the mighty acts of God rather than a series of abstract doctrines. A theology of the Old Testament is not simply a study of God, however. Old Testament theology also encompasses teaching about the world and humanity, about life and death, about origin, nature, and destiny. And Old Testament theology must also take into account the New Testament, which confirms what is announced in Israel's Scripture and thus is part of it. Barth elucidates the importance of the Old Testament for the New Testament and hence for Christians, surveys God's redemptive acts as recorded in the confessional summaries of history in the Old and New Testaments, and offers

contemporary applications of these biblical themes. Working his way through the Old Testament, Barth treats nine key topics, each of which deals with one of the divine acts that are the essential subject matter of Israel's Scripture: creation, election of the patriarchs, exodus, wilderness wandering, Sinai revelation, gift of Canaan, election of David (kingship), election of Jerusalem and sending of prophets. He has divided each of the nine chapters into sections on one main aspect of the topic, considering theological, anthropological, soteriological, and eschatological points as well. Throughout his examination of each theme Barth pays special attention to its scriptural context. *God With Us* is an excellent textbook for introductory or survey courses in the Old Testament: each section begins with a thesis statement, summarizing its contents, and details are treated in small-print sections. Barth originally wrote his Old Testament theology in Indonesian and later rewrote the entire book in English;

Geoffrey Bromiley has condensed the original four volumes in this edition.

*Hermeneutics as Apprenticeship* -

David I. Starling 2016-09-20

A Fresh Approach to the Art of Biblical Interpretation This book offers a fresh approach to the art of biblical interpretation, focusing on the ways Scripture itself forms its readers as wise and faithful interpreters. David Starling shows that apprenticing ourselves to the interpretive practices of the biblical writers and engaging closely with texts from all parts of the Bible help us to develop the habits and practices required to be good readers of Scripture. After introducing the principles, Starling works through the canon, providing inductive case studies in interpretive method and drawing out implications for contemporary readers. Offering a fresh contribution to hermeneutical discussions, this book will be an ideal supplement to traditional hermeneutics textbooks for seminarians. It includes a foreword by Peter O'Brien.

### **Introduction to Biblical**

**Interpretation Workbook** - William W. Klein 2017-09-05

This workbook accompanies the third edition of Introduction to Biblical Interpretation by William W. Klein, Craig L. Blomberg, and Robert L. Hubbard Jr. Following the textbook's structure, it offers readings, activities, and exercises designed to teach students how to understand and apply the Bible. This workbook gives students a chance to get hands-on experience in interpreting biblical texts as they are guided along by insightful questions and pointers from the authors. Ultimately the workbook is designed to get students interacting with the content of the textbook and with the biblical text

in a way that helps reinforce classroom learning, while at the same time giving both student and instructor a way to gauge how well the student is learning the material from the textbook. The third edition of a classic hermeneutics textbook sets forth concise, logical, and practical guidelines for discovering the truth in God's Word. A valuable tool for readers who desire to understand and apply the Bible, this text: Defines and describes hermeneutics, the science of biblical interpretation Suggests effective methods to understand the meaning of the biblical text Surveys the literary, cultural, social, and historical issues that impact any text Evaluates both traditional and modern approaches to Bible interpretation Examines the reader's role as an interpreter of the text and helps identify what the reader brings to the text that could distort its message Tackles the problem of how to apply the Bible in valid and significant ways today Provides an extensive and revised annotated list of books that readers will find helpful in the practice of biblical interpretation

**Revelation (Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament)** -

Grant R. Osborne 2002-11-01

The Book of Revelation contains some of the most difficult passages in Scripture. Grant Osborne's commentary on Revelation begins with a thorough introduction and the many difficulties involved in its interpretation. He also examines elements that complicate the interpretation of apocalyptic literature. As with all volumes published in the BECNT series, Revelation seeks to reach a broad audience with scholarly research from a decidedly evangelical perspective. [Spirit Hermeneutics](#) - Craig S. Keener 2016-12-12

Biblical-theological reflection supporting a dynamic, experiential, Spirit-guided reading of Scripture. How do we hear the Spirit's voice in Scripture? Once we have done responsible exegesis, how may we expect the Spirit to apply the text to our lives and communities? In *Spirit Hermeneutics* biblical scholar Craig Keener addresses these questions, carefully articulating how the experience of the Spirit that empowered the church on the day of Pentecost can – and should – dynamically shape our reading of Scripture today.

