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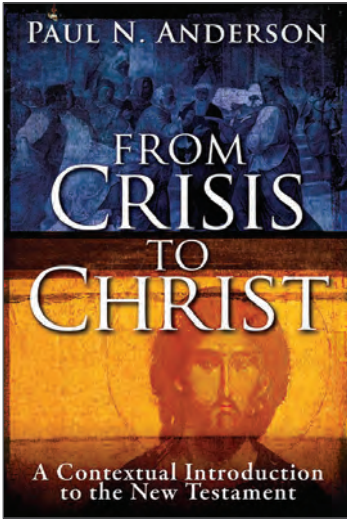
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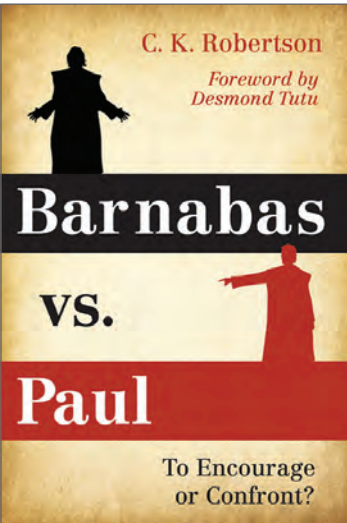
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Over the last century or more, scholars have unearthed valuable understandings of the historical and religious contexts out of which the New Testament writings have emerged. This accessibly written introduction notes over two dozen such crises and how the biblical text addresses and reflects them.

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## Barnabas vs. Paul

To Encourage or Confront

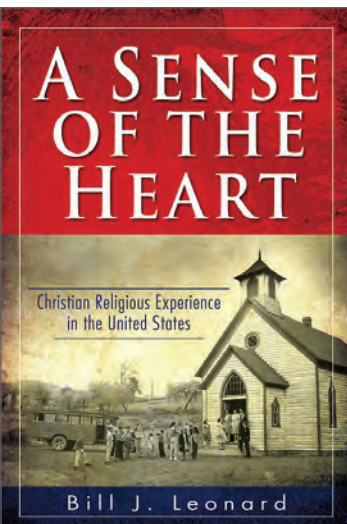
C.K. Robertson, foreword by Desmond Tutu

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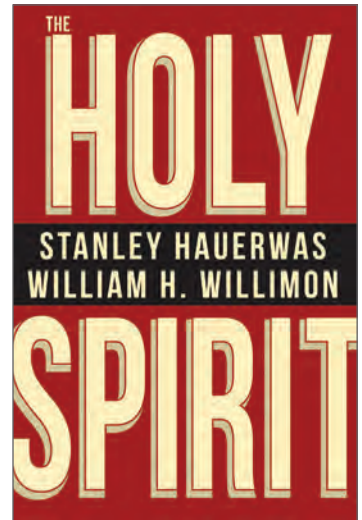
Stanley Hauerwas and William H. Willimon

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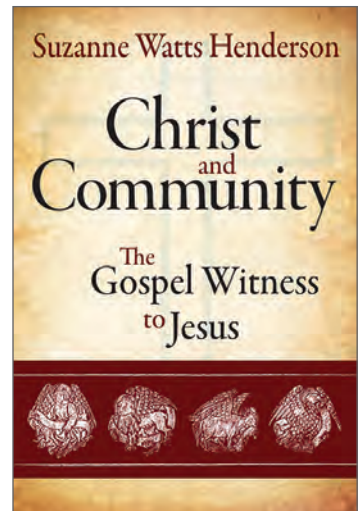
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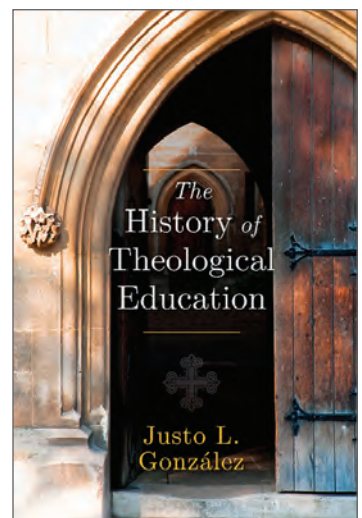
