
Knowing Jesus Through the Old Testament uncovers Jesus' self-understanding as Son of Man and Son of God from his deep roots in the Hebrew Scriptures. As the Jesus who fulfilled the mission that God had given to Israel is revealed, we discover that the more we understand the Old Testament, the closer we come to the heart of Jesus. The witness of the whole of Scripture directs us to a Holy Spirit empowering the people of God, and sustaining and renewing the face of the earth. This three-volume work will strengthen and deepen readers' personal relationships with the triune God by enabling them to know him through deep immersion and engagement with his Word, especially in the less familiar voices of the Old Testament. 1. Old Testament references to the Holy Spirit. 2. The Spirit’s empowerment in the Old Testament. a. Judges. b. Prophets. We know this correct because the book ends after the fortune is restored to Job. His friends and brothers come to comfort him for all the affliction the Lord had brought upon Job. That is the author of Job’s commentary on what has happened. There are three characteristics of the Spirit’s empowerment in the Old Testament. What is in common with all three of these with Spirit empowering a prophet, empowering a craftsman, empowering a judge, empowering a Moses or the seventy or a Joshua or a David or a Saul? (1) Selective. The Old Testament is far more relevant to the New Testament and to our faith than most of us have thought. The author has provided an excellent exposition of the work of the Holy Spirit as recorded in the Old Testament of the Bible. Follow up by reading Wright’s “Knowing Jesus through the Old Testament” and you will never view the Old Testament with lukewarm interest again. I found Christopher Wright's book about the Holy Spirit very enlightening. He tackled a topic that is complex, but made it seem simple and easy to explain to others. I especially enjoyed his use of Scripture to back up every explanation. In the closing books of the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit is frequently mentioned, that last clear reference being found in Malachi 2:15. Let us consider a number of the passages in which the Holy Spirit is mentioned. Let us look to the ways in which the Spirit worked in the days of old, and let us (later on) compare these with the work of the Spirit in the New Testament times, as well as in our own. I believe we will see a great deal of continuity. 4. The Holy Spirit as the Source of Life. The Holy Spirit Filled and Empowered Men in the Old Testament. A. Craftsmen, Artists, Designers, Builders: Bezalel (and others, involved with tabernacle furnishings) C. The Judges of Israel: Othniel Knowable and discernable in the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit is thus eminently knowable to us. The witness of the whole of Scripture, from its first pages to its last, directs us to a Holy Spirit empowering the people of God, and sustaining and renewing the face of the earth. ...more. Get A Copy. This book has a regrettable title and a regrettable categorization. It's published by IVP Academic as an Old Testament Studies book. This and the dry title suggest a staid examination of Old Testament passages that mention the Holy Spirit, sort of a topical commentary. It's not really that at all. Instead it's much more like a devotional in which an expert in the Old Testament discusses various passages and applies them to our lives.