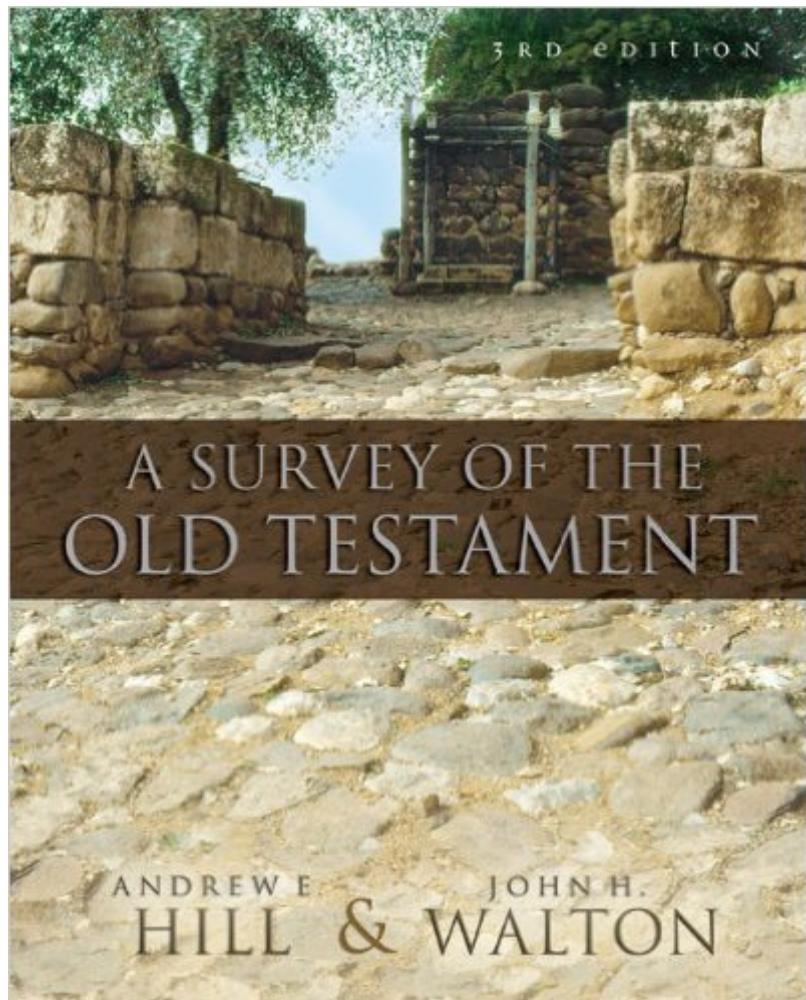


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The purpose of studying the Old Testament is to understand God and his redemptive work more fully. However, this goal is complicated by the fact that it was transmitted through a very different language and culture from our own. A Survey of the Old Testament provides an indispensable guide for undergraduate students and other readers by exploring the literary, historical, and theological issues behind the Old Testament and its various books. For each Old Testament book, the Survey addresses background information, purpose, message, structure, and major themes. Chapters introducing each major section of the Old Testament are included, as are chapters dealing with issues of interpretation, geography, archaeology, history, formation of the Old Testament canon, and the Old Testament's relationship to the New Testament. The text is enhanced throughout by maps, photos, timelines, and charts. This full-color third edition of a widely acclaimed textbook has been expanded and redesigned in both text and graphical elements, making it even more beneficial.

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This is a very good book for lay persons and students who want to learn more about the Old Testament. Both of the authors Andrew E. Hill and John H Walton are professors of the Old Testament. They both have a PhD, Professor Hill from the University of Michigan and Professor Walton from the Hebrew Union College. Professor Hill teaches Old Testament Studies at Wheaton College. Professor Walton teaches Old Testament at Wheaton College Graduate School. They do a survey of each book of the Old Testament. Being Professors they really try to make the book student friendly. They try very hard to make it interesting for the person studying and not just another dry old History book. At the beginning of each book there's given an outline, key ideas, a purpose statement of the book, major themes and God's presence in the book. There are a lot of pictures, time line graphs, questions for further study and bibliographies for further reading at the end of each book. If you want a very well written book, with a lot of information for studying the Old Testament books, weather it is by yourself or in a study group, this is one book I would really recommend.

I have been using the text to teach an OT Survey course at the Bible college level and it has really been prized by my pupils. The authors provide a very nice structure facilitate discussion for each book fo the Old Testament with helpful introductions to each genre of literature as well. Zondervan has also greatly enhanced my lectures by making available full color slides, and pre-made quizzes for each chapter in the book. The only downside is the binding is not wellmade and I doubt, with much extended use, it will hold up well (One lower corner is already tearing and the book makes a popping noise each time I close it). I am one of those persons who takes great care of my books. That seems a shame for a book that retails for more than \$50!

The book provided a great source of information and made the OT so much clearer to understand. I no longer fear some of the laments in the bible. Provides a good knowledge of biblical history. I especially liked that the book provided historical information on Jewish history and the constructive review of writing of each book.

If you order this for Kindle (like I did earlier this month), you will be very pleased to find that the Kindle Edition is taken from the newest (3rd) printed edition. The pictures are color, and the quality is great!

This book was used for a Old testament class at school. I loved it so much that my recent purchase

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