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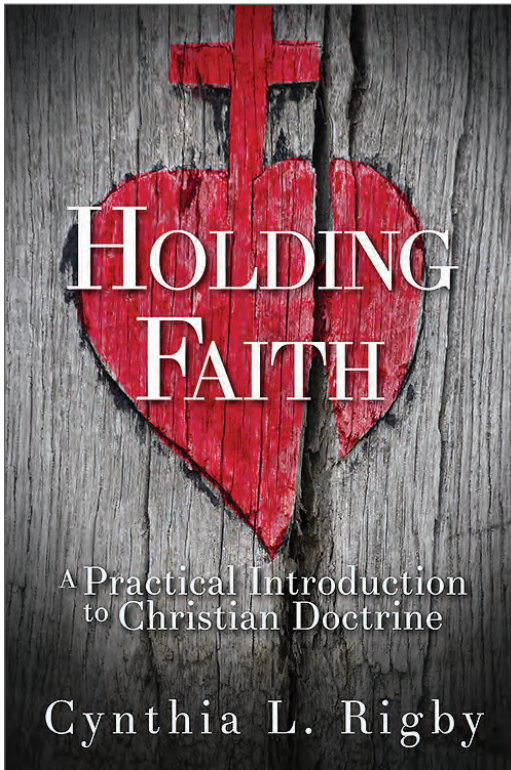
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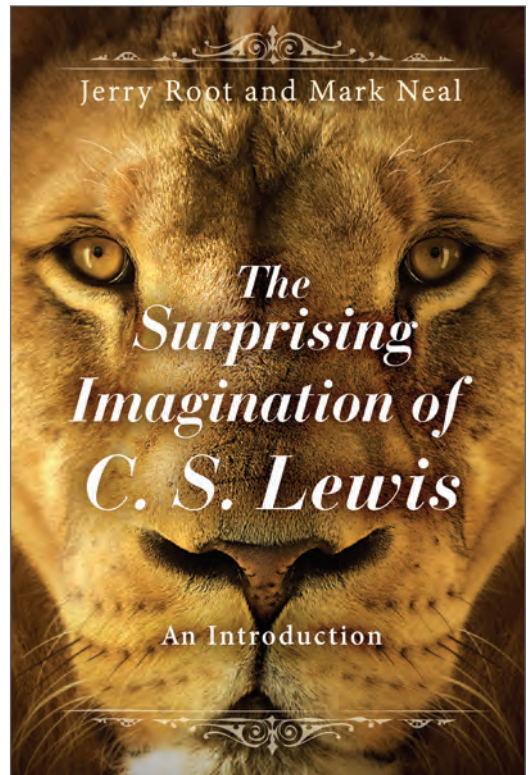
Cynthia L. Rigby

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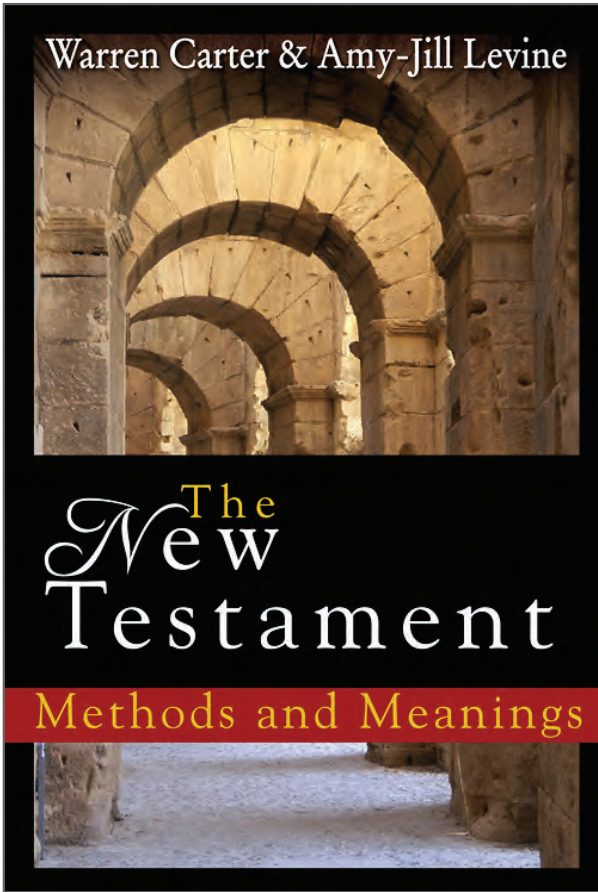
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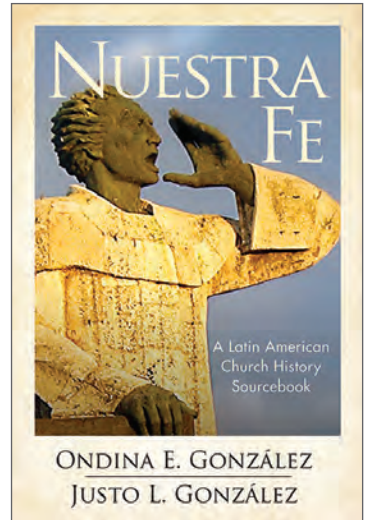
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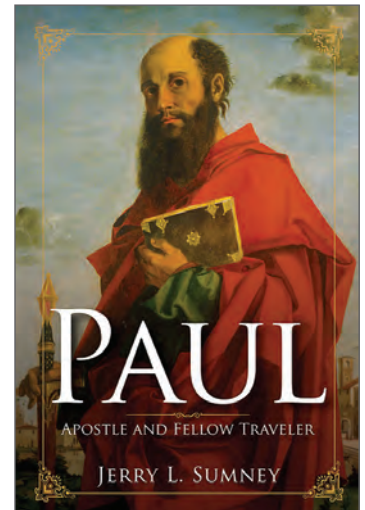
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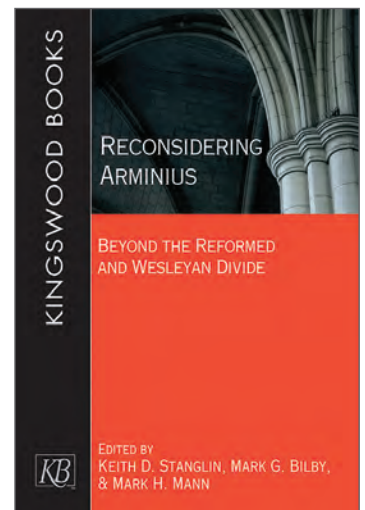
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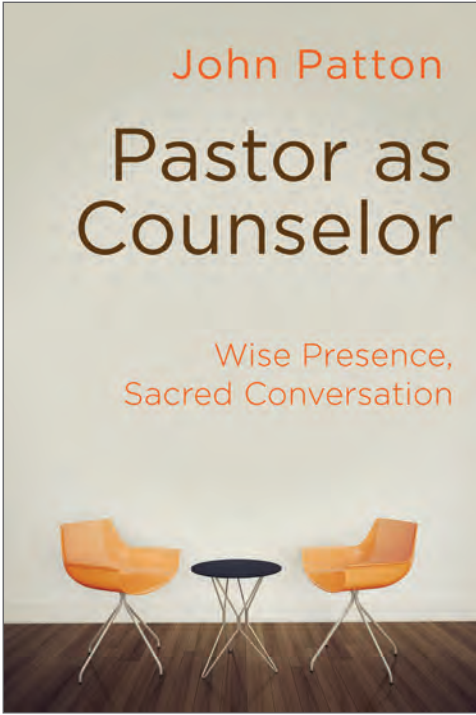
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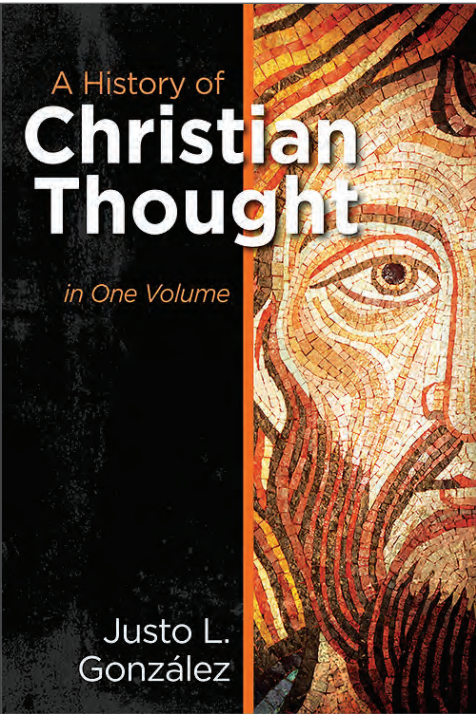
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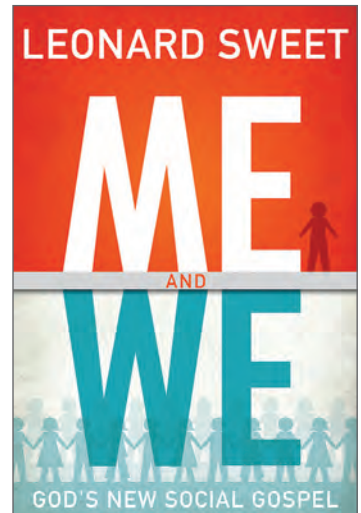
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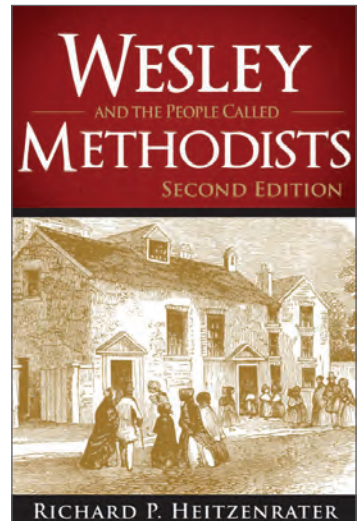
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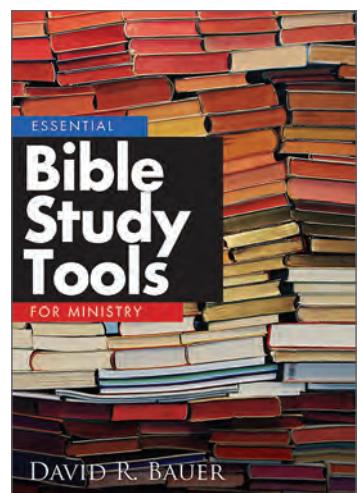
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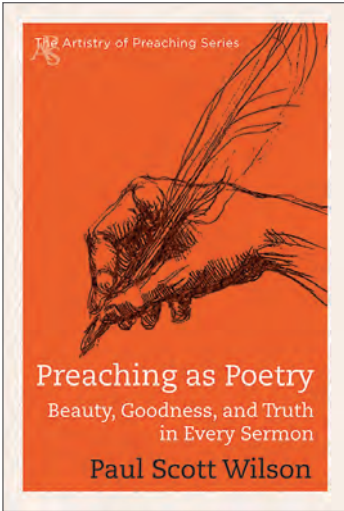
