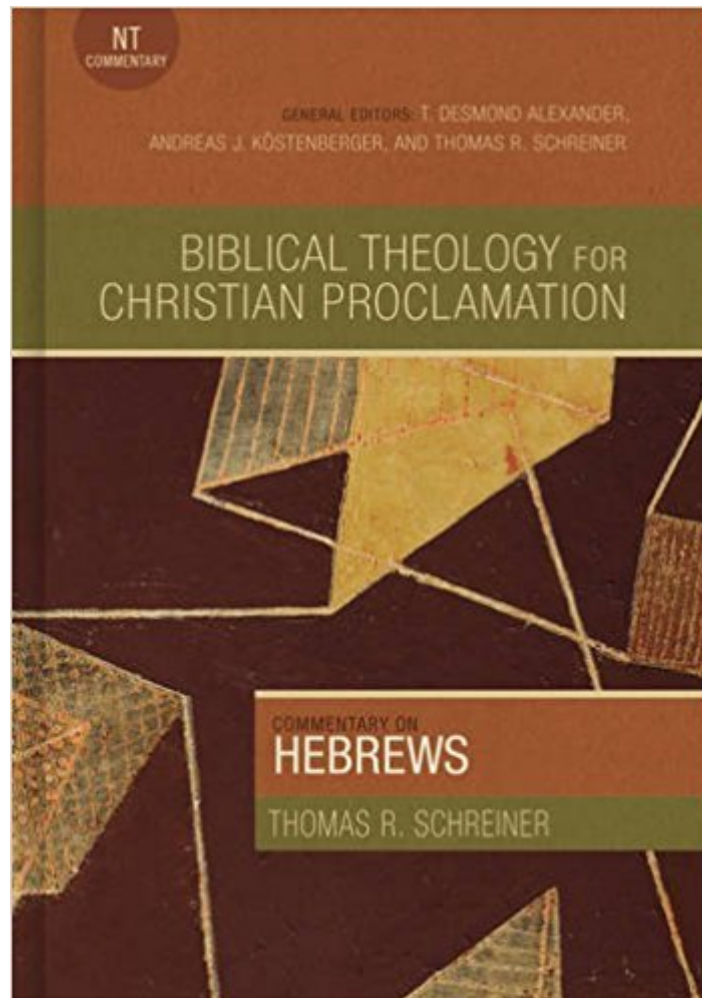


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# Commentary On Hebrews (Biblical Theology For Christian Proclamation)



## Synopsis

The Biblical Theology for Christian Proclamation Commentary series explores the theology of the Bible in considerable depth, spanning both Testaments. Authors come from a variety of backgrounds and perspectives, though all affirm the inerrancy and inspiration of Scripture. United in their belief in the underlying unity of Scripture, each author explores the contribution of a given book or group of books to the theology of Scripture as a whole. All volumes provide a discussion of introductory matters, including the book's historical setting and the literary structure. Also included is an exegetical treatment of all the relevant passages in succinct commentary-style format. The major contribution of each volume, however, is a thorough discussion of the most important themes of the biblical book in relation to the canon as a whole. This format, in itself, would already be a valuable contribution to biblical theology. But there are other series that try to accomplish a survey of the Bible's theology as well. What distinguishes the present series is its orientation toward Christian proclamation. As a result, the ultimate purpose of this set of volumes is not exclusively, or even primarily, academic. Rather, we seek to relate biblical theology to our own lives and to the life of the church. Our desire is to equip those in Christian ministry who are called by God to preach and teach the precious truths of Scripture to their congregations. In his volume on Hebrews, Thomas R. Schreiner says, "The words of Jesus on the cross, 'it is finished' (John 19:30) capture the theology of Hebrews. My aim in this commentary is to focus on the biblical theology of the letter. The emphasis on biblical theology shows up especially in the introduction and conclusion where theological structures and themes are considered. The commentary will conclude, after presenting an exegesis of each chapter, with a discussion of some major theological themes in Hebrews."

