

The Prophets Dictionary

Have you ever wondered where sin comes from; where heaven and hell are and how the light and darkness struggle got started? Do you want to know what happened before this world began, who is in charge of everything and who or what is God? Before the Garden answers these and more, introducing and guiding you through God's Eternal Continuum. From the author who brought you The Prophets Dictionary and The Prophet's Handbook.

The best-selling workbook and grammar guide, revised and updated! Hailed as one of the best books around for teaching grammar, The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation includes easy-to-understand rules, abundant examples, dozens of reproducible exercises, and pre- and post-tests to help teach grammar to middle and high schoolers, college students, ESL students, homeschoolers, and more. This concise, entertaining workbook makes learning English grammar and usage simple and fun. This updated Twelfth Edition reflects the latest updates to English usage and grammar and features a two-color design and lay-flat binding for easy photocopying. Clear and concise, with easy-to-follow explanations, offering "just the facts" on English grammar, punctuation, and usage Fully updated to reflect the latest rules, along with quizzes and pre- and post-tests to help teach grammar Ideal for students from seventh grade through adulthood in the US and abroad For anyone who wants to understand the major rules and subtle guidelines of English grammar and usage, The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation offers comprehensive, straightforward instruction.

Donald Gowan offers a unified reading of the prophetic books, showing that each has a distinctive contribution to make to a central theme. These books--Isaiah through Malachi--respond to three key moments in Israel's history: the end of the Northern Kingdom in 722 BCE, the end of the Southern Kingdom in 587 BCE, and the beginning of the restoration from the Babylonian exile in 538 BCE. Gowan traces the theme of death and resurrection throughout these accounts, finding a symbolic message of particular significance to Christian interpreters of the Bible.

A long awaited answer to the world's and the churches voracious spiritual appetite is here. Spiritual wisdom teams up with intelligence in the 2002 release of The Prophets' Dictionary, The Ultimate Guide to Supernatural Wisdom. Arranged in dictionary style, The Prophets' Dictionary has 1652 entries in 600 pages. This manual of prophetic and spiritual knowledge is more than a dictionary; it is a supernatural guide to God's wisdom. In addition to providing practical insights on the prophets operation in our modern world, The Prophets' Dictionary gives standardized and uniform terminology, and establishes God's divine vocabulary for the present Prophetic move of God. This timeless tool is powerful and essential for the prophet, psalmist, intercessor dreamer of dreams, leader or teacher, and pastor.

You've heard the holy call to prophetic ministry. Now what? In this book, leading prophetic voice Jennifer LeClaire guides readers along the journey of a prophet-- from the initial call all the way through to maturity. This "making" process is anything but easy. But LeClaire offers honest, accessible counsel to help you move into your prophetic call. Her spiritual insights will help you overcome the fear of man, identify and eliminate wrong motives and, above all, pursue intimacy with God. Many prophets are called . . . but not everyone endures the "making process" to his or her prophetic destiny. God is looking for people to entrust with the secrets of His heart. Embrace the journey toward your call with this comprehensive, practical guide, and experience the awesome process of being formed into a mouthpiece for the God of the universe. "A clean read filled with good information. LeClaire covers a wide range of issues that affect prophetic ministry, tackling them biblically and with practical wisdom."--R. Loren Sandford, senior pastor, New Song Church and Ministries "Written for this hour! Whether you just have some small inkling or have ministered a long time in the prophetic, there is much wisdom to be mined like treasure from its page. Destined to be a classic for generations to come."--Cindy Jacobs, Generals International; Dallas "Whatever the sacrifice, take The Making of a Prophet into your hands and into your heart. I can assure you it will not let you go until your questions are answered."--Steve Hill, evangelist; author, Spiritual Avalanche

Price, author of The Prophet's Dictionary: The Ultimate Guide to Supernatural Wisdom, presents a detailed, in-depth outline and discussion of the essential five-fold officers of God's Kingdom and an inside look at their functions, responsibilities, gifts, and abilities.

