

2026 *BTJ* Book Review List

The following list contains suggested books for critical review. The fact that a book is on this list does **not** mean BTS endorses all of the author's views. We encourage you to read with discernment and evaluate every resource in light of Scripture and the seminary's confessional commitments.

If you are interested in reviewing one of these books (or any other) for the *BTJ*, please contact the general editor at writingcenter@bts.edu.

2026

Atherstone, Andrew. *Ryle on the Christian Life: Growing in Grace*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Academic, 2026.

Bird, Michael F. *What Christians Ought to Believe: An Introduction to Christian Doctrine through the Apostle's Creed*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Academic, 2026.

Browne, Janet. *Darwin: A Biography*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2026.

Creasy, Bill. *Reading the Bible: A Literary Guide to Scripture*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Academic, 2026.

Green, Bradley G. *What is Critical Theory? A Concise Christian Analysis*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Academic, 2026.

Kapic, Kelly M., and Ty Kieser. *Owen among the Theologians: Conversations across the Christian Tradition*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Academic, 2026.

Köstenberger, Andreas J. *New Testament Theology: A Canonical, Thematic, and Ethical Approach*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Academic, 2026.

Longenecker, Bruce W., Marieke Dhont, James K. Aitken, eds. *Apocrypha and the Septuagint*. Vol. 1. Ancient Literature for New Testament Studies. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2026.

Piotrowski, Nicholas G. *Return from Exile and the Renewal of God's People*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Academic, 2026.

Poythress, Vern S. *Mediator*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Academic, 2026.

Schnittjer, Gary Edward, and Matthew S. Harmon. *How to Study the Bible's Use of the Bible*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Academic, 2026.

Taylor, Joan. *Boy Jesus: Growing Up Judean in Turbulent Times*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Academic, 2026.

Trueman, Carl R. *Classical Theology for the Modern Mind*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Academic, 2026.

2025

Backfish, Elizabeth, and Cynthia Shafer-Elliott. *Grounded Theology in the Hebrew Bible: Exploring the Cultural Context That Formed Ancient Israel*. Ada, MI: Baker Academic, 2025.

Bebbington, David W. *The Gospel in the Past: Essays on the Historiography of the Evangelical Movement*. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2025.

Bird, Michael F. *Whispers of Revolution: Jesus and the Coming of God as King*. Ada, MI: Baker Academic, 2025.

Carter, Warren, and Ariel Feldman. *Early Judaism and the New Testament: Troubling Misunderstandings*. Ada, MI: Baker Academic, 2025.

DeSilva, David A. *Archaeology and the World of Jesus: A Visual Guide*. Ada, MI: Baker Academic, 2025.

Franks, Angela. *Body and Identity: A History of the Empty Self*. Notre Dame, IA: Notre Dame Press, 2025.

Ibrahim, Ayman S., and Clint Hackenburg, eds. *A Medieval Case for Islam's Superiority: The Letter of Ibn al-Layth to the King of the Romans*. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2025.

Johnson, Dru. *Understanding Biblical Law: Skills for Thinking with and through Torah*. Ada, MI: Baker Academic, 2025.

Keener, Craig S. *Suffering: Its Meaning for the Spirit-filled Life*. Ada, MI: Baker Academic, 2025.

Lim, Bo H. *Contextual Theological Interpretation: An Integrated Model for Reading the Bible*. Ada, MI: Baker Academic, 2025.

McKenzie, Tracy J. *The Torah Mosaic: Introducing the Pentateuch in Its Complex Unity*. Ada, MI: Baker Academic, 2025.

2024

Balfour, R. J. *Divine Rejection: Explorations in the Biblical Portrayals of Esau and King Saul*. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2024.

Copeland, Rebecca L. *Entangled Being: Unoriginal Sin and Wicked Problems*. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2024.

Green, Rachelle R. *Learning to Live: Prisons, Pedagogy, and Theological Education*. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2024.

Jenkins, Philip. *Kingdoms of This World: How Empires Have Made and Remade Religions*. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2024.

Knight, Michelle. *The Prophet's Anthem: The Song of Deborah and Barak in the Narrative of Judges*. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2024.

Letizia, Phil. *Held in the Love of God: Discipleship and Disability*. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2024.

McCabe, John. *Dietrich Bonhoeffer—The Last Eight Days: The Untold Story of the Journey to Flossenbürg*. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2024.

Seitz, Christopher R. *The Heights of the Hills Are His Also*. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2024.

Shin, Euntaek David. *Rest: A Theological Account*. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2024.

Vainio, Olli-Pekka. *Luther under Scrutiny: Knowledge, Will, and Metaphysics*. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2024.

Weaver, C. Douglas, and Rady Roldán-Figueroa. *Exploring Christian Heritage: A Reader in History and Theology*. 3rd ed. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2024.