



The Message of Joshua (Bible Speaks Today)

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InterVarsity Press is thrilled to announce the publication of *The Message of Joshua*, the final book of the Bible in the Bible Speaks Today series (BST). The series covers all sixty-six books of the Bible (Old and New Testaments) over fifty-five volumes.

Edited by J. A. Motyer and the late John R. W. Stott, these commentaries are characterized by what Stott called a “threefold ideal . . . to expound the biblical text with accuracy, to relate it to contemporary life and to be readable.” As such, each contributor in this series is both a noted scholar and a working pastor.

Steven Gaukroger, director of Clarion Trust International and well-known senior church leader in the UK, reiterated Stott’s emphasis, writing: “I have found the Bible Speaks Today volumes inspirational and scholarly, and of enormous practical use.”

In an interview with Premier Christian Radio in the UK, Motyer, who completed the editing of the Old Testament volumes, proclaimed that it is a great relief to have the series complete and that he is “happy to say we’re ending on a remarkably high note. The last four volumes have been right at the top of the tree.”

The first title in the series was originally published by Inter-Varsity Press (UK) in 1968. The first title, Stott’s *The Message of Galatians*, hooked Bible Speaks Today Themes series editor Derek Tidball on the outset. He stated the series has “provided excellent models for expository preachers, combining clarity of communication with careful exegesis, theological literacy and wise application. But they have also been eminently devotional.”

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The Bible Speaks Today series has also won many awards and accolades for its individual volumes, including the *Christianity Today* Readers’ Choice Award for *The Message of Acts* (1991), a *Christianity Today* Book of the Year award for *The Message of Romans* (1995), and several mentions in *Preaching’s* best Bible reference guide. Additionally, when asked what his favorite commentary series on the New Testament was in a recent Twitter chat, pastor Tim Keller offered the Bible Speaks Today series.

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“The Bible Speaks Today has been one of the most beloved series on the Bible for pastors, students and ordinary readers alike,” said Andy Le Peau, associate publisher for editorial at IVP. “Originally conceived by John Stott to expound the biblical text with accuracy and application in a readable format, this series now covering the whole Bible is a treasure.”

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