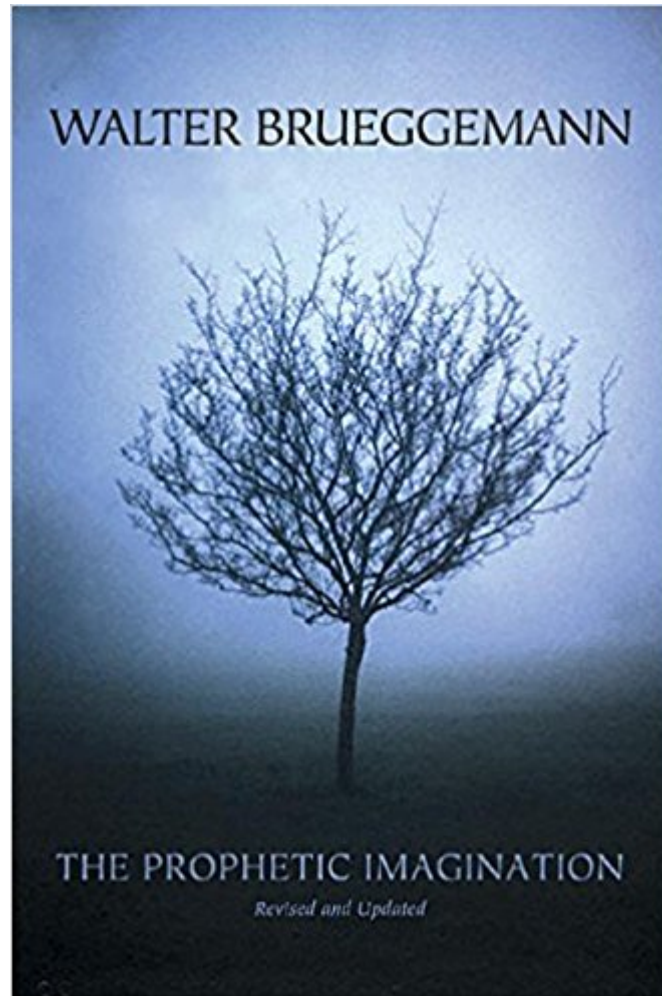




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Synopsis

In this challenging and enlightening treatment, Brueggemann traces the lines from the radical vision of Moses to the solidification of royal power in Solomon to the prophetic critique of that power with a new vision of freedom in the prophets. Here he traces the broad sweep from Exodus to Kings to Jeremiah to Jesus. He highlights that the prophetic vision and not only embraces the pain of the people but creates an energy and amazement based on the new thing that God is doing. In this new edition, Brueggemann has completely revised the text, updated the notes, and added a new preface.

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Customer Reviews

Walter Brueggemann is William Marcellus McPheeters Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia. He is the author of more than thirty books and commentaries.

This book is a must-read for all Christians, and I think particularly young progressive Christians will get a lot from it. Every new person I have read it comes to me with the same reaction: "This book blew my mind!" Brueggemann uses the Bible in a way that I never heard used growing up. He talks about the Bible's teaching on social justice, and the countercultural message it presents to society. This book is gold. It changed the way I read the Bible. There isn't a page where something profound isn't said. It's hard to come up with something to say that encapsulates this work. It's just so good.

The frustrations of the fruits of royal consciousness--numbness, oppression, and hopelessness--infuriate the justice and freedom of God expressed through the prophetic figures of Moses, Jeremiah, Second Isaiah, and Jesus. To penetrate numbness, Jeremiah's prophetic lament embraces and enlivens those in pain. To resurrect hopelessness, Second Isaiah's prophesy of hope energizes those marginalized. Both prophetic ministries are most fully and clearly exhibited by Jesus's birth, life, death, and resurrection. And now, we who are endowed with the empathic and energetic Holy Spirit must continue this prophetic imagination.cf. sooholee.wordpress

As usual, Brueggemann is stunning in integrating biblical knowledge, deep spirituality and real world implications. He manages to provoke and challenge while not attacking - and he opened my eyes and heart to the OT prophets and their deep love for both their people and their God. He also does a beautiful job of showing how Jesus stood so firmly within that prophetic tradition. I read the Pope's encyclical on the environment this week through the eyes of this book - as prophetic imagination and tradition emerging naturally into calling the community to the covenant. This book will make a mark on your own imagination.

Brueggemann is an excellent writer, good book, fast delivery

Interesting. A little too heady.

This book is a classic and this newer edition, published in 2000, has some wonderful resources from the modern church. It points to prophetic ministries which I am doing a great job ministering in our world today. This book explores the poetic duty of the Old Testament prophets in enlightening ways. If you've never read Brueggemann before, I recommend this as a place to start. Most of what he writes in the future tends to revolve around this premise of the poet/prophet.

This book is only 125 pages long, but it took me a couple of weeks to read. There is a depth to the perspective provided, and that together with the radical departure from traditional ways of looking at the text and overall narrative of Scripture caused me to go slowly. His contrast of the royal consciousness and the prophetic alternative with examples from Moses, Second Isaiah and Jesus lays out a dynamic present in the Scriptural story, composed from many voices over many years, one that must be embraced by the people of God in all times, including our own. This is an excellent

work that I will surely read again and return to many times.

The prophetic imagination helps us to catch a glimpse of the world as God wants it to be . Every preacher should read this book at the beginning of ministry

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