

## Suggested Reading

### Biblical Theology: Introductory

Goldsworthy, Graeme, *Gospel and Kingdom* (Paternoster, 1994)

A slightly longer and deeper consideration of the theme of the Kingdom of God throughout Scripture than Vaughan Roberts' *God's Big Picture*, but still quite readable.

Roberts, Vaughan, *God's Big Story* (IVP, 2003)

A very useful and readable little book that serves as a good introduction to the idea of biblical theology through the theme of the Kingdom of God. This would be good for new Christians and for small groups to follow as a study (each chapter concludes with a Bible study).

VanGemenen, Willem, *The Progress of Redemption* (Baker Book House, 1988)

A heftier tome that suffers by comparison with Roberts and Goldsworthy by being less easy to read and also less clearly structured. This is a helpful examination of the flow of salvation history, but VanGemenen never goes beyond description to systematise his conclusions.

### Biblical Theology: Advanced

Dempster, Stephen G, *Dominion and Dynasty: a theology of the Hebrew Bible* (Apollos, 2003)

A helpful introduction to the Old Testament following the order of books in the Jewish Bible with some interesting insights, but falls short of what may be expected from the title.

Feinberg, John S (editor), *Continuity and Discontinuity* (Crossway Books, 1988)

A collection of essays by different contributors considering the inter-relationship of the two Testaments. This is a theological book for serious readers, and essentially considers the differences between Covenant Theology and Dispensationalism. It is enlightening because of the degree of common ground among contributors.

Williamson, Paul R, *Sealed with an Oath: Covenant in God's unfolding purpose* (Apollos, 2007)

An introduction to biblical theology following the theme of covenant through the Bible.

### Textbooks About Biblical Interpretation (Hermeneutics)

Bray, Gerald, *Biblical Interpretation: Past and Present* (IVP, 1996)

This is probably best used as a reference, but is an excellent examination of the history of biblical interpretation and the current trends in the field.

Kaiser, Walter C Jr, *Toward an Exegetical Theology* (Baker Book House, 1981)

A helpful attempt to explain a theology of biblical interpretation. Suffers a bit from brevity, but will be more readable than Osborne as a result. Contains helpful practical chapters for preachers

Longenecker, Richard N, *Biblical Exegesis in the Apostolic Period* (Paternoster, 1995)

A scholarly consideration of first-century AD Jewish exegesis and the use of the Old Testament in the New.

Osborne, Grant R, *The Hermeneutical Spiral* (IVP, 1991)

A brilliant textbook on the theme of hermeneutics, or biblical interpretation. Highly recommended, although not for the faint-hearted.

Vanhoozer, Kevin J, *Is there a Meaning in this Text?* (Zondervan, 1998)

A scholarly consideration of the philosophy of biblical interpretation. This book is very helpful in understanding contemporary issues in hermeneutics, especially the challenge of postmodernism.