Sharpen and sustain your prophetic gift, and learn strategies for speaking the Word of God with confidence. There is a prophetic remnant rising up in the earth who want to be called out, trained, and activated in their gift to hear God's voice and deliver His messages to His people, and they must not grow weary. Best-selling author John Eckhardt provides encouragement for those who operate in their prophetic gift, to endure and continue to be a mouthpiece for the kingdom of God.

The Prophet's DictionaryThe Ultimate Guide to Supernatural WisdomWhitaker House

Edited by Bill T. Arnold and Hugh G. M. Williamson, the Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books is the second volume in IVP's Old Testament dictionary series. This volume picks up where the Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch left off--with Joshua and Israel poised to enter the land--and carries us through the postexilic period. Following in the tradition of the four award-winning IVP dictionaries focused on the New Testament, this encyclopedic work is characterized by in-depth articles focused on key topics, many of them written by noted experts. The history of Israel forms the skeletal structure of the Old Testament. Understanding this history and the biblical books that trace it is essential to comprehending the Bible. The Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books is the only reference book focused exclusively on these biblical books and the history of Israel. The dictionary presents articles on numerous historical topics as well as major articles focused on the books of Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, Ezra and Nehemiah. Other articles focus on the Deuteronomistic History as well as the Chronicler's History, the narrative art of Israel's historians, innerbiblical exegesis, text and textual criticism, and the emergence of these books as canonical. One feature is a series of eight consecutive articles on the periods of Israel's history from the settlement to postexilic period, which form a condensed history of Israel within the DOTHB. Syro-Palestinian archaeology is surveyed in one article, while significant archaeological sites receive focused treatment, usually under the names of biblical cities and towns such as Jerusalem and Samaria, Shiloh and Shechem, Dan and Beersheba. Other articles delve into the histories and cultures of the great neighboring empires--Egypt, Assyria, Babylonia and Persia--as well as lesser peoples, such as the Ammonites, Edomites, Moabites, Philistines and Phoenicians. In addition there are articles on architecture, Solomon's temple, agriculture and animal husbandry, roads and highways, trade and travel, and water and water systems. The languages of Hebrew and Aramaic, as well as linguistics, each receive careful treatment, as well as the role of scribes and their schools, and writing and literacy in ancient Israel and its environs. The DOTHB also canvases the full range of relevant extrabiblical written evidence, with five articles focused on the various non-Israelite written sources as well as articles on Hebrew inscriptions and ancient Near Eastern iconography. Articles on interpretive methods, on hermeneutics and on preaching the Historical Books will assist students and communicators in understanding how this biblical literature has been studied and

interpreted, and its proper use in preaching. In the same vein, theological topics such as God, prayer, faith, forgiveness and righteousness receive separate treatment. The history of Israel has long been contested territory, but never more so than today. Much like the quest of the historical Jesus, a quest of the historical Israel is underway. At the heart of the quest to understand the history of Israel and the Old Testament's Historical Books is the struggle to come to terms with the conventions of ancient historiography. How did these writers conceive of their task and to whom were they writing? Clearly the Old Testament historians did not go about their task as we would today. The divine word was incarnated in ancient culture. Rather than being a dictionary of quick answers and easy resolutions readily provided, the DOTHB seeks to set out the evidence and arguments, allowing a range of informed opinion to enrich the conversation. In this way it is hoped that the DOTHB will not only inform its readers, but draw them into the debate and equip them to examine the evidence for themselves.

Here is a book you will refer to again and again. Clear, authoritative and as complete as possible, this book will help to open a new world of communication between you the Lord you love. See what others are saying about this great book: "When used through the Holy Spirit, it (this book) can help the reader take away the frustration of not knowing what dreams mean and avoid the dangers of misinterpretation." -Joseph Ewen Founder and Leader of Riverside Church Network Banff, Scotland, UK "This book is a treasure chest, loaded down with revelation and the hidden mysteries of God that have been waiting since before the foundation of the earth to be uncovered." -Bishop Ron Scott, Jr. President, Kingdom Coalition International Hagerstown, MD "The Illustrated Bible-Based Dictionary of Dream Symbols is much more than a book of dream symbols; it has also added richness to our reading of God's Word." -Robert and Joyce Ricciardelli Directors, Visionary Advancement Strategies Seattle, WA