The Hermeneutical Spiral - Grant R. Osborne 2006-12-04

In this revised and expanded edition, Grant Osborne provides seminary students and working pastors with the full set of tools they need to travel the hermeneutical spiral—moving from sound exegesis to the development of biblical and systematic theologies and to the preparation of sound, biblical sermons.

The Hermeneutical Spiral - Grant R. Osborne 2010-01-25

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Is There a Meaning in This Text? - Kevin J. Vanhoozer 2009-08-30

Is there a meaning in the Bible, or is meaning rather a matter of who is reading or of how one reads? Does Christian doctrine have anything to contribute to debates about interpretation, literary theory, and post modernity? These are questions of crucial importance for contemporary biblical studies and theology alike. Kevin Vanhoozer contends that the postmodern crisis

in hermeneutics—"incredulity towards meaning," a deep-set skepticism concerning the possibility of correct interpretation—is fundamentally a crisis in theology provoked by an inadequate view of God and by the announcement of God's "death." Part 1 examines the ways in which deconstruction and radical reader-response criticism "undo" the traditional concepts of author, text, and reading. Dr. Vanhoozer engages critically with the work of Derrida, Rorty, and Fish, among others, and demonstrates the detrimental influence of the postmodern "suspicion of hermeneutics" on biblical studies. In Part 2, Dr. Vanhoozer defends the concept of the author and the possibility of literary knowledge by drawing on the resources of Christian doctrine and by viewing meaning in terms of communicative action. He argues that there is a meaning in the text, that it can be known with relative adequacy, and that readers have a responsibility to do so by cultivating "interpretive virtues." Successive chapters build on Trinitarian theology and speech act philosophy in order to treat the metaphysics, methodology, and morals of interpretation. From a Christian perspective, meaning and interpretation are ultimately grounded in God's own communicative action in creation, in the canon, and preeminently in Christ. Prominent features in Part 2 include a new account of the author's intention and of the literal sense, the reclaiming of the distinction between meaning and significance in terms of Word and Spirit, and the image of the reader as a disciple-martyr, whose vocation is to witness to something other than oneself. *Is There a Meaning in This Text?* guides the student toward greater confidence in the authority, clarity, and relevance of Scripture,

and a well-reasoned expectation to understand accurately the message of the Bible. *Is There a Meaning in This Text?* is a comprehensive and creative analysis of current debates over biblical hermeneutics that draws on interdisciplinary resources, all coordinated by Christian theology. It makes a significant contribution to biblical interpretation that will be of interest to readers in a number of fields. The intention of the book is to revitalize and enlarge the concept of author-oriented interpretation and to restore confidence that readers of the Bible can reach understanding. The result is a major challenge to the central assumptions of postmodern biblical scholarship and a constructive alternative proposal—an Augustinian hermeneutic—that reinvigorates the notion of biblical authority and finds a new exegetical practice that recognizes the importance of both the reader's situation and the literal sense.

*Exegetical Fallacies* - D. A. Carson  
1996-03-01

This book offers updated explanations of the sins of interpretation to teach sound grammatical, lexical, cultural, theological, and historical Bible study practices. "A must for teachers, pastors, and serious Bible students."--Journal of the

Evangelical Theological Society  
Introduction to Biblical Interpretation - William Wade Klein  
1993

The authors define and describe hermeneutics, the science of Bible interpretation, and suggest effective methods to understand the meaning of any biblical text.

Acts Verse by Verse - Grant R. Osborne  
2019

The events in the book of Acts changed our world forever. Following his account of Jesus' life and ministry in his Gospel, Luke recounts the formation of the early church in

Acts. And while the apostles appear to be at the center of this narrative, all of their work is done through the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit. In every chapter in Acts, we see Spirit-empowered apostles sharing the gospel reality of the risen Christ to the ends of the earth. In *Acts Verse by Verse*, Grant Osborne guides readers through these crucial events in history. He shows us that by sending his Holy Spirit, the risen and exalted Lord was acting through the apostles--and through us today--to transform human history. Osborne skillfully explains the significance of these events and shows us how we can draw inspiration from them today.