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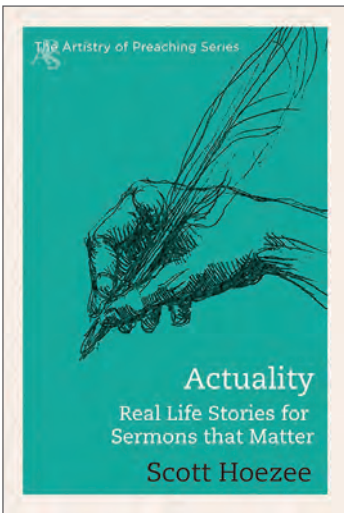
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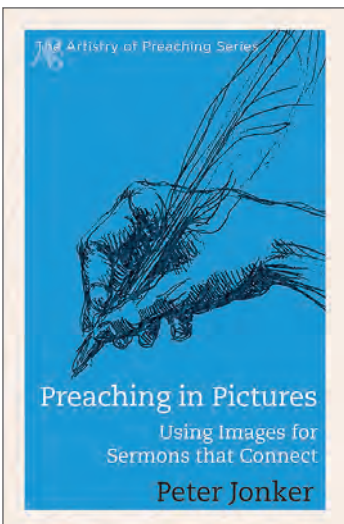
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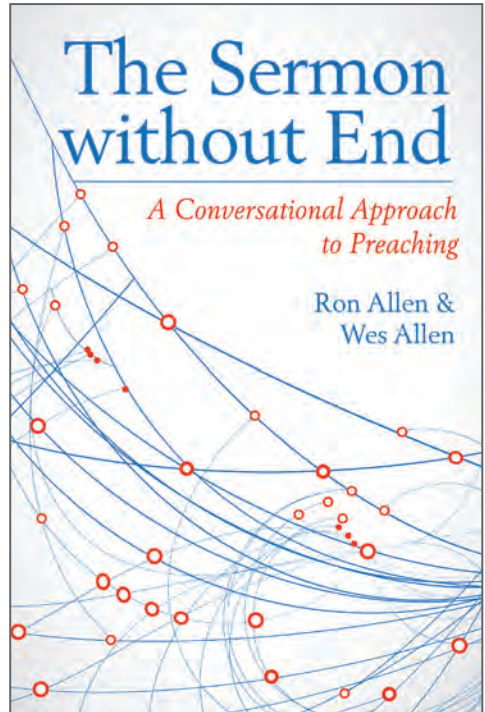
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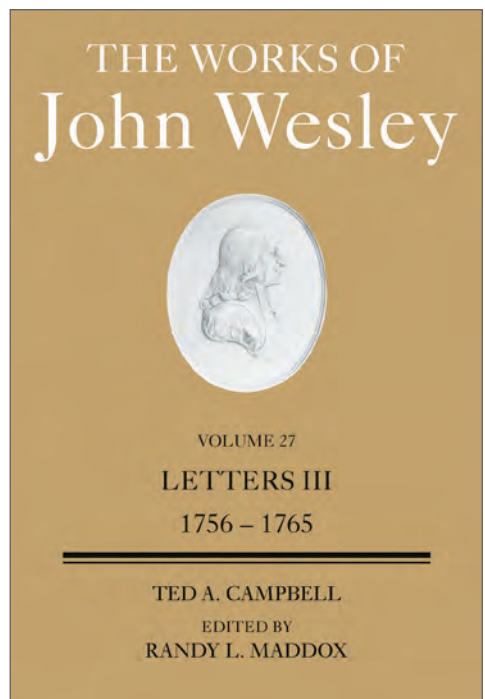
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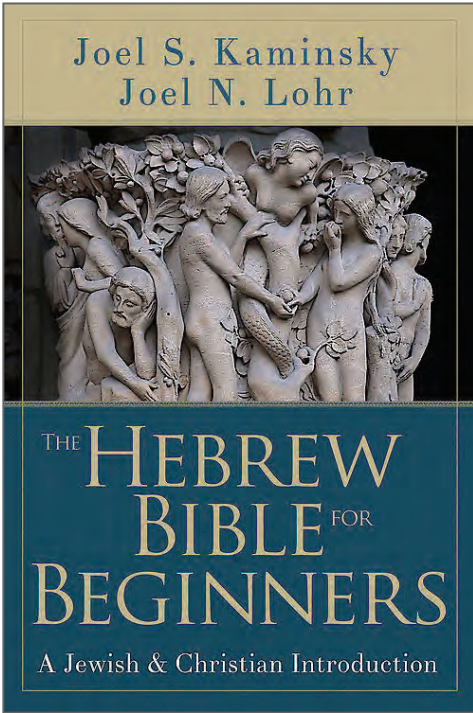
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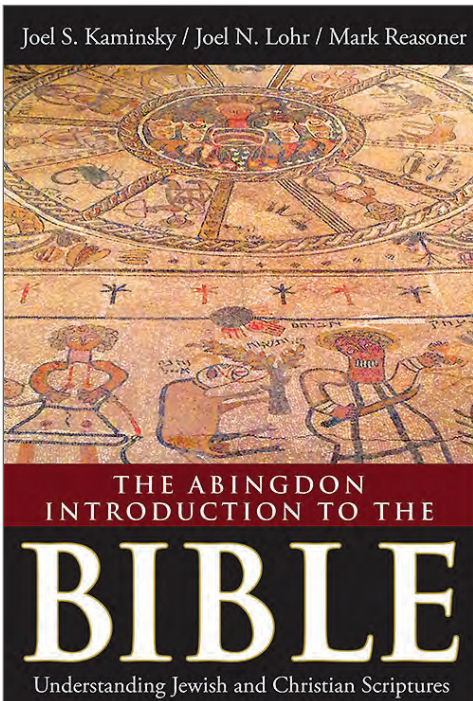
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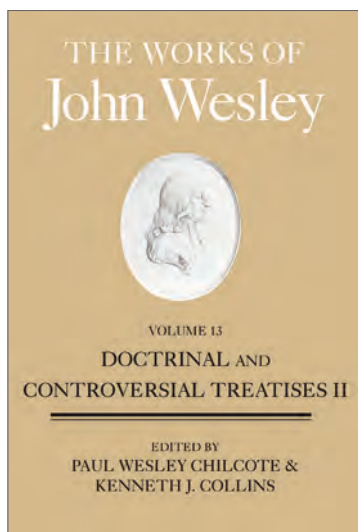
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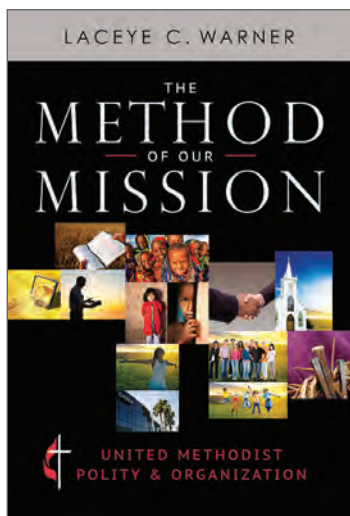
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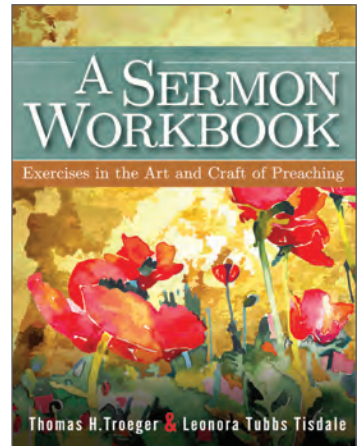
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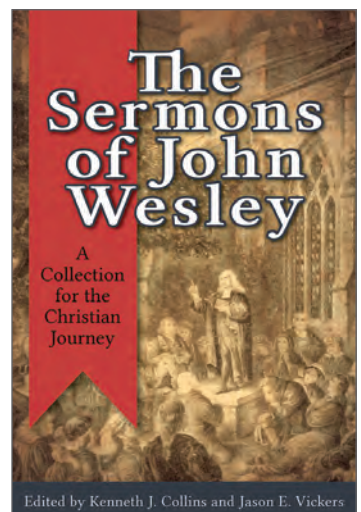
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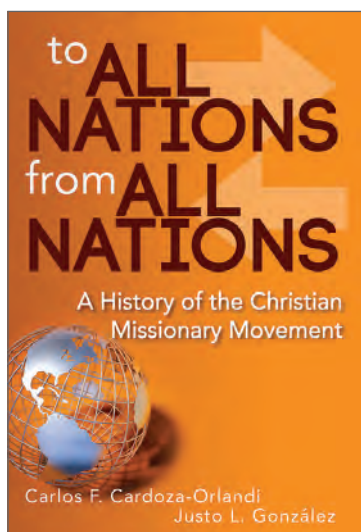