An encyclopedic guide to the interpretation and understanding of biblical literature. Though written by members of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, the 1,450 original entries by some 225 contributors are diverse in viewpoint and devoid of theological prescription. They're

There are More examples of personal prophecy in Scripture than in any other biblical subject. "Prophets and Personal Prophecy is not an abstract theological doctrinal statement but a practical "how to" guide on what personal prophecy is and what you are supposed to do with it. This book is an absolute must for anyone who has ever heard (or even thought they heard) from God." -- Dr. John Gimenez Jim Jackson, Earl Paulk, Ken Sumrall, Gary Greenwald, Norvel Hayes and Emanuele Cannistraci have also endorsed this manuscript. Read their comments in the front pages of this book. Prophets and Personal Prophecy, God's Prophetic Voice Today, makes incredible strides towards restoring Personal Prophecy to the Church and is the only book of its kind. Topics covered include: Putting Personal Prophecy in proper perspective The nature of Personal Prophecy Decisions of marriage, business and geographic moves Guidelines for handling Personal Prophecy God's purposes for Prophets

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.

Discover the role of the prophetic ministry and why it is so necessary today. Through this knowledge, you will: Discover how God awakens, calls, grooms and produces excellent prophets. See how prophets differ from psychics and how prophecy excels divination Get answers to the most common questions people ask about prophecy and prophets Recognize budding prophets in the church Paula Price intelligently and skillfully explains the function and responsibility of local church prophecy and prophets. As an indispensable reference, this comprehensive text is one no Christian should be without. Don't let lack of knowledge keep you from utilizing one of God's extraordinary gifts to the church today.

Christians sometimes approach the Old Testament with a mixture of awe and bewilderment, knowing that it contains pearls of wisdom, but unsure how to dive for them ... especially when it comes to the Prophets. In The Message of the Prophets, author J. Daniel Hays offers a scholarly, yet readable and student-friendly survey of the Old Testament prophetic literature that presents the message of each prophet in its historical and its biblical context and then tracks that message through the New Testament to challenge readers with what it means for them today. Hays focuses on synthesizing the message of the prophets, which enables students to grasp the major contours of the prophetic books clearly and concisely. Hundreds of colorful pictures help to illustrate the historical and cultural background of the prophets. After identifying what the message meant for ancient Israel, Hays helps the readers to move toward theological application today, helping readers to gain a better understanding of God and the relationship between God and his people. The Message of the Prophets is essential for professors, students, and others seeking to understand the role that the OT prophets play in the Christian faith.

Tremper Longman III and Peter E. Enns edit this collection of 148 articles by over 90 contributors on Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Lamentations, Ruth and Esther.

"This splendid reference describes every woman in Jewish and Christian scripture . . . monumental" (Library Journal). In recent decades, many biblical scholars have studied the holy text with a new focus on gender. Women in Scripture is a groundbreaking work that provides Jews, Christians, or anyone fascinated by a body of literature that has exerted a singular influence on Western civilization a thorough look at every woman and group of women mentioned in the Bible, whether named or unnamed, well known or heretofore not known at all. They are remarkably varied—from prophets to prostitutes, military heroines to musicians, deacons to dancers, widows to wet nurses, rulers to slaves. There are familiar faces, such as Eve, Judith, and Mary, seen anew with the full benefit of the most up-to-date results of biblical scholarship. But the most innovative aspect of this book is the section devoted to the many females who in the scriptures do not even have names. Combining rigorous research with engaging prose, these articles on women in the Hebrew Bible, the Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical Books, and the New Testament will inform, delight, and challenge readers interested in the Bible, scholars and laypeople alike. Together, these collected histories create a volume that takes the study of women in the Bible to a new level.