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## Customer Reviews

Thomas R. Schreiner is the James Buchanan Harrison Professor of New Testament Interpretation and Professor of Biblical Theology at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY. He serves as Associated Dean of the School of Theology. Dr. Schreiner joined the Southern faculty in 1997 after serving 11 years on the faculty at Bethel Theological Seminary. He also taught New Testament at Azusa Pacific University. Dr. Schreiner, a Pauline scholar, is the author or editor of several books including, Romans, in the Baker Exegetical Commentary Series on the New Testament; Interpreting the Pauline Epistles; The Law and Its Fulfillment: A Pauline Theology of Law; The Race Set Before Us: A Biblical Theology of Perseverance and Assurance; Still Sovereign: Contemporary Perspectives of Election, Foreknowledge, and Grace, co-edited with Bruce A. Ware; Women in the Church: A Fresh Analysis of I Timothy 2:9-15; Paul, Apostle of God's Glory in Christ: A Pauline Theology, 1 and 2 Peter, Jude. Dr. Schreiner was educated at Western Oregon University (B.S.) Western Conservative Baptist Seminary (M.Div.; Th.M.), and Fuller Theological Seminary (Ph.D.).

I studied Medicine not Theology at university and have been slowly trying to get to grips with Hebrews in some detail since I was a medical student in the 70's-- so take my comments as those of an interested bystander. The recent profusion of commentaries is most welcome. This is the first commentary in a new series of some 40 volumes covering both Testaments. Biblical theology for Christian Proclamation from Holman Reference. The General Editors are well respected Evangelical Scholars: Desmond Alexander, Andreas J. Kostenberger and Thomas R. Schreiner. Schreiner wrote the introductory offering which should launch the new series well given his wide experience as a commentary writer and his extensive work in biblical theology-- check out his page. I look forward to works by Schreiner as well as the other editors as they are usually well written, informative and spiritually challenging. There is a very helpful book description above by the 1 click tag-- click show more. It is a useful portion of the general preface and a bit of Schreiner's preface at the bottom. It is well worth reading once or even twice. At the bottom of the review I have tried to briefly cover what Biblical Theology is, but it is difficult at least to me to briefly state the issues. If you know about it I

suggest you skip my attempted summary

The commentary Schreiner writes as a convinced evangelical. The aim of the commentary is to provide a relatively concise commentary with attention to structure and theology. It is based on the Greek text but the words are given in English first then transliterated. The exegesis tends to run from 5-10 pages per section. Though concise it is not superficial. The aim is to follow the letter's argument and explain controversial matters as needed. The overall viewpoint is salvation historical. There are footnotes at the bottom of the page and the author has carefully consulted the various commentaries, Monographies and articles before giving his views. The commentary is very well organised. It centres on the exegesis (interpretation of the text). There is a section on Biblical and Theological Structure at the end of the introduction as well as an extensive section on Biblical Theology at the end. You can work your way through the exegesis and from time to time you may well find looking at part of the section on Biblical and Theological Structures or Biblical Theology very helpful to consolidate what you are reading-- details just below.

**Biblical and Theological Structures**

The introduction covers the usual items succinctly and finishes with a 20 page section on Biblical and Theological Structures: Promise--fulfilment, Already but Not Yet Eschatology, Typology, the Spatial Orientation of Hebrews (a number of complex words for a beginner but hopefully familiar to mid level readers), Biblical and Theological Themes. There is an excellent Biblical and Theological themes at the end of the book pages 435--500.

**God in Hebrews**

Jesus Christ. Divine Son. The Humanity of the Son. The Priesthood of Jesus. Jesus' Better Sacrifice and Human Anthropology. Perfection and Assurance. Jesus Resurrection and Exaltation. The New Covenant. The Spirit in Hebrews. warnings and Exhortations. Sojourners and Exiles. Faith, Obedience, and the Situation of the Readers. Assurance. The Future Reward.

Each section starts with an outline (structure). This outline gets longer and longer throughout the commentary. Why? Well each time the outline is given it starts at Hebrews 1:1 and continues up to and often past the verses that are being commented on. It covers the argument from the start Hebrews 1:1 to the end of the section being dealt with. This outline is abbreviated compared to the full outline in the introduction but is there to give orientation, so you can rapidly see how the letter's argument unfolds. Then the Scriptural Text -- the basic text is that of the Holman Christian Standard Bible but a number of other versions are also sometimes quoted. This is followed by context (usually about half to one page). Then exegesis (interpretation). Finally there is a brief bridge comment-- a theological reflection (about 10 lines). There is a good bibliography of about 18 pages, a name index of 4 pages and subject index of 2 pages and a scripture index.

