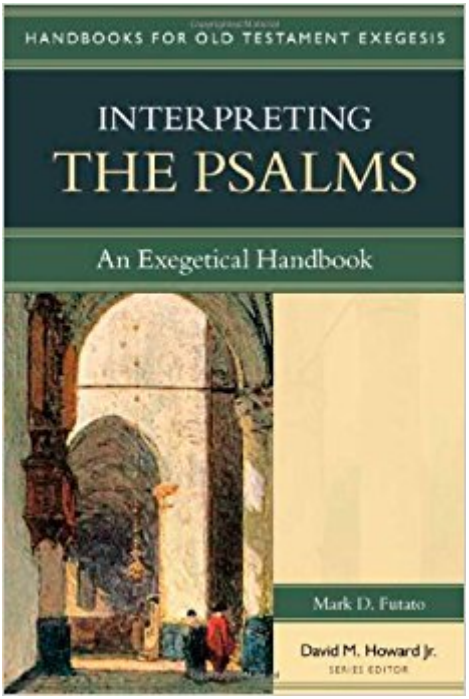
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Widely used in personal and public worship, the psalms present multiple interpretive challengesÃ¢â ¬â •their poetic form has few, if any, points of contact with English poetry and the images in the psalms can seem just as distant. Furthermore, Mark Futato writes, Ã¢â ¬Å“their ethics at times seem to go against the grain of the teachings of the New Testament.Ã¢â ¬Â• Interpreting the Psalms, the second release in the Handbooks for Old Testament Exegesis series, provides readers with an enhanced understanding of this difficult genre and strategies for preaching

and teaching the Psalms. Professor Futato effectively integrates the insights of the last twenty years of Psalms research, presenting the nature of Hebrew poetry, the purpose of the Psalter, the many interpretive issues in IsraelÃ¢â ¬â„¢s songbook, and more. A sample of moving from exegesis to proclamation and a glossary of technical words make this handbook practical and user-friendly. Ã¢â ¬Å“Futato takes his student by the hand through the complexities of Hebrew poetry, soars high to get a birdÃ¢â ¬â„¢s eye view of the book and its themes, returns to earth and deftly guides through the thorny patch of textual criticism, gives Ã¢â ¬ËœAhaÃ¢â ¬â„¢ moments in explaining form criticism and how the PsalterÃ¢â ¬â„¢s categories refer to Christ, and ends with practical pointers on how to preach the book. Next time I teach the Book of Psalms this will be my text.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â •Bruce Waltke Professor Emeritus of Biblical Studies, Regent College Professor of Old Testament, Reformed Theological Seminary Mark D. Futato (Ph.D., The Catholic University of America) is the Robert L. Maclellan Professor of Old Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando. He is the author of several volumes on the Psalms, including Transformed by Praise and Joy Comes in the Morning, as well as the grammar Beginning Biblical Hebrew. David M. Howard Jr. (Ph.D., University of Michigan) is dean of the Center for Biblical and Theological Foundations and professor of Old Testament at Bethel Seminary. He has published five books and numerous journal articles, book chapters, and essays.

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