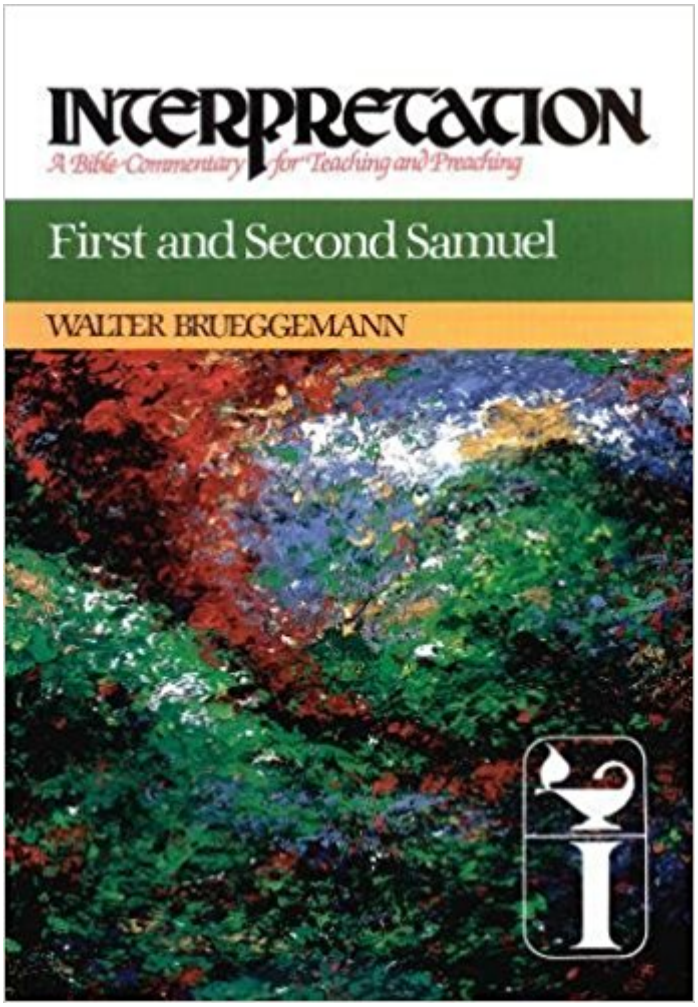
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With critical scholarship and theological sensitivity, Walter Brueggemann traces the people of God through the books of Samuel as they shift from marginalized tribalism to oppressive monarchy. He carefully opens the literature of the books, sketching a narrative filled with historical realism but also bursting with an awareness that more than human action is being presented.

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Customer Reviews

Walter Brueggemann is William Marcellus McPheeters Professor Emeritus of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. He is the world’s leading interpreter of the Old Testament, and is the author of numerous books, including Introduction to the Old Testament: The Canon and Christian Imagination.

Walter Brueggemann is often at his best when walking one through a text or story, and this commentary does just that, with daring, imagination, and a willingness to engage the tough texts. Though he can, from time to time, read his own sort of politics into the narrative a bit too much, one can sense where this is happening by reading through First and Second Samuel while working through the commentary. An example of this type of Brueggarian eisegesis would be his portrayal of Samuel as "the old guard." Nevertheless, this remains a great commentary that will expand, challenge, and the foster debate with the text and Walter Brueggemann. I am happy to have

engaged this good work by a great scholar.

A helpful commentary from a moderate perspective. Like his Interpretation commentary on Genesis, Brueggemann refuses to get bogged down with historical questions, and instead brings his insight into the theological realm. He effectively paints a picture of a Davidic Israel, and demonstrates God's unmitigated hesed towards the house of David. Particularly insightful is his analysis of 2 Samuel 7: "The plushness of the proposed temple contradicts Yahweh's self-understanding. Yahweh will not be bought off, controlled, or domesticated by such luxury. Yahweh has been a free God and will continue to be. The royal apparatus is not able to make Yahweh its patron" (254).

Excellent comments. I especially enjoyed reading about David, Saul and Jonathan. Am using this for teaching 1 & 2 Samuel in Bible class at our church. Brueggemann is a thoughtful Bible student and an excellent, provacative writer.

I need to start out by saying I am a pretty big fan of Brueggemann.This is a great commentary that gives you insight on the OVERARCHING themes and narrative of Samuel. His writing is poetic and convicting. If you are wanting a technical commentary you will be disappointed the intent of this commentary is to give you themes, some clarity and most of spark your imagination as to how you would like to teach/preach on the text of First and Second Samuel.

Lots of good insights into the narrative, from a scholarly perspective but without getting bogged down into a scholar's commentary.

A clear, helpful interpretation of First Samuel. I have met Dr. BRUEGGEMANN and he is most friendly and engaging.

I have several books in this series and this is just as great as the others. Brueggemann has always delivered with his tastes and points on Hebrew literature. This was great.

This is a really great series of Biblical Commentaries. Detailed enough for the intelligent person to be challenged, yet no technical that you think it's nit-picking.Brueggemann is always deeply inisghtful.But you can probably buy it cheaper elsewhere!

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