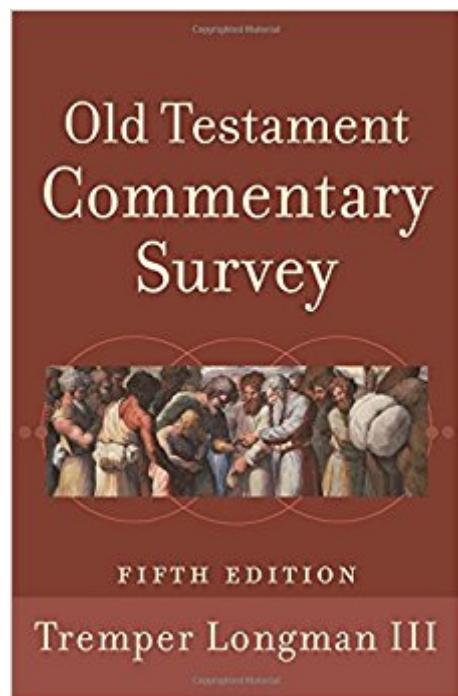


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# Old Testament Commentary Survey



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Great resource that gives helpful reviews of Old Testament Commentaries. The book is laid out well, going book by book through the Old Testament, and listing resources in bibliographic form. The rating system uses stars to indicate quality, and notes whether the work will be helpful for the layman, minister, or scholar. Some drawbacks I noticed are 1) the list of commentaries reviewed are not exhaustive, and 2) the book does not review Old Testament introductions or theologies. On the first point, anyone who is searching for commentaries knows that there are many on almost every book of the Bible (hence this work), but I felt as thought some of the individual commentary lists were a little short, and I frequently come across Old Testament commentaries that are not contained in this work. I would like to see more works reviewed in a resource like this, but maybe it is selective on purpose. On the second point, this is just something extra I want because D. A. Carson's companion work on New Testament commentaries includes this; so I really can't take stars away for something that is outside the scope and title of the book. Overall, very helpful in evaluating Old Testament commentaries and finding quality resources that aid in biblical study.

If one has long benefited, as I have, from D.A. Carson's New Testament commentary survey, he will realize that he needs a similar volume on Old Testament commentaries. The one by Longman is the only one available that is designed to be a companion to Carson. One might wish that Longman and Carson had used the same format.

This book is certainly helpful, though it is a bit outdated. My complaint is with the fifth edition. It

contains few additions and misses a number which should have been included. If you have the fourth edition, you do not need to purchase this one.

This book is a real money-saver. Its brief reviews allow me to buy just the commentary volumes I really need, and avoid wasting my money on duds. I still remember buying a commentary by Isaac Asimov of all people, and it was a total waste of money. But with this OT commentary survey I can buy with confidence in the usefulness of my purchases. I also have the New Testament commentary survey by D. A. Carson, and it's just as good.

I have long used another commentary on commentaries for the NT and needed one for the OT. Recognizing the name of Tremper Longman III I ordered his. I reviewed commentaries on Nehemiah suggested by the author and ordered two of them and was very pleased that they met the exact criterion stated in Longman's commentary.

With so many commentaries to pick from, Longman gives me a great guide as to which ones to buy. His assessments seem fair and balanced from the commentaries from which I have read portions.

I am enjoying Tremper's book. He seems to put a high value on commentaries that make an effort to make connections to the new testament.

Perfect for who take a Old Testament and hermeneutics class.

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