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this volume bridges the gap between scholars and those pastors teachers students and interested readers who want thorough treatments of key topics in an accessible and summary format articles cover each gospel major themes in the gospels key episodes in the life of jesus significant background topics as well as issues and methods of interpretation

this unique commentary provides historical social and cultural background for each passage of the old testament from genesis through malachi this single volume gathers and condenses an abundance of specialized knowledge and includes a glossary maps and charts and expanded explanations of significant background issues

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text within the context of the ancient culture language traditions and customs of a first century yisra elite

the writings of the prophets make up over a quarter of the old testament but perhaps no other portion of the old testament is more misunderstood by readers today for some prophecy conjures up knotted enigmas opaque oracles and terrifying visions of the future for others it raises expectations of a plotted out future to be reconstructed from disparate texts and yet the prophets have imprinted the language of faith and imagination with some of its most sublime visions of the future nations streaming to zion a lion lying with a lamb and endlessly fruiting trees on the banks of a flowing river we might view the prophets as stage directors for israel s unfolding drama of redemption drawing inspiration from past acts in that drama and invoking fresh words from its divine author these prophets speak a language of sinewed poetry their words and images arresting the ear and detonating in the mind for when yahweh roars from zion and thunders from jerusalem the pastures of the shepherds dry up the crest of carmel withers and the prophetic word buffets those selling the needy for a pair of sandals the dictionary of the old testament prophets is the only reference book of its kind not only does it focus exclusively on the prophetic books it also plumbs their imagery of mountains and wilderness flora and fauna temple and zion it maps and guides us through topics such as covenant and law exile and deliverance forgiveness and repentance and the day of the lord here the nature of prophecy is searched out in its social historical literary and psychological dimensions as well as its synchronic spread of textual links and associations and the formation of the prophetic books into their canonical collection including the book of the twelve is explored and weighed for its significance then too contemporary approaches such as canonical criticism conversation analysis editorial redaction criticism feminist interpretation literary approaches and rhetorical criticism are summed up and assayed even the afterlife of these great texts is explored in articles on the history of interpretation as well as on their impact in the new testament

the dictionary of paul and his letters is a one of a kind reference work following the format of its highly successful companion volume the dictionary of jesus and the gospels this dictionary is designed to bring students teachers ministers and laypeople abreast of the established conclusions and significant recent developments in pauline scholarship no other single reference work presents as much information focused exclusively on pauline theology literature background and scholarship in a field that recently has undergone significant shifts in perspective the dictionary of paul and his letters offers a summa of paul and pauline studies in depth articles focus on individual theological themes such as law resurrection and son of god broad theological topics such as christology eschatology and the death of christ methods of interpretation such as rhetorical criticism and social scientific approaches background topics such as apocalypticism hellenism and qumran and various other subjects specifically related to the scholarly study of pauline theology and literature such as early catholicism the centre of paul s theology and paul and his interpreters since f c baur separate articles are also devoted to each of the pauline letters to hermeneutics and to preaching paul today the dictionary of paul and his letters takes its place alongside the dictionary of jesus and the gospels in presenting the fruit of evangelical new testament scholarship at the end of the twentieth century committed to the authority of scripture utilising the best of critical methods and maintaining dialogue with contemporary scholarship and challenges facing the church

exploring the changes between the old and new testament provides an open window to the wide ranging vision of god s work in the human race it is actually a remarkable vision which stretches from the beginning of the universe to the end of time as we know it but many aspects of the old testament are difficult to understand today the ancient origins of the old testament ot explains part of the difficulty the ot was written thousands of years ago in cultures and time periods very different from our own these vast differences in culture make many practices in the ot seem unusual today understanding and making sense of the changes between the ot and nt is one of the key purposes of this book many changes become more understandable when

you compare god s instructions for a nation ot with god s instructions for freely gathered communities of faith who follow jesus as messiah nt these changes will be highlighted in the chapters of this volume along with other key principles for understanding differences between the old and new testament god s greater purposes will be in view along with current insights and concepts

the gospel of matthew chronicled by one who personally journeyed with jesus during his earthly ministry is a unique account since it is generally agreed that it was written with a jewish audience in mind as such great care is taken in providing detail that substantiates jesus as the christ the promised messiah no other gospel focuses so strongly on the divine aspects of the king and his kingdom no other gospel provides such detail of the sermon on the mount no other gospel so thoroughly links jesus as the fulfillment of all old testament prophecies true the concept of jesus as god s anointed king over israel is the point around which the jewish people must wrestle for if jesus is the messiah then where is his kingdom indeed the skeptical gentile can ask this question as well they like each of us must realign their concept of the kingdom and understand the full impact of matthew s personal testimony concerning jesus his life his death his resurrection and the salvation that he offers to them and indeed to the whole world

edited by joel b green scot mcknight and i howard marshall this reference work encompasses everything relating to jesus and the gospels

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