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Praise for the First Edition of *The Mission of God*

“Wright has produced a compelling book of paramount importance for mission studies and practice, and contributed greatly to the fields of hermeneutics and biblical theology.”

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“This book is a fascinating combination of introduction on biblical hermeneutics, biblical theology, and, at the same time, it is a missiology textbook.”

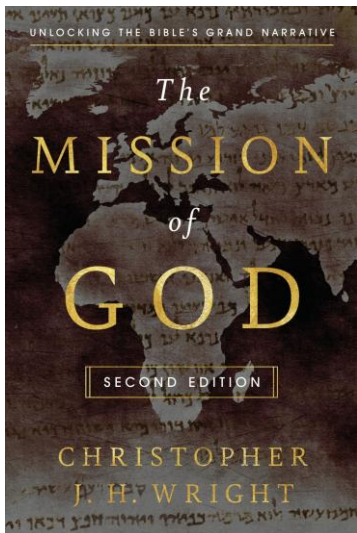
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“One is hard-pressed to find much fault with either the conception or the execution of this nicely published and helpfully organized treatment of what is arguably the most important idea in the world. Seldom do works on mission view these themes so globally and comprehensively.”

—**Criswell Theological Review**, Fall 2007

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—**Jim Reapsome**, *Christianity Today*, June 2007

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— **Andrew F. Walls**, Centre for the Study of World Christianity, University of Edinburgh

“This excellent book encourages Bible scholars, pastors, missionaries and informed Christians to read the Bible with new eyes, the eyes of God’s missional intention for the world that God loves. The author joins others like Walter Kaiser, Johannes Nissen, Arthur Glasser, and James Chukwuma Okoye in demonstrating that only a missionary reading of the Bible does full justice to God’s self-revelation described therein. I will be using this book as a primary textbook in several courses.”

—**Dr. Charles Van Engen**, Arthur F. Glasser Professor of Biblical Theology of Mission, School of Intercultural Studies, Fuller Theological Seminary

“To an already impressive list of publications dealing with the Bible and mission, Chris Wright now adds what must surely be his magnum opus. This remarkably comprehensive work does nothing less than point the way ahead for the global Christian movement in the twenty-first century, and in the process it challenges a host of received assumptions in biblical scholarship, Christian theology, and missionary practice. I believe Wright’s book will be seen as the most important work of its kind since David Bosch’s contribution in the 1990s, and, like that work, it is likely to be read, discussed, and hopefully applied to practice for years to come.”

—**David W. Smith**, International Christian College, Glasgow

“Beautifully written, Wright’s work sees God’s mission as a framework for understanding the whole Bible; a key that unlocks the ‘grand narrative’ of Holy Scripture. It clarifies many difficult issues and is a major contribution to a biblical theology of mission.”

—**Gerald H. Anderson**, director emeritus, Overseas Ministries Study Center, New Haven, Connecticut

“*The Mission of God* is valuable, not only for its exposition of God’s mission, but also for its defense of the unity of Scripture and its development of the themes of the covenant of grace and the kingdom of God.”

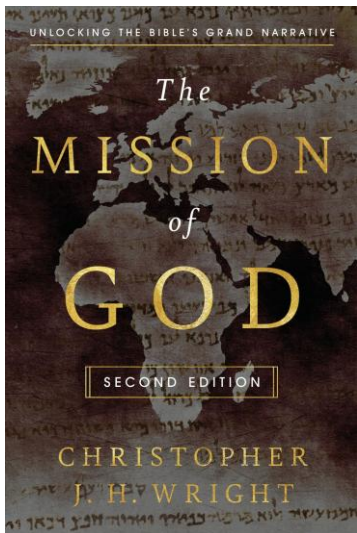
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“Wright blends Old Testament scholarship, missionary experience, and missiological heart in this extraordinary book. He does a marvelous job of framing the questions and detailing the answers in accessible prose. Missiology has long been in need of someone who can offer an appropriate map not just for walking us through mission in the Bible but for leading us more deeply into the Bible through a missiological lens. Chris Wright offers us this bidirectional map in masterful fashion that will become standard reading in the field for years to come.”

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“Chris Wright, known for many important studies in Old Testament ethics and theology, has again written a book that deserves wide circulation. At a time when many biblical scholars continue to emphasize the minutiae of diverse traditions, and at a time when the missionary task of the church is either questioned by postmodern critics or diminished by pragmatic pundits, Wright’s new book is a reminder of the unity of Scripture, the importance of sound hermeneutics and exegesis, and the fundamental significance of the missionary calling of the church. Wright demonstrates with consistent and passionate argumentation that the missionary mandate of the church does not simply rest on the great commission in Matthew 28, but that the whole Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, is the result of the very nature of God and of God’s people. This book should be a required text for theologians and exegetes, pastors and students, missionaries and Christians in general.”

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“Due to a variety of cultural and educational trends, we’ve seen a sharp drop in the ability of students to read deeply and synthetically. Biblical literacy is no different. Working knowledge of biblical personalities and chronologies is often shallow, which is the tip of an even larger iceberg: ignorance of the Bible’s overarching story of salvation. Wright draws from his biblical and theological expertise, inviting us into a deeper understanding of the biblical arc of God’s saving mission.”

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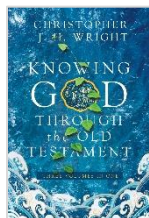
“With this second edition, one of the best works of biblical theology is even better thanks to new chapters on the future of Israel and evangelism. Christopher Wright holds before us a vision of a God with a holistic mission who creates a church that is to join in this all-encompassing mission. Excited for the new edition to reach a new generation of students who will deeply resonate with this biblical vision.”

—**Andrew T. Abernethy**, professor of Old Testament at Wheaton College and author of *Savoring Scripture*

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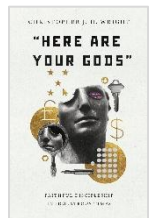
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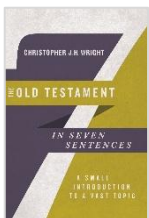
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