



The Messiah: The Texts Behind Handel's Masterpiece
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In the most recent LBS release, *The Messiah*, author Douglas Connelly explores some of the key passages in the Old Testament about the Messiah and their fulfillment in the life and saving work of Jesus.

As Connelly writes in the introduction, "These passages have had a profound effect on the imagination and worship of Christians for two thousand years. One of the greatest expressions of worship and adoration was written by George Handel. He called his oratorio *Messiah*. We hear it (or parts of it) sung every year during the Christmas season. What many listeners fail to realize is that the entire text of Handel's *Messiah* is drawn from Scripture – and it includes many of the Old Testament passages that shaped Israel's hope for their Redeemer. . . . If you work through this study near the time of Advent or Easter, it will prepare your heart in a fresh way for those celebrations. But any time of the year, these studies will draw you closer to Jesus in adoration and appreciation. Be open to all that God desires to do in you as you take a long look at your Redeemer and Savior and King."

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