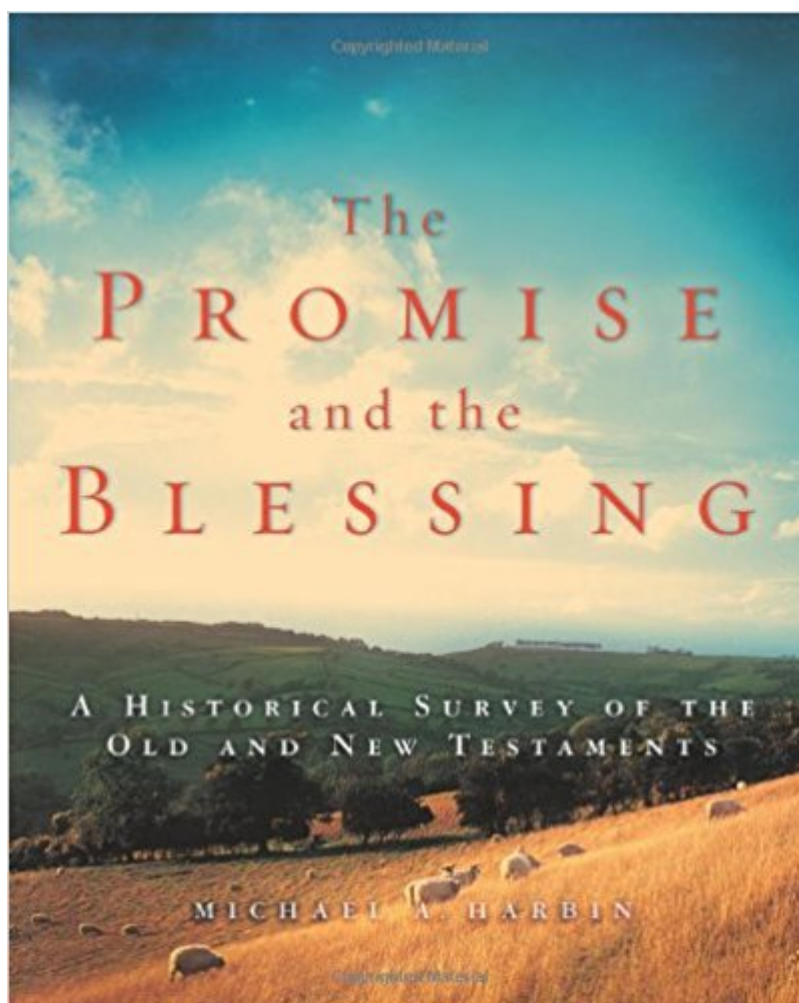




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Great for biblical studies. I purchased it for my OT class and I know I'll have to go back through it again - this time without any rush and more thorough understanding of what I read. I was planning on reselling it, but I'm going to keep it. It's great for the library.

I assume that most will be purchasing this for their educational requirements vs. personal reading/research, but if for the latter, I think it will be beneficial for a general understanding of historical and biblical concepts. I believe the author does a sound job presenting historical and chronological facets related to understanding the Bible. For those who are purchasing this book for a class, know that it certainly reads and flows like a textbook. It does contain marginal highlights as well as offers review questions at the end of each chapter. Additionally, I found the author places some fascinating historical insights within the flow of the text.

An awesome references book and learning tool. Would recommend to everyone

This is the best survey I've read so far. It gives a very clear picture of the history of what was going on in Israel as the books were being written. It ties each book of the Bible together really well in conjunction with what was going on throughout the rest of Scripture and why it was important to the original audience as well as to current readers. I will definitely refer back to this book as a recourse when questions come up in the future.

This book was one of my required readings for my course. I have really enjoyed reading this book and following along the bible. I have learned a lot about the many major and minor prophets as well as others. Book was in great, brand new condition. Definitely a great read for the newbies or those who want to freshen up on the bible.

This book is a must have for anyone wanting to learn more about the historical side of the Bible. Very, very organized with fantastic illustrations and graphs. Made it very easy to follow and fun to read. It's a great conversation starter and perfect book for your coffee table.

I liked many aspects of this book especially how it gave a brief over view of each of the pages most important context on the side bar of the page, making it easy to reference for later. I also like how it would grab many of the issues that might be controversial for some and expound in a little more detail, sharing some valuable insights. This book is a quick overview which can be said of most survey style books. For those who desire a more in depth explanations of the individual books of the Bible I recommend individual book commentary's such as PNTC or NICNT as well as others that can address in more details some of the historical and literary issue that you find in most books of the Bible. A quick note to those who may not know much about commentaries there are several different types I like to break them down into three simple categories; however, they can be a combination of the three and may include other styles that are listed. These commentaries can include but may not be limited to exegetical, ex-positional and topical. Exegetical commentaries usually give exegetic approach which tries to extract from the book you are studying both historical and literary context. Ex-positional commentaries simply put are more sermon like in nature and give a lot of personal insights to the specific book one is studying as well as some applications that may or may not fit the text. While topical commentaries focus on topical teachings of the Bible. These brief explanation in no way explain some of the other details that may be found in these commentaries and it really depends on what the reader may want to gain in there reading of the Bible, which will determine which way to go.

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