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For the pastor or serious layperson, the realm of biblical interpretation can be a confusing maze of personalities, communities, methods, and theories. This maze can often result in obscuring the main goal of interpreting Scripture: hearing and knowing God better.

The *Dictionary for Theological Interpretation of the Bible* is a groundbreaking reference tool that introduces readers to key names, theories, and concepts in the field of biblical interpretation. It discusses these approaches and evaluates their helpfulness in enabling Christians to hear what God is saying to the church through Scripture. The contributors come from a variety of backgrounds, and the dictionary covers a broad range of topics with both clarity and depth.

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James says

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This work is a compilation and the writing styles vary considerably. Certain authors I had to read, think, re-read, think, read again and I still am not sure I understood what they meant. Others authors just seemed to flow.

On the whole, this work is an excellent introduction to the subject of Theological Interpretation as well as the major scholars in the field (who all contributed to the volume) and their most significant works.

Mu-tien Chiou says

This is certainly a highly recommended referenece work for students of the Bible.

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Craig Toth says

The title of this book may cause you to think it is just another "dry" reference book. Nothing could be further from the truth! Vanhoozer--and many other well-respected scholars--have assembled the finest one-stop resource for learning about the interpretation of scripture and related subjects such as "narrative theology". I recommend this book for all serious students of the Bible.