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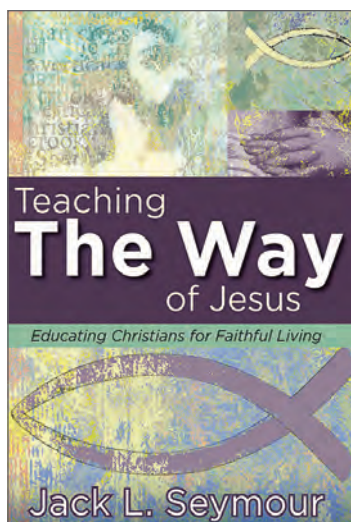
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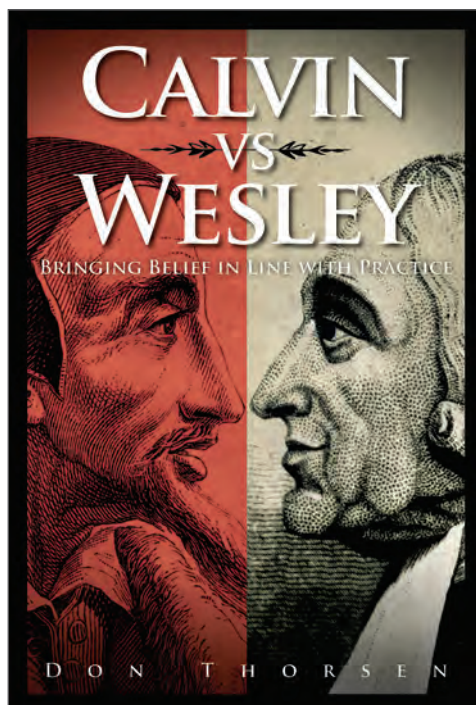
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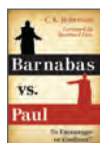
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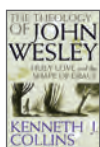
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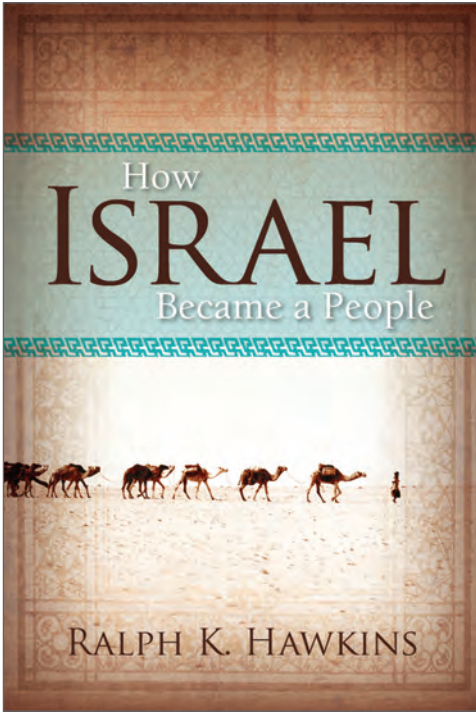
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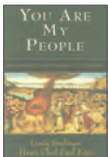


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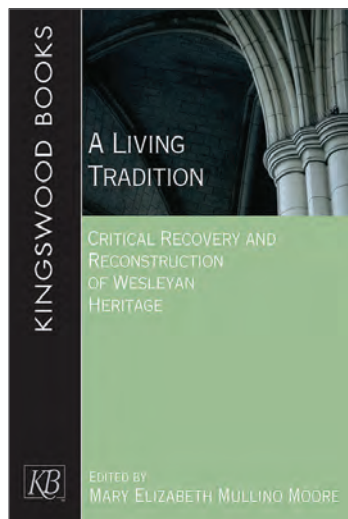
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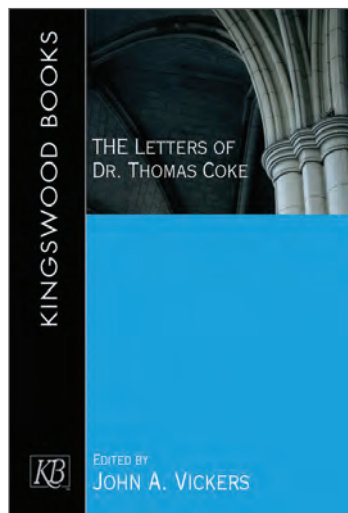
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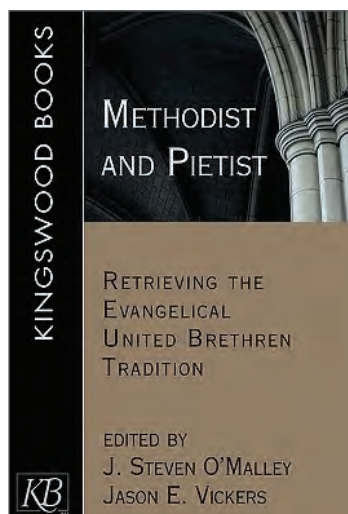
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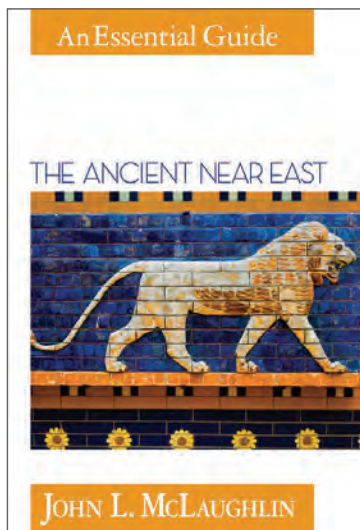
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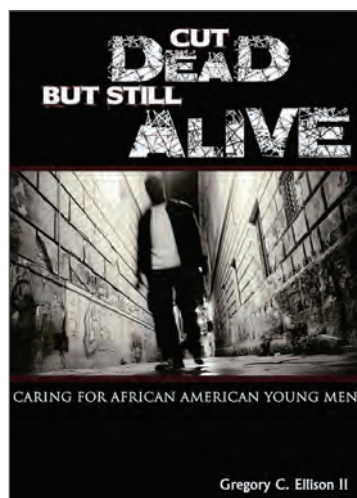
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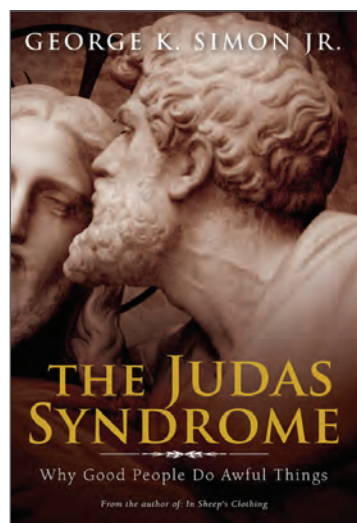
