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John Goldingay is David Allan Hubbard Professor of Old Testament at Fuller Theological Seminary. He was previously principal and a professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at St John's Theological College in Nottingham, England. His books include *An Introduction to the Old Testament*, *The Theology of the Book of Isaiah*, *Key Questions about Biblical Interpretation*, *Do We Need the Old Testament?* and commentaries on Psalms, Isaiah, and Daniel. He has also authored the three-volume *Old Testament Theology* and the seventeen-volume *Old Testament for Everyone* series.

In his most recent book, *Biblical Theology: The God of the Christian Scriptures*, Goldingay takes the New Testament as a portal into the complete canon of Scripture. Without searching out an overarching unity, he allows Scripture's diversity and tensions to remain, letting Scripture speak to us in its own voice. This landmark biblical theology is hermeneutically dexterous, biblically expansive, and nourishing to mind, soul, and proclamation.

"Those who study theology from the Bible up find themselves in tension with the classic systematic categories but rarely have the courage to venture into a full-scale theological scanning of the Bible's universe," said Scot McKnight of Northern Seminary. "John Goldingay is not only equipped for such a challenge, but has met it in a thunderous vision of nothing less than a biblical theology – one that unabashedly asks what the Bible says about God and human life. In an organic set of fresh categories, Goldingay offers the reader a new vision for theology, one that I hope will replace the crusty systematics that have silenced so much of the Bible's story."

"When John Calvin wrote the *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, he did so to provide an outline of the nature of biblical faith, to give people a context within which they could then read the Scriptures," writes Goldingay. "My hopes for this volume will have been fulfilled if it helps people do so. It is an attempt at a digest of the Scriptures. It is for the reader then to test the digest against the Scriptures themselves."

Goldingay also serves in pastoral ministry as an associate pastor at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Pasadena. He holds membership in the Society of Biblical Literature and the Society for Old Testament Study. He also serves on the Task Force on Biblical Interpretation in the Anglican Communion and the editorial board for the *Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies*.

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