**Summary**

Hebrews is among the harder biblical books to interpret. This commentary is very well designed to allow the reader to follow the exegesis and also to look at summaries of a number of topics -- the how does

this all fit together in Hebrews. Example --The New Covenant, or the Warnings and Exhortations etc sectionsThis commentary is up to Schriener's high standard. It aims to exegete the text and drive home the theologyThere are brief but well focused theological comments at the end of each section of commentaryThe book will appeal to many readers, both pastors and the interested readerIt may be a bit much for a novice but would be a good book to have on the shelf as you will grow into understanding Hebrews and this commentary will certainly help you understand its messageBiblical theologySee the introduction for the features of biblical theology and systematic theologyAs I cannot quote extensively from the introductions here a few points I found well statedQuote from Don CarsonPerhaps the greatest challenge faced by Biblical theologians is how to handle the Bible's manifest diversity and how to navigate the tension. Between the unity and diversity in a way that does justice to both Page isPossibly the most basic answer might assert that biblical theology in essence --" is the theology of the Bible " -- that is the respective writers of the various books --" on their own terms and in their historical context". ( I cannot do italics so the items that go --". "-- are in italicsThe authors of the general introduction go on to say that the bible book has its context in the book itself but also between bible books -- eg the Pentateuch in Isaiah as well as the Old Testament us in the New Testament and how the whole Bible narrative links in with and over arches its many partsSystematic TheologySummary Statement -- pages--x-xiiBiblical theology describes Biblical Theology as whole- Bible theology, describing the theology of the various books on their own terms and in their own historical contextsSystematic Theology , by contrast, is more topically orientated and focused on contemporary contextualisation. While there are different ways in which the relationship between biblical and systematic theology can be construed, maintaining a proper distinction between the two disciplines arguably continues to be vital if both are to achieve their objectives. ( I have not done the italics )Put simply one of the ways to affirm both the unity and diversity of Scripture is to use terms like Salvation HistoricalThis means the primary focus of Scripture is on SalvationThis is revealed by God in word and actThe former revelation is the seed while the later revelation develops the former revelation and may add to it but it never contradicts what the former revelation affirmedSummaryIn recent times we have been inundated with a wide range of helpful Hebrews CommentariesThe focus on Being biblical theology is most welcomeThis book will serve the interested reader well and be of help to Adult Sunday School leaders and PastorsPastors should supplement it with O'BRIEN and other worksNote on Biblical theology resourcesEvangelicals have found Biblical theology a very productive area of studySeeNew Dictionary of Biblical Theology: Exploring the Unity & Diversity of Scripture (IVP Reference Collection)A very helpful, well organised dictionary. Highly recommendedSome of Thomas

Schreiner's books on Biblical Theology include. ( see his page for this extensive publications)The King in His Beauty: A Biblical Theology of the Old and New TestamentsNew Testament Theology: Magnifying God in ChristA Theology of John's Gospel and Letters: The Word, the Christ, the Son of God (Biblical Theology of the New Testament Series)A major project with very full coverage of biblical theologyVolumes on John, Luke Acts by Darrell Bock ,and James Peter and Jude are currently availableOne waits other volumes expectantly including the volume on HebrewsSlave of Christ: A New Testament Metaphor for Total Devotion to Christ (New Studies in Biblical Theology)A series of at least 20 titles edited by Don Carson in IVP's New Studies in Biblical Theology series(There is some suggestion that P T O'Brien may contribute a volume on Hebrews to this series but I forget where I heard this fromO'Brien did a very good commentary in the Pillar series )One other helpful title among many others isThe Perfect SaviourSome paperback copies are around , it is also available on KindleA useful set of essays by Evangelicals-- use the see inside , go to beginning and go backwards ( left arrow ) to get to table of contents for essay titles and authorsA book that seeks to compare some approaches to Biblical theology isUnderstanding Biblical Theology: A Comparison of Theory and PracticeThis looks at 5 approaches -- see Look inside. Go to Table of ContentsThere is a chapter on the History of Redemption approachDon Carson is used as a model for this( the authors look at 5 approaches in general and after each chapter on a given approach illustrate it by using an example like Don Carson for the Salvation History approachAlthough you need to know much more than this book can cover , it is a useful leg up into a complex topic