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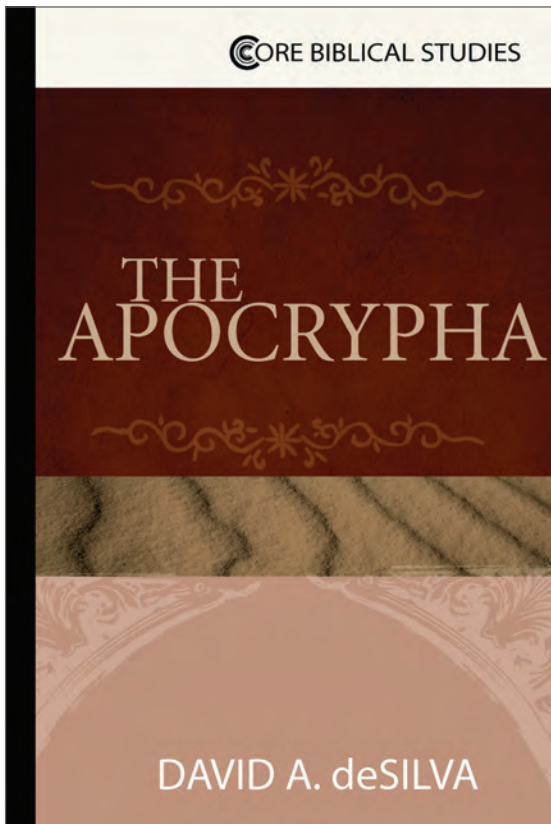
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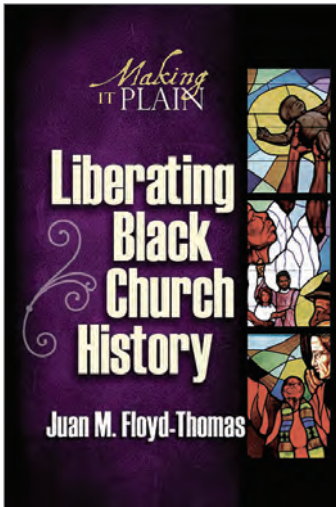
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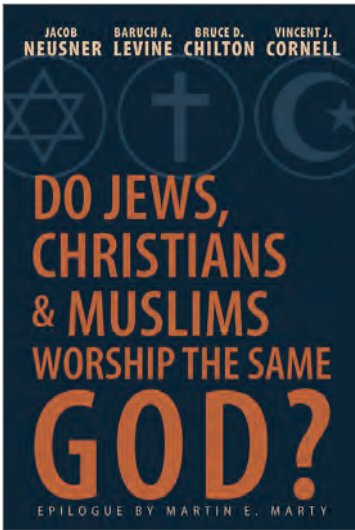
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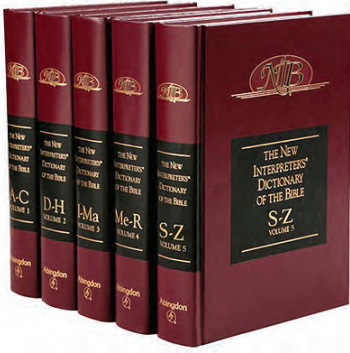
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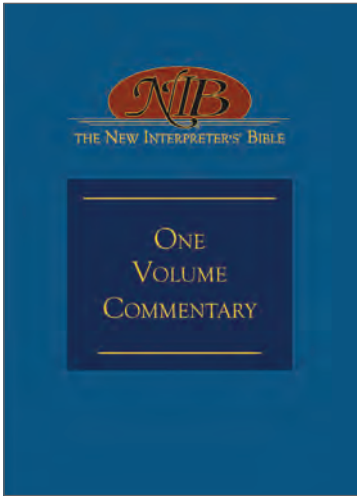
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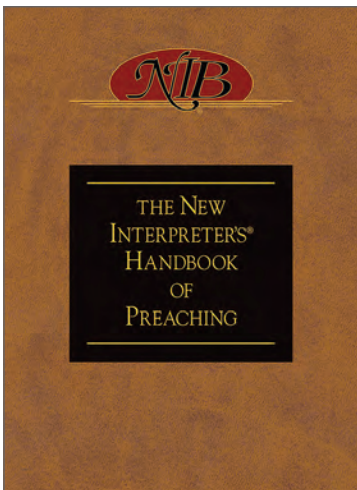
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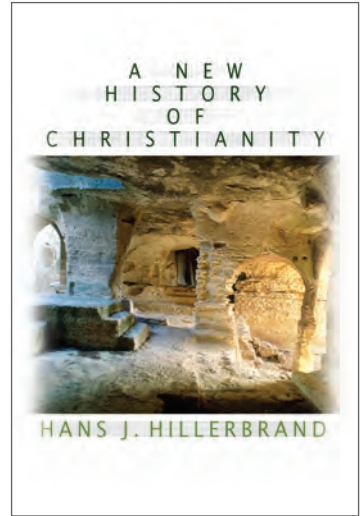
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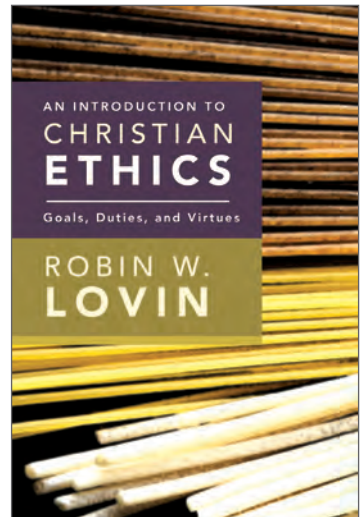
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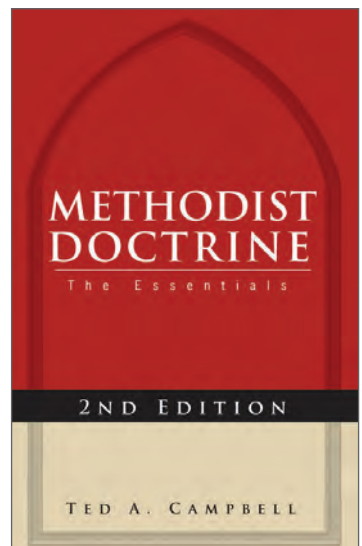
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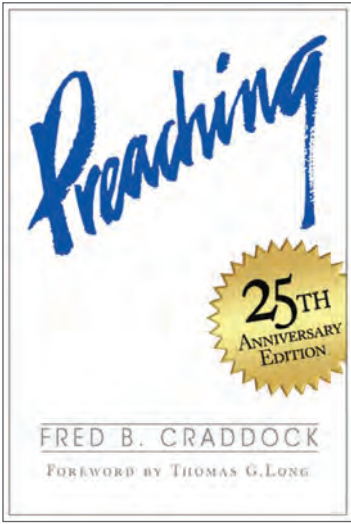
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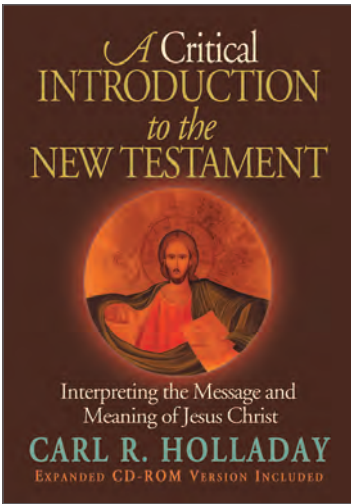
