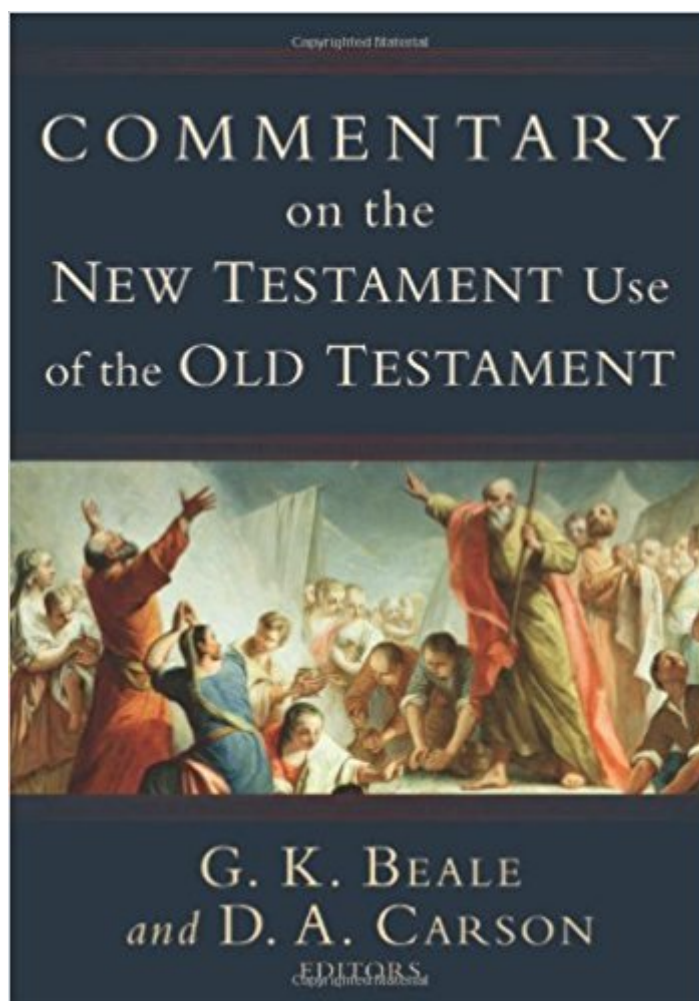


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# Commentary On The New Testament Use Of The Old Testament



## Synopsis

Readers of the New Testament often encounter quotes or allusions to Old Testament stories and prophecies that are unfamiliar or obscure. In order to fully understand the teachings of Jesus and his followers, it is important to understand the large body of Scripture that preceded and informed their thinking. Leading evangelical scholars G. K. Beale and D. A. Carson have brought together a distinguished team to provide readers with a comprehensive commentary on Old Testament quotations, allusions, and echoes that appear from Matthew through Revelation. College and seminary students, pastors, scholars, and interested lay readers will want to add this unique commentary to their reference libraries. Contributors Craig L. Blomberg (Denver Seminary) on Matthew Rikk E. Watts (Regent College) on Mark David W. Pao (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) and Eckhard J. Schnabel (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) on Luke Andreas J. Köstenberger (Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary) on John I. Howard Marshall (University of Aberdeen) on Acts Mark A. Seifrid (Southern Baptist Theological Seminary) on Romans Roy E. Ciampa (Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary) and Brian S. Rosner (Moore Theological College) on 1 Corinthians Peter Balla (Károli Gáspár Reformed University, Budapest) on 2 Corinthians Moisés Silva (author of Philipians in the Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament) on Galatians and Philipians Frank S. Thielman (Beeson Divinity School) on Ephesians G. K. Beale (Wheaton College Graduate School) on Colossians Jeffrey A. D. Weima (Calvin Theological Seminary) on 1 and 2 Thessalonians Philip H. Towner (United Bible Societies) on 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus George H. Guthrie (Union University) on Hebrews D. A. Carson (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) on the General Epistles G. K. Beale (Wheaton College Graduate School) and Sean M. McDonough (Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary) on Revelation

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All will be led into helpful reflection on this important area of study. Well done to the editors and authors of this useful and unique commentary."--Darrell L. Bock, Dallas Theological Seminary

This is not any book is really a handbook and a workbook. It is a tool for working on exegesis and intertextuality. It should be used paired with G. K. Beale, Handbook on the New Testament use of the Old Testament and keep handy Stanley E. Porter, Linguistic Analysis of the Greek New Testament: Studies in Tools, Methods and Practice. I teach biblical Hermeneutics at under and graduated level and i have welcomed this tool into my digital library. This is not for reading in a hurry; the reader must take time to read it carefully and ponder its contributions. With 1281 pages of quality exegetical work is a tool to use and come back for consultation once and again. The reader will need at least a basic knowledge of NT Greek and exegesis to take advantage of this tool. The better the knowledge on Koine Greek the better the advantage.