I read Schreiner as a text book in a exegetical class in seminary, and I find him very easy to read because his logical structure and outlines. I think his commentary is Christ-centric and his statement about the words of Jesus in the cross, "It is finished" (John 19:30) was something that captured my attention on how he does not lose perspective on the real Hero of the letter. He quotes many other commentators, which helps me save time on knowing other people's opinions on every section of the letter. If you are looking for something highly exegetical or technical you should look to William Lane's commentary on Word Biblical Commentary series. But if you want a well rounded commentary, this is an excellent option.

Thorough, well-organized, and helpful in-depth study of Hebrews.

Love this first volume on biblical theology exposition. Looking forward for future releases.

Good commentary. Worth the money.

any user of this commentary on hebrews addressing this difficult letter will be well-served. the content informs and inspires the reader, and the book layout is most helpful. summing-up, it's a most sound investment, and a joy to possess. thank-you to trs.

Great book !!

The Book of Hebrews is arguable to one of the most difficult, and yet theologically significant works ever penned. This reality is confirmed by the sheer number of commentaries written on Hebrews within the last century. In fact, Bestcommentaries.com has over 90 commentaries (published between 1889 and 2015) registered for Hebrews, with an additional 20 commentaries scheduled for publication in the near future. So, why do we need another commentary on the Book of Hebrews? More importantly, what does the Biblical Theology for Christian Proclamation: Commentary on Hebrews contribute to the already saturated lineup of Hebrews commentaries, and why should you consider it? First, it is important to recognize that the number of commentaries written on a particular book is by no means to function as a barometer for the need (or lack thereof) to further add to an already established conversation. Moreover, a brief survey of available commentaries will generally display a variegated level of usefulness to the reader, and thus inevitable demand the bridging of certain gaps—this commentary being one of those gaps. Some commentaries are helpful in one area, others are helpful in another area, and others are just plain unhelpful. It's simply the nature of the beast when it comes to the landscape of biblical commentaries. Consequently, for the student, teacher, and pastor, there should be nothing short of praise to God when a contribution like Thomas Schreiner's Biblical Theology for Christian Proclamation: Commentary on Hebrews enters the conversation. Second, while there will continue to remain ample options for commentaries on Hebrews, there are also a number of reasons the Biblical Theology for Christian Proclamation: Commentary on Hebrews should be found on your shelf next to those options. For starters, the format of the book is ideal for the reader that seeks to not only grasp an understanding of the Book of Hebrews, but also grasp a general understanding of Hebrews within its overall canonical placement. Schreiner helpfully guides the reader through the Book of Hebrew with both macro and micro lenses—the reader's attention being moved from exegetical detail to theological significance on nearly every page. The book begins with a concise introduction,

spending most of the time placing Hebrews within its biblical context and discussing the primary themes found within letter. This helps focus the reader on the overall biblical and theological structure of Hebrews before entering into the verse-by-verse exegesis and application. For the most part I found Schreiner's exegesis on the text persuasive and well documented, and if (there certainly wasn't much) a disagreement arose Schreiner was quick to kindly defend his position and point the reader to additional sources for further reading. As the book concludes, attention is intentionally placed upon the various biblical and theological themes discovered throughout Hebrews. This is where the Biblical Theology for Christian Proclamation series truly shines. Schreiner again reorients the reader to the macro picture and unpacks themes such as God in Hebrews, Jesus Christ, The New Covenant, Warnings and Exhortations, Assurance, and much more. At roughly 65 pages, this section is worth the cost of the book alone. Regardless of the number of commentaries that have been written on Hebrews, Biblical Theology for Christian Proclamation: Commentary on Hebrews is a breath of fresh air. The combination of Hebrews and Schreiner's ability to consistently exegete the text with biblical theological lenses makes this volume a unique contribution to the ever-growing lineup of Hebrews commentaries. If the rest of the series proves to be even half as good as Schreiner's volume on Hebrews then I anticipate great things for the Biblical Theology for Christian Proclamation series.

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