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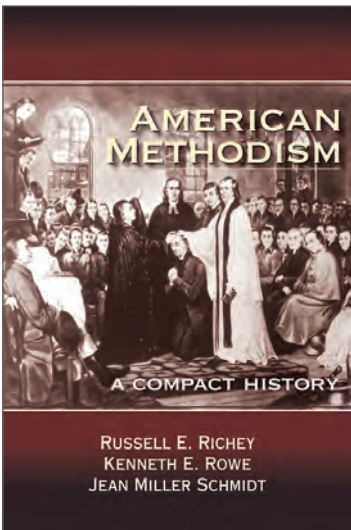
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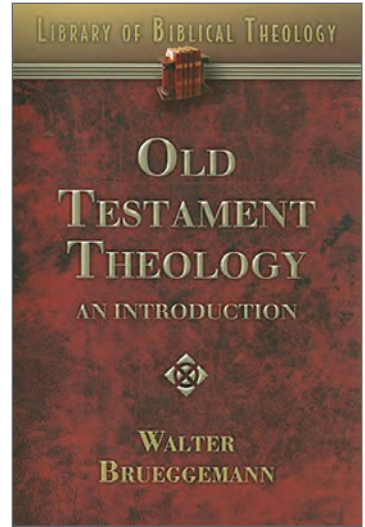
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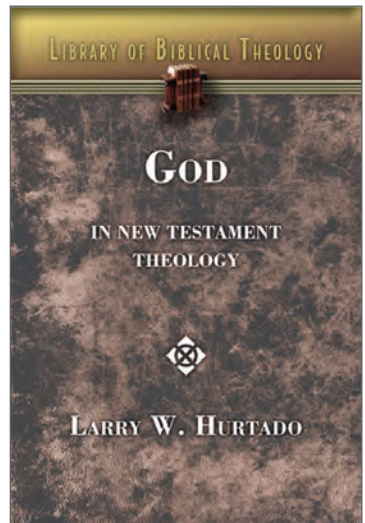
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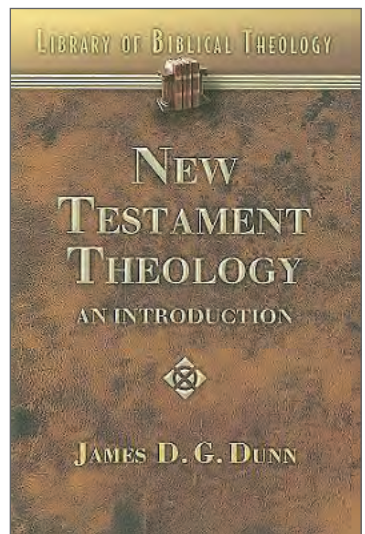
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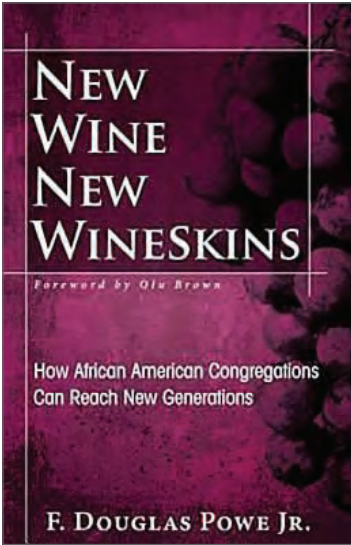
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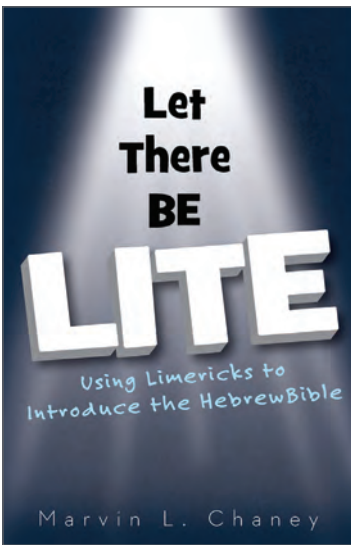
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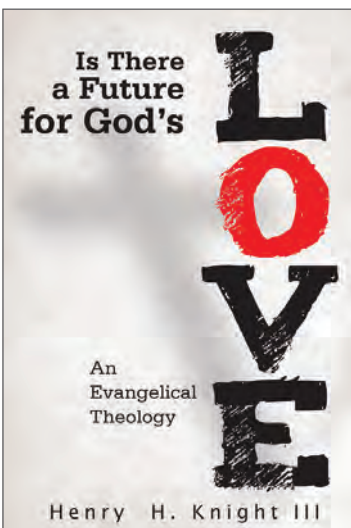
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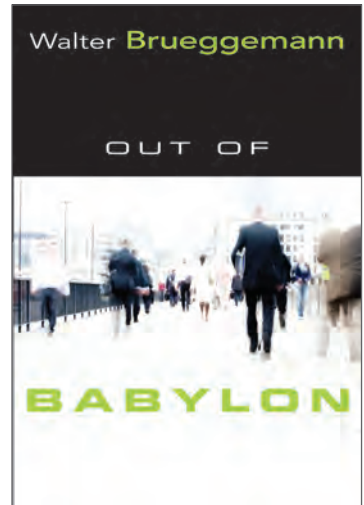
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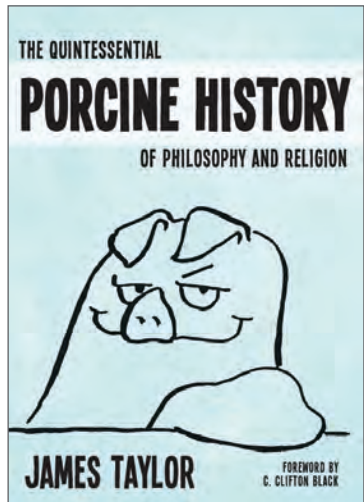
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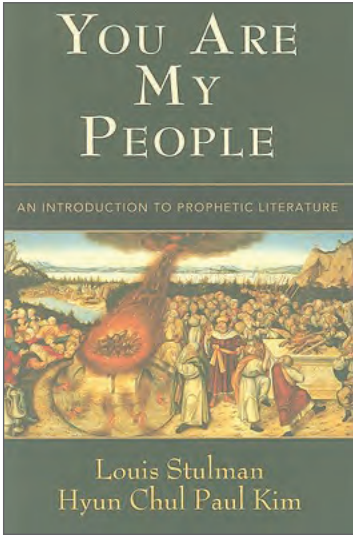
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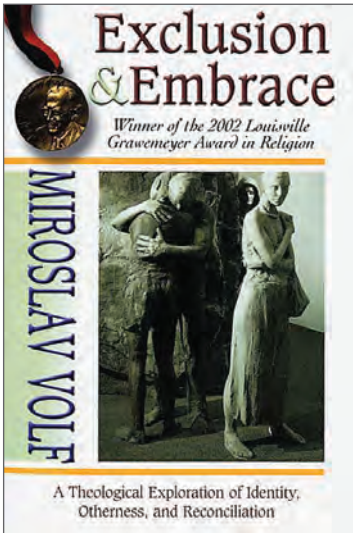
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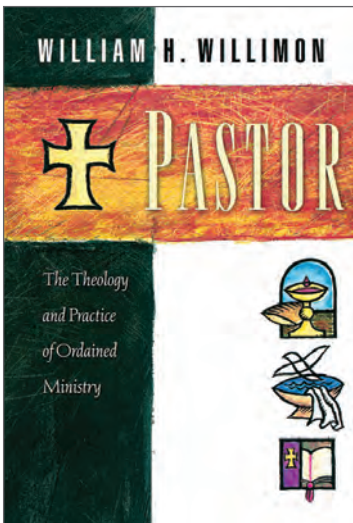