This book was properly NOT entitled "Commentary on the New Testament Exegesis of the Old Testament." It is a well studied and scholarly look at how the New Testament writers made USE of the Old Testament Scriptures. And they did make use of those Scriptures is varied and instructive ways. Beale and Carson have compiled and edited articles from numerous trustworthy believing scholars which explain where, how, and why specific passages of Old Testament texts were employed by NT authors. These articles are careful to cite OT and NT contexts, predominant Middle Eastern scholastic thought prior to the 1st Century, and provide an analysis of what style was likely being used by the NT author (for example: typology, compare / contrast, poetic / emotive, prophetic fulfillment, simile, and at times even exegetical / interpretive). Such varied approaches by the NT authors to acquiring and working with OT passages begs the question of whether we ought to handle the OT in the same manner as did they. This commentary fairly well states that the answer is, "Yes...but." Yes, if we were to be as careful as they in understanding that we are not always merely quoting and interpreting the OT nor making absurd allegories of the OT texts but using them as instructive examples, poetic bursts of emotion, and historical typographic illustrations then we should indeed use the OT in the same way. Often the articles and entries in the commentary are long. This is not a dictionary and does not lend itself to quick reference lookups. Such attention to detail and depth enhances the experience of using this volume as it unearths elements and aspects of the Old Testament references that we rarely attempt to see from a 1st Century perspective today. Its overall format is rather straightforward. Identify a NT passage and look it up in the commentary in the passage's traditional Protestant biblical order. Generally only OT passages that

are directly quoted, paraphrased, alluded to, or cited by the NT are expanded upon in the commentary. If an OT passage is merely somewhat similar to or has only surface resemblances with an OT passage (giving one the feeling that it is being brought to mind for evocative or emotive reasons alone) then the commentary may not touch on it. In general this is a very useful collection of articles. Its heart is not on being a commentary on the entire New Testament but is focused most narrowly on how the New Testament writers put the Old Testament to work to illustrate Jesus as the Christ, the evils of rebellion and sin, and the complex intricacies of God's epic sweeping salvific plan for humanity.

I am so pleased to have this book. Outside of the Bible itself and an exhaustive concordance (such as *The Strongest NASB Exhaustive Concordance (Strongest Strong's)*), it is hard to imagine another book of greater value. I say this because the writers of the New Testament obviously viewed the Old Testament as the authoritative and instructive text which they constantly quoted. Therefore, what could be more important than understanding their view of the Old Testament? Through that understanding, the two testaments become a unified whole. And the greater our understanding of the apostles' view of the Old Testament, the greater the unity we see and the greater understanding of God we will have. The scholars behind this volume cover a lot of ground. They bring to light differences between the Septuagint and the Hebrew Bible, as well as giving attention to other texts which the New Testament writers may have used. I could not give the fifth star simply because the essay form and structure of the entries imposed by the editors, and followed in varying degrees by the authors, make the reading ponderous at times. It lends itself well to extended periods of time where one can read many pages at a sitting. Conversely, it does not lend itself well to quick reference reading as you might use for a dictionary or encyclopedia, or even standard commentary. Therefore, I hope that this publication will spawn yet others. Surely there is room for many more books about this subject. The Lord taught His apostles to read the Old Testament in an entirely different way once He was raised from the dead. The more we understand this way of reading, the better off we will be.

This is a fabulous tool for in-depth study of the New Testament. I bought and used it mainly for Revelation, which is packed with Old Testament language and imagery. It was incredibly helpful. I found the layout easy to use. The book itself is hefty and hardbound, and will likely stand many years of use.

This book is a great resource for any person interested in the deeper study of the Bible - both Old and New Testaments. The material is scholarly and yet very easy to read and understand. There is some reference to the original language, but it does not require a knowledge of Greek or Hebrew to understand the material. Each book/letter of the New Testament begins with a very good introduction to its specific purpose in being written, with an emphasis on the links to the Old Testament Scriptures. Major themes are presented that help the reader gain greater insight into overall thrust of the message of the book/letter. For those who desire to dig deeper, there are many references to other Jewish commentaries and writings, as well as an extensive bibliography and the end of each article. Mike Anderson Pastor of Senior Ministries MATS (Bethel Seminary 2008)

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