What has God set in place for divine order in His Church? Is there a biblical model modern-day ministers can pattern their ministries after that will bring the balance and effectiveness they seek? Discover these answers and more in Dr. Paula Price's latest text. Topics for this powerful five-fold ministries tool include Authority & Titles, Role & Goal of the Five-Fold Officers, 23 Practical Reasons for the Five-Fold, 46 Five-Fold Duties, The Need for Mentorship, and A Biblical Model for Spiritual Coverings. A Step-by-Step Guide to Operating In The Gift of Prophecy The gift of prophecy is not reserved for a super-spiritual, elite group of believers. In fact, the scriptures promise that in the last days, the Holy Spirit would be poured out on everyone in the world. This spiritual outpouring will manifest in a resurgence of the gift of prophecy that is to affect every believer, young and old, male and female, rich and poor! If you are a Christian, the Holy Spirit lives inside of you. This means that you have access to all of His supernatural gifts and you too can prophesy! Well-respected and seasoned prophetic leader, Kris Vallotton, provides a practical guide that has become a staple resource in training all believers to operate in prophetic ministry. This revised and updated edition

features new content, including topics such as: "Understanding the Spirit Realm," "Last Days Prophetic Ministry," and "What Covenant Are You Prophesying From?" Get equipped to: Tell the difference between Old and New Covenant prophecy—and correctly operate as a New Testament prophetic voice Learn the languages of God and hear His voice like never before Discover and develop your prophetic gifts in a safe environment Step out and confidently share words of knowledge, wisdom, and prophecy Recognize a true prophet from a false prophet Ideal for personal study, small groups, and church classes, Basic Training for the Prophetic Ministry is your guide to understanding and operating in the prophetic ministry. Get ready to hear God's voice in a fresh way, speak His word with power, and release hope, life, and destiny to those around you!

This study came about from a teaching on the manifestation gifts of the Holy Spirit the author prepared for the altar workers at The People's Church of Santa Fe in New Mexico. That teaching has been incorporated into this study. During the discussion on the manifestation gift of prophecy, it was stated that operating through the gift of prophecy does not make someone a prophet. The question arose, "what is the difference between the gift of prophecy and the office of the prophet?" That was when this study was born. This book includes scriptural teaching on the office of the prophet which is one of the five-fold ministry gifts or offices. The book teaches how one knows he has been called to be a prophet. It discusses the manifestation gifts of the Holy Spirit as tools used by prophets to accomplish what the Lord has assigned them to say and do. There are also examples of how the Holy Spirit has operated in the life of the author over her 40 plus years of serving the Lord as a prophet of God.

The Prophet's Dictionary by Paula Price is an essential tool for laymen, prophesiers, pastors, intercessors, and dreamers of dreams. As an all-in-one dictionary and reference book containing over 1,600 relevant definitions of terms and phrases for the prophetic realm of Christian ministry, it will show you how to: Experience the power of the gifts of prophecy Understand their operation in our modern world Correctly interpret and apply God's prophetic words Distinguish between true and false prophets Differentiate between spiritual and natural dreams Understand God-given dreams Develop your spiritual gifts In addition, the author exposes ancient religious seductions and how they have infiltrated movies, television, and books. Prophetic visions and clues to interpreting their symbolism, imagery, and signs are also included. People from all walks of life can benefit as this book aids in the understanding of what may be expected from prophets or the prophetic ministry. Delve deeper and you will find much more. God speaks to us today!

The Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch' is the first in a four-volume series covering the text of the Old Testament. Following in the tradition of the four award-winning IVP dictionaries focused on the New Testament and its background, this encyclopedic work is characterized by close attention to the text of the Old Testament and the ongoing conversation of contemporary scholarship. In exploring the major themes and issues of the Pentateuch, it informs and challenges its readers with authoritative overviews, detailed examinations and new insights from the world of the ancient Near East. The 'Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch' is designed to be your first stop in the study and research of the Pentateuch, on which the rest of the Bible is built.