God, Language and Scripture - Moises Silva  
2010-09-08

The primary aim of *God, Language and Scripture* is to provide guidance in the use of biblical languages. Secondarily this volume initiates the reader to the wonders and workings of language and points out how language is often misused, especially in regard to the Bible. This volume, however, in no way anticipates all the ways of mishandling language. Silva's emphasis is on 'global' rather than detailed concerns (though selected specific examples are used) of how language is misused. The book includes an account of the birth and growth of modern linguistics, an appreciation of its interdisciplinary character, particularly its ties with literary criticism, sociology, anthropology, psychology, and science. It surveys all levels of language description, but emphasizes the semantic and stylistic aspects of grammar and syntax, vocabulary, and discourse. In addition, it considers the transmission of the Bible (textual criticism and translation) as a mode of linguistic communication and interpretive process.

*Revelation Verse by Verse* - Grant R.

Osborne 2016

The book of Revelation tends to both fascinate and confuse us with its vivid and strange imagery. When we turn to trusted scholars for help, the widely divergent interpretations of the book can sometimes cause us to throw our hands in the air and stop reading. Are the visions to be taken literally or symbolically? Do they depict events from the first century or are they future, just before Jesus' return? In *Revelation Verse by Verse*, Grant R. Osborne cuts through the confusion and offers a clear exposition of the book, explaining what it meant in its first-century setting and what it means today. Instead of being a frightening or befuddling book, Osborne urges us to see Revelation as highly devotional, causing readers to focus on the sovereignty of God, the futility of Satan, and the ultimate victory of the Lamb and his saints. --

**New Horizons in Hermeneutics** -

Anthony C. Thiselton 1992

This book explores the rapidly growing interdisciplinary area of hermeneutics and its significance for biblical studies, combining wide, fundamental, rigorous, and creative theoretical concerns with practical questions about how we read biblical texts.

**Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics**

- Walter C. Kaiser, Jr. 2009-08-19

Since its publication in 1994, *An Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics* has become a standard text for a generation of students, pastors, and serious lay readers. This second edition has been substantially updated and expanded, allowing the authors to fine-tune and enrich their discussions on fundamental interpretive topics. In addition, four new chapters have been included that address more recent controversial issues: • The role of biblical theology in interpretation •

How to deal with contemporary questions not directly addressed in the Bible • The New Testament's use of the Old Testament • The role of history in interpretation The book retains the unique aspect of being written by two scholars who hold differing viewpoints on many issues, making for vibrant, thought-provoking dialogue. What they do agree on, however, is the authority of Scripture, the relevance of personal Bible study to life, and why these things matter.

*Inductive Bible Study* - Al Fuhr

2016-11-15

*Inductive Bible Study* provides a step-by-step approach to Bible study based on a three-part interpretive framework--observation, interpretation, and application.

**Sanctified Vision** - John J. O'Keefe

2005-05-04

Examines early Christian interpretation of the Bible from various perspectives.

Hermeneutics - Anthony C. Thiselton

2009-10-09

Anthony Thiselton here brings together his encyclopedic knowledge of hermeneutics and his nearly four decades of teaching on the subject to provide a splendid interdisciplinary textbook. After a thorough historical overview of hermeneutics, Thiselton moves into modern times with extensive analysis of scholarship from the mid-twentieth century, including liberation and feminist theologies, reader-response and reception theory, and postmodernism. No other text on hermeneutics covers the range of writers and subjects discussed in Thiselton's *Hermeneutics*.

Introducing Theological

Interpretation of Scripture - Daniel

J. Treier 2008-07-01

Theological interpretation of Scripture is a growing trend in biblical interpretation, with an

emphasis on the contexts of canon, creed, and church. This approach seeks to bridge the gap between biblical studies and theology, which grew wide with the ascendancy of critical approaches to Scripture. **Introducing Theological Interpretation of Scripture** is the first clear, systematic introduction to this movement for students. The book surveys the movement's history, themes, advocates, and positions and seeks to bring coherence to its various elements. Author Daniel Treier also explores what he sees as the greatest challenges the movement will have to address as it moves into the future. This helpful book is appropriate for pastors and lay readers interested in biblical interpretation.

