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Discovering the Riches of the Old Testament

“I have appreciated the writings of Duane Garrett for many years. His careful scholarship is always of the highest caliber. He has a knack for weaving together a beautiful tapestry that combines careful exegesis and sound theology. *The Problem of the Old Testament* is no different. It shows us how to navigate many of the landmines of the Old Testament; it makes the argument that the Old Testament can be read rightly as Christian Scripture; and it makes abundantly clear that the Old Testament indeed finds its fulfillment in the Lord Jesus Christ, Israel’s promised Messiah. The book is scholarly and readable, which is always a rare combination. It will serve students and teachers of the Holy Scriptures well for many years to come.”

—**Daniel L. Akin**, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

“This is a book to own. Duane Garrett is an admired scholar and teacher who brings to *The Problem of the Old Testament* a lifetime of explaining its content in ways that are both enlightening and encouraging. Pastors can use it to orient their preaching and teaching. Students will appreciate its wise guidance to the heart of issues. Laypeople will value its readability and the way it defines the challenges and offers solutions in nonobtrusive language. The Old Testament is three-fourths of the Bible. This book keeps its readers from stumbling over the hard parts, the unfamiliar parts, and the confusing parts so that they can more fully grasp what God has caused to be written for their benefit.”

—**Douglas Stuart**, senior professor of Old Testament at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

“I have known Duane Garrett for thirty years and have had the privilege of working with him. His scholarship is always thorough, insightful, and practical. I enthusiastically recommend you buy and carefully read anything he writes!”

—**Richard Blackaby**, president of Blackaby Ministries International and coauthor of *Experiencing God*

“For the numerous Christians who have ever found a problem with what the Old Testament actually says, this book provides a sympathetic voice, a discerning eye, and an experienced guide. Garrett faces the problem of the Old Testament, sharply criticizing efforts to minimize the problem (e.g., allegory or theological systems). However, this book offers more than an incisive critique; it provides a roadmap for navigating the Old Testament in its historical-grammatical sense as the first part of the Bible. This book offers a true biblical theology, addressing the overarching concerns of the Old Testament with a close eye to the exegetical details of the text.”

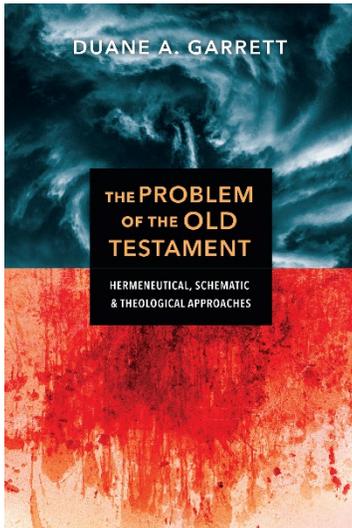
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“Through numerous major commentaries and publications, Duane Garrett has distinguished himself as a trusted voice in evangelical scholarship. *The Problem of the Old Testament* represents the culmination of a lifetime of faithful academic ministry. Garrett notes the challenge the Old Testament presents for Christians as part of our two-testament canon. As we have come to expect, Garrett provides a fresh and bold way forward. Though some readers may arrive at different conclusions, this book will inspire every reader to wrestle anew with the Old Testament as Christian Scripture.”

—**Andrew M. King**, assistant professor of biblical studies at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Spurgeon College

“In a time when many are predisposed to ignore or even jettison the Old Testament, this book is needed to remind us how vital the Old Testament is for the Christian faith. Duane Garrett has provided the academy and the church with a helpful and thorough discussion of the ‘problem of the Old Testament.’ This book will be an essential conversation partner for anyone considering the importance of the Old Testament for the church today.”

—**Daniel S. Diffey**, associate professor of Old Testament at Grand Canyon University

“Duane Garrett clearly identifies and constructively engages numbers of ‘problems’ with Christian engagement with the Old Testament. He then goes on to provide accessible yet learned guidance in how Christians can approach and read the Old Testament in a way that respects the text, honors the God who gave the text, and nurtures the spiritual life of the reader. Anyone who is a person of the Book should consider the guidance provided in this book.”

—**W. David Buschart**, professor of theology and historical studies at Denver Seminary

“Any truthful interpretation will withstand scrutiny. With exegetical precision, Duane Garrett analyzes proposed interpretive strategies to link both testaments, highlighting their strengths and weaknesses. Then he courageously proposes a method linking the two testaments on sounder exegetical grounding without resorting to special pleading or interpretive stabs in the dark. Students of both testaments of the Bible will find much to learn from Garrett’s study, honing their interpretive skills, understanding how the biblical writers wrote and how their messages cohere into a unified whole.”

—**Kevin C. Peacock**, professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary and College

“Duane Garrett is an essential guide for Christians in their proper understanding and use of the Old Testament in our contemporary cultures. His approach is permeated with hope. He provides a compelling roadmap for the relevance and justified application of the Old Testament to today’s often-complex circumstances and issues of both local and global concern. It was a pure joy to read, and it will enrich my approach to teaching Christian ethics.”

—**Rob Blackaby**, president, Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary and College



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