After centuries of neglect, the church is rediscovering the realm of dreams and visions as a legitimate avenue for receiving divine revelation. In Dream Language, James W. Goll provides an insightful and helpful handbook to this fascinating and little-known world. Based on extensive study and filled with personal insights from his years of walking in this realm, the author builds a solid framework for how Christians today can receive, understand, interpret and apply dream revelation from the Holy Spirit. Whether you are beginning to walk in this realm already or simply want to understand more about it, Dream Language is the perfect guide. As the Book of Enoch is, in some respects, the most notable extant apocalyptic work outside the canonical Scriptures, it will not be inappropriate to offer a few remarks here on the Apocalyptic Literature generally. In writing about the books which belong to this literature, Prof. Burkitt says very pointedly that "they are the most characteristic survival of what I will venture to call, with all its narrowness and its incoherence, the heroic age of Jewish history, the age when the nation attempted to realize in action the part of the peculiar people of God. It ended in catastrophe, but the nation left two successors, the Christian Church and the Rabbinical Schools, each of which carried on some of the old national aims. And of the two it was the Christian Church that was most faithful to the ideas enshrined in the Apocalypses, and it did consider itself, not without some reason, the fulfilment of those ideas. What is wanted, therefore, in studying the Apocalypses is, above all, sympathy with the ideas that underlie them, and especially with the belief in the New Age. And those who believe that in Christianity a new Era really did dawn for us ought, I think, to have that sympathy. . . . We study the Apocalypses to learn how our spiritual ancestors hoped again that God would make all right in the end; and that we, their children, are here today studying them is an indication that their hope was not wholly unfounded."

All you wanted to know about biblical prophecy from A to Z, the Dictionary of Biblical Prophecy is a comprehensive reference tool. It is targeted for those who truly desire to understand prophecy and the end-times. Starting with "Abomination of Desolation" and continuing through hundreds of articles until "Zionism," this book provides helpful and interesting discussions of the entire range of biblical prophecy, all at your fingertips. This exhaustive work contains articles on a broad sweep of topics relevant to the study of biblical prophecy and eschatology. The articles are based on solid scholarship, yet are clear and accessible to the lay reader, illuminating even the most complicated issues. The dictionary also strives for a balanced presentation by laying out differing positions along with their strengths and weaknesses, while not pushing any specific theological or interpretive agenda other than a firm commitment to seeking to understand the Scriptures. This is a valuable tool you will refer to time and again.

In the opening chapter of the Confession, the divines of Westminster included a clause that implied that there would no longer be any special immediate revelation from God. Means by which God had once communicated the divine will, such as dreams, visions, and the miraculous gifts of the Spirit, were said to be no longer available. However, many of the authors of the WCF accepted that prophecy continued in their time, and a number of them apparently believed that disclosure of God's will through dreams, visions, and angelic communication remained possible. How is the cessationist clause of WCF 1:1 to be read in the light of these claims? This book reconciles this paradox in a detailed study of the writings of the authors of the Westminster Confession of Faith.

"Defines an exhaustive list of terms typically used in prophetic ministry"--Provided by publisher.

Protagonist Kit Biddle is a rising prep school senior who finds himself tangled in a web of spiritual quandaries and intellectual absurdities. Kit's angst is compounded by a unique psychological burden he is forced to carry: his intelligent but unstable Uncle Nat has committed an unspeakable act on what, according to the Uncle's deranged account, were direct orders from God. The tragedy haunting his family follows Kit like a dark and foreboding cloud, exacerbating his already compulsive struggle with existential questions about the meaning of his life. When the brilliant, perhaps phantasmic, Anna dismisses him, Kit quickly spirals into despair and self-destruction. But when his irrational decision to steal a maintenance truck and speed aimlessly down the highway ends in a horrific accident and months of both physical and emotional convalescence, Kit is forced to examine his perceptions of his life and his version of reality. In this exquisite bildungsroman,

calamity leads to fresh perspectives and new perceptions: it focuses Kit's mind and forces him to confront the issues that plague him. Readers will empathize—and celebrate—as the darkness lifts and Kit comes to terms with the necessity of engagement with life's pain, pleasure . . . and absurdity. An intelligent, clever, and captivating tale, *The Essence of Nathan Biddle* soars in the spaces that exist between despair and hope, darkness and light, love and loss. Beautifully written, profoundly moving, and resplendent with characters destined to remain with you long after the last page is turned, *The Essence of Nathan Biddle* is unforgettable.