**Ephesians** - Livingstone 2021-03-02  
The Life Application Bible Commentary series is the only commentary to offer sermon and lesson applications alongside stirring commentary. Each volume in the series provides in-depth explanation, background, and application for every verse in the text. Perfect for sermon preparation and lesson planning, this one-of-a-kind reference provides excellent quotes and a bibliography for additional commentary. Additional features include Charts, diagrams, and maps on the same page as their related verses. Quotes from various versions, such as the NIV, NRSV, and NLT. Key information graphically highlighted.

**Romans** - Grant R. Osborne 2010-07-21  
Paul, in seeking to bring unity and understanding between Jews and Gentiles in Rome, sets forth in **Romans** his most profound explication of the gospel and its meaning for the church. The letter's relevance is as great today as it was in the first century. Throughout this commentary, Grant R. Osborne explains what the letter meant to its original hearers

and its application for us today.

### **Introduction to Biblical**

**Interpretation** - William W. Klein  
2017-03-28

**Introduction to Biblical Interpretation**, now in its third edition, is a classic hermeneutics textbook that sets forth concise, logical, and practical guidelines for discovering the truth in God's Word. With updates and revisions throughout that keep pace with current scholarship, this book offers students the best and most up-to-date information needed to interpret Scripture. **Introduction to Biblical Interpretation: Defines and describes hermeneutics, the science of biblical interpretation. Suggests effective methods to understand the meaning of the biblical text. Surveys the literary, cultural, social, and historical issues that impact any text. Evaluates both traditional and modern approaches to Bible interpretation. Examines the reader's role as an interpreter of the text and helps identify what the reader brings to the text that could distort its message. Tackles the problem of how to apply the Bible in valid and significant ways today. Provides an extensive and revised annotated list of books that readers will find helpful in the practice of biblical interpretation. Used in college and seminary classrooms around the world, this volume is a trusted and valuable tool for students and other readers who desire to understand and apply the Bible.**

**Biblical Hermeneutics** - Stanley E. Porter, Jr. 2012-04-25

This book presents proponents of five approaches to biblical hermeneutics and allows them to respond to each other. The five approaches are the historical-critical/grammatical (Craig Blomberg), redemptive-historical (Richard Gaffin), literary/postmodern (Scott Spencer),

canonical (Robert Wall) and philosophical/theological (Merold Westphal) views.

Inductive Bible Study - David R. Bauer 2011-04-01

Following up Robert Traina's classic *Methodical Bible Study*, this book introduces the practice of inductive Bible study to a new generation of students, pastors, and church leaders. The authors, two seasoned educators with over sixty combined years of experience in the classroom, offer guidance on adopting an inductive posture and provide step-by-step instructions on how to do inductive Bible study. They engage in conversation with current hermeneutical issues, setting forth well-grounded principles and processes for biblical interpretation and appropriation. The process they present incorporates various methods of biblical study to help readers hear the message of the Bible on its own terms.

*Invitation to Biblical Interpretation, 2nd ed.* - Andreas Köstenberger 2021-02-23

An authoritative guide to accurately interpreting and applying God's Word. In this second edition of *Invitation to Biblical Interpretation*, Andreas Kostenberger leads the reader step-by-step through the process of interpreting and applying God's Word. The primary principle is the hermeneutical triad, which consists of history, literature, and theology. Readers are equipped to explore the historical background of a biblical passage, analyze its literary genre and features, and derive its theological meaning in light of the biblical canon. Numerous examples are provided throughout to illustrate the concepts. A concluding chapter provides direction on practical application, preaching, and helpful tools for Bible study. Additional features include key words and

definitions at the end of each chapter, study questions, and practical exercises for applying the material. An appendix lists numerous resources for Bible study, including recommended commentaries for every book of the Bible. The second edition updates these resources, as well as the sources cited throughout, and includes a revised chapter on the Old Testament canon. Instructors, students, pastors, and anyone who desires to interpret Scripture accurately will find this volume to be an indispensable addition to their library.

**Homiletics and Hermeneutics** - Scott M. Gibson 2018-12-04

Scott Gibson and Matthew Kim, both experienced preachers and teachers, have brought together four preaching experts--Bryan Chapell, Kenneth Langley, Abraham Kuruvilla, and Paul Scott Wilson--to present and defend their approaches to homiletics. Reflecting current streams of thought in homiletics, the book offers a robust discussion of theological and hermeneutical approaches to preaching and encourages pastors and ministry students to learn about preaching from other theological traditions. It also includes discussion questions for direct application to one's preaching.