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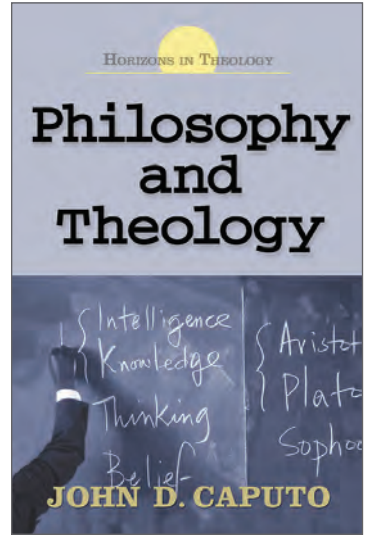
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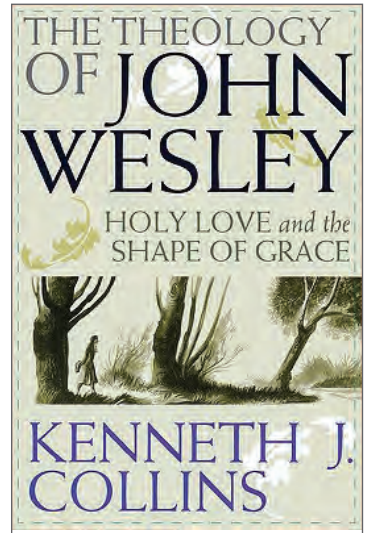
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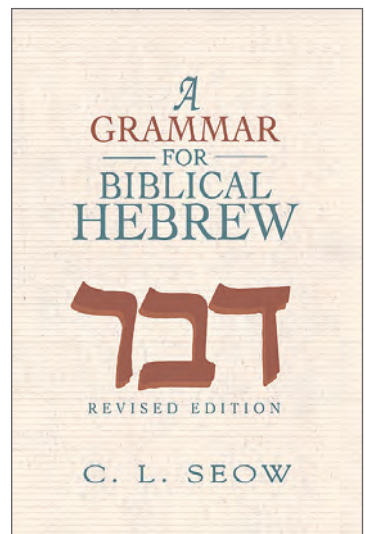
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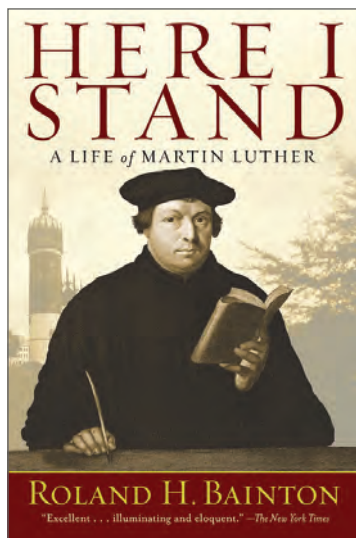
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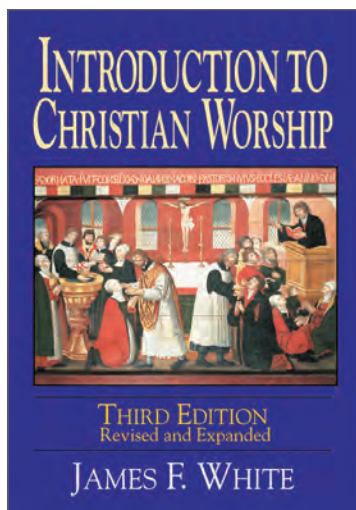
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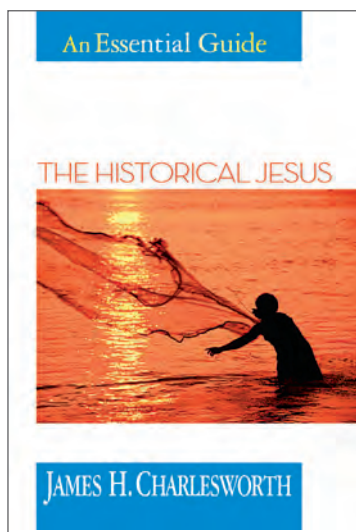
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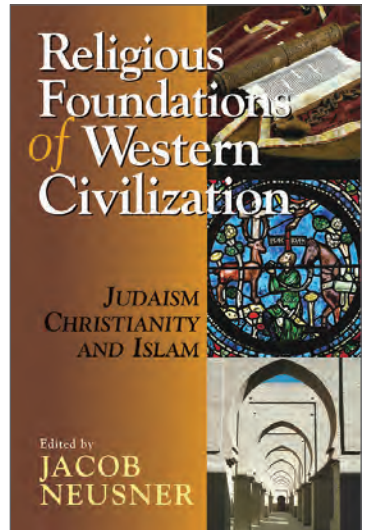
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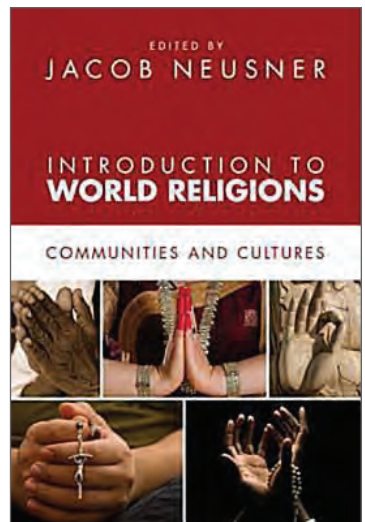
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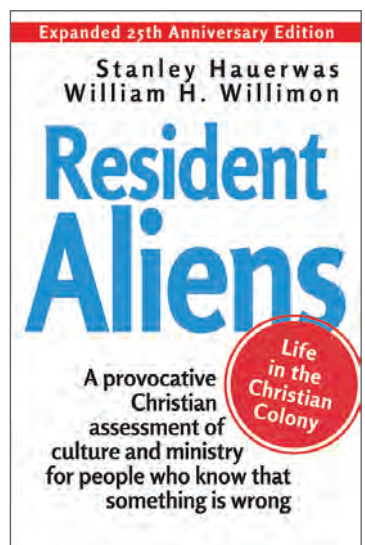
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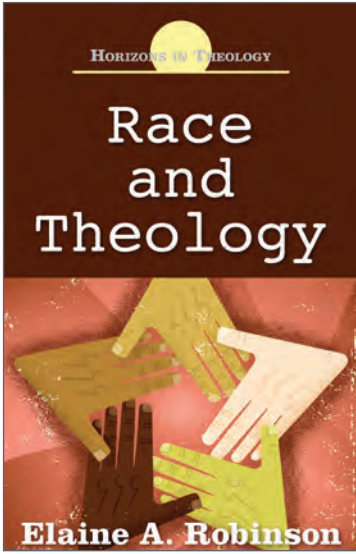
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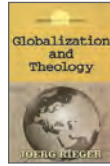
