

**AN INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT
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he provides an inductive, question-based, workbook-style resource that helps readers encounter the biblical texts directly for themselves.

Theologically minded readers will find much here to appreciate, but so will anyone looking for the expected essentials. Far from a sterile, detached introduction, this book is like being in the classroom with a seasoned teacher. To face the Old Testament with Goldingay is to face questions—the questions that we put to the text and that the text puts to us. Here is an invitation to a conversation with thought-provoking biblical writings under the guidance of a wise mentor. Not this book! John Goldingay wants 'to help you study Scripture for yourself,' and he does this deftly with the enthusiasm of a master teacher, the knowledge of a first-rate scholar and the faith of a dedicated Christian.

This handbook is accessible, readable, insightful, faithful—and enjoyable. Don't let a day go by without delving into the Old Testament with this book close at hand. Goldingay is a seasoned professor and has provided the reader with a welcomed balance between the 'need to know' information of the Old Testament and the 'want to know' information.

It comes highly recommended. He was previously principal and professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at St. Overall, his work is accessible to any reader and quite valuable to lay people who read the Hebrew Bible. While some may disagree to certain nuances with which he writes, such as the role of the Holy Spirit in reading the Old Testament or occasional comments on the Old Testament greatly influenced by the New Testament, it is an important book.

He introduces scholarly issues with succinctness and simplicity. It is certainly a valuable addition for lay people attempting to more fully understand the Hebrew Bible. Without understanding the Old Testament, the New Testament is two dimensional. Yet many people function with half a Bible, scared off by mysterious prophecies and confusing histories full of strange names. What to do? A number of features make the book very attractive. First, the entire book is laid out in easy-to-digest two-page spreads. Every topic is covered quickly and clearly. It gets to the point. Second, Goldingay offers a casual tone, contrary to many academic books of its type. Rather he often provides a series of questions readers are invited to work through themselves, sending them back into the text so they can draw their own conclusions. In addition, abundant online resources which go along with the book are available for free.

And the author continues to update and add material to these web resources. While designed for students in the classroom, this a handbook and workbook that can help the rest of us get a solid hold of the other half of our Bibles. Michael Lloyd-Billington rated it really liked it Mar 10, Moses Flores rated it really liked it Oct 07, Nik White rated it really liked it Jun 21, Tristan Galindo rated it it was amazing Apr 03, Jonathan Huggins rated it really liked it Apr 19, Anthony Leonor rated it liked it Feb 11, Paul Jones rated it it was amazing Feb 17, Carrie rated it liked it Oct 05, Adriene Goodrich rated it it was amazing Oct 02, Bret Hammond rated it it was amazing May 19, Sarah King rated it really liked it Jan 09, Timothy James rated it it was ok Jan 29, Steve Farson rated it it was amazing Apr 15, Colwyn Dunlap rated it really liked it Jul 26, Steve Walker marked it as to-read Sep 21, Jonathan Bispo marked it as to-read Oct 26, Eun-hyeon Myeong marked it as to-read Dec 06, Stack marked it as to-read Dec 21, Cory marked it as to-read Jun 01, Leo marked it as to-read Aug 10, Ian Packer added it Oct 13, Joanna marked it as to-read Dec 28, Kristen marked it as to-read Jan 10, Del Herman marked it as to-read Jun 24, Nils added it Jun 28, Ben marked it as to-read Sep 02, Don Downs added it Sep 03, Chad Ryan marked it as to-read Oct 19, Helen Jackman marked it as to-read Feb 21, InterVarsity Press added it Aug 16, Alysha Robison marked it as to-read Aug 30, Shaquanna added it Sep 26, There are no discussion topics on this book yet.

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And his pedagogical panache is unrivaled! In this remarkably clever, clear and comprehensive volume, Goldingay does it again, writing what very well may be the ideal first textbook for readers of the Old Testament. This is a wise, learned and immensely shrewd introduction. I will recommend it frequently and consult it often. Contributing to the problem is often a gap between what scholars believe is important for students to know and what students want to talk about. Problem now solved! John Goldingay has written an engaging, informative and interesting introduction that adroitly presents the important topics that emanate from scholarly study while also addressing the questions that student minds want to know.

I look forward to using it in my Old Testament courses and seeing the kinds of conversations it sparks in the classroom! Not this book!

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