*Hermeneutics* - Stanley E. Porter 2011-11-16

In this concentrated, intelligible, and useful introductory volume Stanley Porter and Jason Robinson give a splendid overview of hermeneutical and interpretive thought. Neither an all-inclusive survey that moves too quickly over the surface of complex issues nor a specialized volume on a single, narrow topic, Porter and Robinson's *Hermeneutics* provides critical analysis of major movements and figures in hermeneutics and interpretive theory in the modern era

-- from Schleiermacher and Heidegger to Thiselton and Culpepper -- showing especially how these interpreters and their movements have impacted biblical and theological study.

**Hermeneutics** - Henry A. Virkler 1988

John Verse by Verse - Grant R. Osborne 2018-05-02

In John Verse by Verse, respected New Testament scholar Grant R. Osborne invites the reader to become caught up in the dramatic masterpiece of the Fourth Gospel. He writes, "If I were teaching a course in college or seminary on creative writing, John's Gospel would be set alongside Shakespeare as models of brilliant characterization and plot." It is perhaps Osborne's favorite book of the Bible, and enthusiasm for it shines on every page. - Publisher

**Biblical Hermeneutics** - Bruce Corley 2002

Biblical Hermeneutics is a textbook for introductory courses in hermeneutics.

**A Hermeneutic of Wisdom** - J. de Waal Dryden 2018-07-03

This book develops an integrated hermeneutic that connects the Bible to spiritual formation and the development of Christian virtues. The author shows how the whole Bible can be understood as a wisdom text that directs its readers morally, shapes them in their deepest affections and convictions, and impacts how they look at the world and live in it. Offering an innovative hermeneutical approach, it will serve as an ideal supplement to standard hermeneutics textbooks.

**Colossians & Philemon Verse by Verse** - Grant R. Osborne 2016

While the apostle Paul was in prison, he wrote to the Colossian Christians to help them maintain their focus on the lordship of Jesus against the claims of false teachers that had snuck in among them. At the same time

as he sent this letter to the wider church, he also sent a short letter to his friend and coworker Philemon that displays Paul's (B9 ss) masterful skill at conflict resolution. In Colossians & Philemon Verse by Verse, Grant R. Osborne carefully and accessibly makes sense of these two important letters, while at the same time drawing on his years of scholarly research on the New Testament. The result is a clear exposition of Colossians and Philemon, explaining what they meant in their first-century setting and what they mean today. --

**Emerging Leadership in the Pauline Mission** - Jack Barentsen 2011-08-04

**\*\*Winner of the 2012 Fredric M. Jablin Doctoral Dissertation Award\*\***  
Where did Paul find leaders for his new churches? How did he instruct and develop them? What processes took place to stabilize the churches and institute their new leadership? This book carves a fresh trail in leadership studies by looking at leadership development from a group-dynamic, social identity perspective. Paul engages the cultural leadership patterns of his key local leaders, publicly affirming, correcting, and improving those patterns to conform to a Christlike pattern of sacrificial service. Paul's own life and ministry offer a motivational and authoritative model for his followers, because he embodies the leadership style he teaches. As a practical theologian *avant la lettre*, Paul contextualizes key theological themes to strengthen community and leadership formation, and equips his church leaders as entrepreneurs of Christian identity. A careful comparison of the Corinthian and Ephesian churches demonstrates a similar overall pattern of development. This study engages Pauline scholarship on church office in depth and offers alternative



readings of five Pauline epistles, generating new insights to enrich dogmatic and practical theological reflection. In a society where many churches reflect on their missional calling, such input from the NT for contemporary Christian leadership formation is direly needed.

*Biblical Hermeneutics* - 1994

Outlines the alternative "biblical-historical" method of interpretation, which emphasizes the interpreter's need to know God—and thereby the Holy Spirit's centrality to valid exegesis.

