

William J. Dumbrell,  
*The Faith of Israel. A Theological Survey of the Old Testament*  
(2<sup>nd</sup> ed.; Grand Rapids: Baker, 2002), 347 pages.

Dr Peter Gentry, who teaches at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, regards this volume by William S. Dumbrell, the well-respected Old Testament scholar, as “the best survey of the Old Testament, bar none” (back cover blurb). And it is easy to see why.

With scholarly expertise and panache Dumbrell deftly summarizes the contents of each of the Old Testament books, elucidating their central themes and structures. He does this with an eye to their respective places in the Old Testament canon. He thus produces a book that presents a theology of the old covenant that is firmly rooted in the covenantal text.

There is an enormous amount of wisdom packed into these pages. Pastors preaching through an Old Testament book would do well to have this work as a constant source of reference.

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