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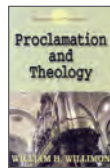
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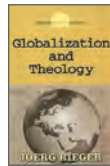
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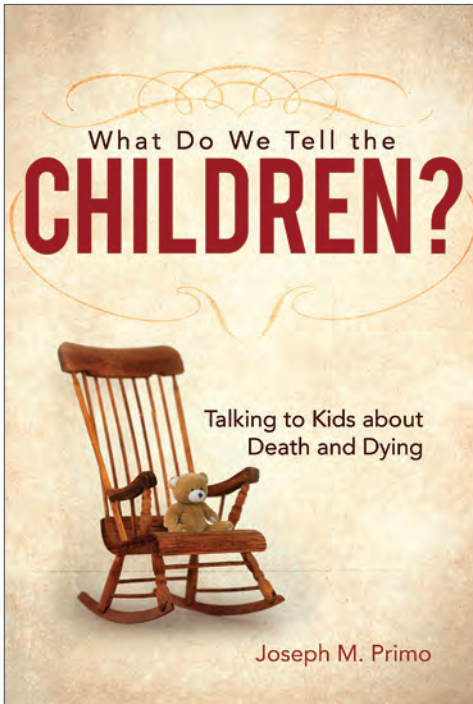
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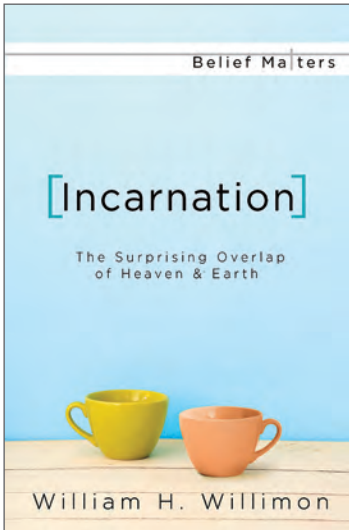
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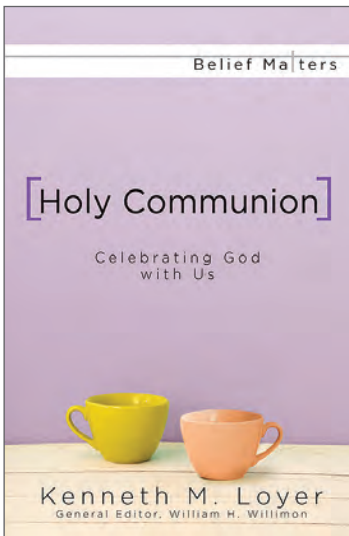
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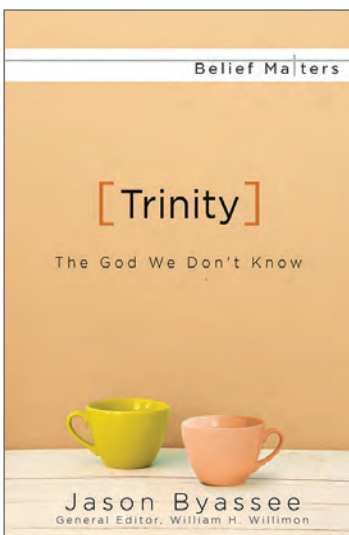
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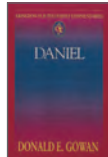
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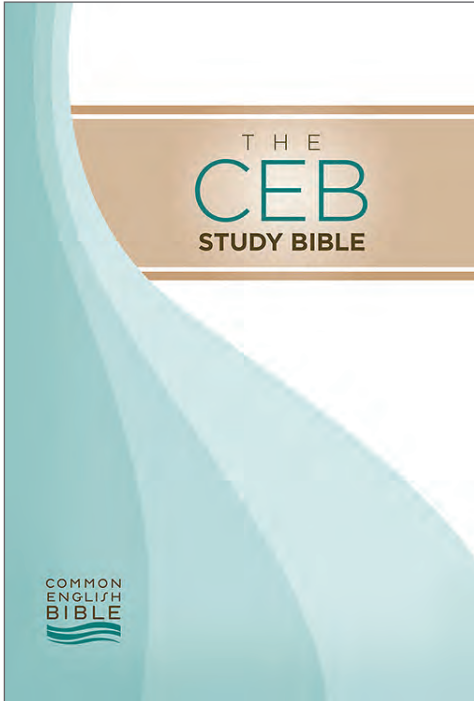
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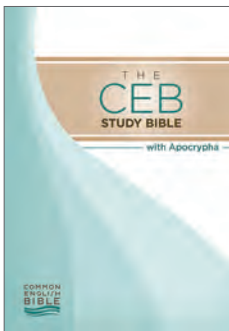
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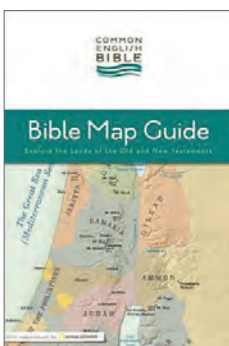
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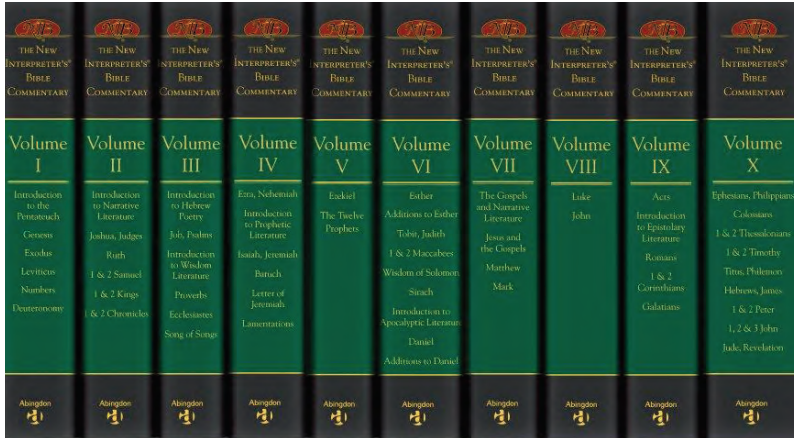
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