*Principles of Biblical Hermeneutics* - J. Edwin Hartill 1947

Dr. S. Franklin Logsdon, Bible teacher and evangelist, says of this book: "These principles of Bible study by Dr. J. Edwin Hartill have been tested and proved in his own personal teaching for many years. They are succinct, pointed, practical, original, understandable - simple keys to unlock the storehouse of Scripture to things both old and new. This publication makes a distinct contribution to Bible lovers in their search for increased knowledge of divine truth. It is a privilege and an honor to commend it to God's people." Using a graphic combination of text, charts, and outlines, Dr. Hartill states, "I trust that as you study these principles, your understanding of the Word and your love for its truth may deepen, so that you may more ably pass it on to others."

The Letter and Spirit of Biblical Interpretation - Keith D. Stanglin 2018-08-21

For the better part of fifteen centuries, Christians read Scripture on two complementary levels, the literal and the spiritual. In the modern period, the spiritual sense gradually became marginalized in favor of the literal sense. The Bible came to be read and interpreted like

any other book. This brief, accessible introduction to the history of biblical interpretation examines key turning points and figures and argues for a retrieval of the premodern spiritual habits of reading Scripture.

**Scripture as Communication** - Jeannine K. Brown 2021-07-20

Jeannine Brown, a seasoned teacher of biblical interpretation, believes that communication is at the heart of what happens when we open the Bible. We are actively engaging God in a conversation that can be life changing. In this guide to the theory and practice of biblical hermeneutics, Brown emphasizes the communicative nature of Scripture, proposing a communication model as an effective approach to interpreting the Bible. The new edition of this successful textbook has been revised and updated to interact with recent advances in interpretive theory and practice.

Gospel-Centered Hermeneutics - Graeme Goldsworthy 2014-07-18

While there are many books on hermeneutics, Graeme Goldsworthy's perception is that evangelical contributions often do not give sufficient attention to the vital relationship between hermeneutics and theology, both systematic and biblical. In this new paperback edition of *Gospel-Centered Hermeneutics*, Goldsworthy moves beyond a reiteration of the usual arguments to concentrate on the theological questions of presuppositions, and the implications of the Christian gospel for hermeneutics. In doing so, he brings fresh perspectives on some well-worn pathways. Part I examines the foundations and presuppositions of evangelical belief, particularly with regard to biblical interpretation. Part II offers a selective overview of important hermeneutical

developments from the sub-apostolic age to the present, as a means of identifying some significant influences that have been alien to the gospel. Part III evaluates ways and means of reconstructing truly gospel-centered hermeneutics.

Goldsworthy's aim throughout is to commend the much-neglected role of biblical theology in hermeneutical practice, with pastoral concern for the people of God as they read, interpret and seek to live by his written Word.

**Galatians Verse by Verse** - Grant R. Osborne 2017

After the Apostle Paul returned from his first missionary journey, he heard that a certain group of legalistic Jewish Christians had infiltrated the churches he had established. These false teachers were teaching that new Christians had to be circumcised and follow the Old Testament law in order to be truly saved. Paul, realizing the gospel was at stake, wrote this letter in response. In *Galatians Verse by Verse*, experienced New Testament scholar sets forth Paul's laser-focused argument: Jesus is not only the Messiah; he came to inaugurate a new era in salvation history. In this new era, Christians are not made right with God by obeying the law; justification is by faith alone. This frees believers to live their lives not trying to earn salvation, but instead joyfully keeping in step with the Spirit. Pastors, Bible study

leaders, and invested laypeople will all benefit from Osborne's careful reading of the text and commitment to making sense of the New Testament without scholarly jargon. The Osborne New Testament Commentary Series is a set of commentaries on every New Testament book. In each volume, Grant R. Osborne seeks to carefully exposit the text in plain language, bringing out the treasures in each book and making them accessible for today's readers.

*The Hermeneutics of the Biblical Writers* - Abner Chou 2018-02-23

A method of interpretation--a hermeneutic--is indispensable for understanding Scripture, constructing theology, and living the Christian life, but most contemporary hermeneutical systems fail to acknowledge the principles and practices of the biblical writers themselves. Christians today cannot employ a truly biblical view of the Bible unless they understand why the prophets and apostles interpreted Scripture the way they did. To this end, Abner Chou proposes a "hermeneutic of obedience," in which believers learn to interpret Scripture the way the biblical authors did--including understanding the New Testament's use of the Old Testament. Chou first unfolds the "prophetic hermeneutic" of the Old Testament authors, and demonstrates the continuity of this approach with the "apostolic hermeneutic" of the New Testament authors.