Dream interpretation has become quite a popular subject today. But where is the balance between what the world says and what the WORD says? You are about to find out that as a believer, there is a world in the spirit and in the word that breaks all the boundaries of what you knew - or thought you knew. This goes beyond dream and vision interpretation, it takes you on a journey into the realm of the spirit.

(EXPANDED AND ENRICHED WITH EXCITING NEW CONTENT) Not an ordinary dictionary-loaded with divine wisdom! The most comprehensive, illustrated Bible-based dictionary of prophetic and dream symbols ever compiled is contained in this one authoritative book! *Bible-Based Dictionary of Prophetic Symbols for Every Christian* is a masterpiece that intelligently and understandably bridges the gap between prophetic revelation and application-PLUS it includes the expanded version of the best selling *Illustrated Bible-Based Dictionary of Dream Symbols*. Expertly designed, researched, and Holy Spirit inspired to provide you an extensive wealth of revelation knowledge about symbols and symbolic actions, this book is divided into four parts that go way beyond listing and defining words. Dr. Joe Ibojie discusses in detail topics including: * God speaks to everyone, but not in the same way. * God speaks in dreams and visions. * God speaks in clear language. * God speaks in riddles or parables. * God speaks in dark speeches. Everyone should strive to sharpen all the methods by which God communicates, while mastering the dominant way of receiving from God. When you avoid stereotyping God's avenues of communication, you open great potentials to hear from Him. " -Dr. Joe Ibojie This is a unique and exhaustive collection of biblical and prophetic terms in one authoritative volume, by a true practitioner- Dr. Joe Ibojie-who has written from his wealth of experience as a Bible and prophetic teacher. This is one of the most comprehensive dictionaries of prophetic symbols ever compiled, a masterpiece, and a seminal work. This book brings rare insight, understanding, wisdom, balance, and joy to bridging the gap between revelation and application. Not an ordinary dictionary-loaded with divine wisdom! The most comprehensive, illustrated Bible-based dictionary of prophetic and dream symbols ever compiled is contained in this one authoritative book! Revelations from God are more common than most people would dare to believe—what is scarce is godly understanding of what is revealed. The *Bible-Based Dictionary of Prophetic Symbols* is a masterpiece that intelligently and understandably bridges the gap between prophetic revelation and application—PLUS it includes the expanded version of the best selling *Illustrated Bible-Based Dictionary of Dream Symbols*. Expertly designed, researched, and Holy Spirit inspired to provide you an extensive wealth of revelation knowledge about symbols and symbolic actions, this book is divided into four parts that go way beyond listing and defining words. Rhema word and divine prompting lift off every page! Biblically sound and supported, best-selling author and pastor Dr. Joe Ibojie discusses in detail topics including: God speaks to everyone, but not in the same way. God speaks in dreams and visions. God speaks in clear language. God speaks in riddles or parables. God speaks in dark speeches “Everyone should strive to sharpen all the methods by which God communicates, while mastering the dominant way of receiving from God. When you avoid stereotyping God's avenues of communication, you open great potentials to hear from Him.” -Dr. Joe Ibojie

Both traditions recognize and draw theological and historical lessons from some of the same narrative sources, but this is the first comparative resource to provide interdisciplinary coverage of the history and textual sources associated with prophets and prophecy. This thorough treatment of a difficult and increasingly controversial subject area will encourage and cultivate knowledge and understanding. *The Latter Prophets--Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the Book of the Twelve--* comprise a fascinating collection of prophetic oracles, narratives, and vision reports from ancient Israel and Judah. Spanning centuries and showing evidence of compositional growth and editorial elaboration over time, these prophetic books offer an unparalleled view into the cultural norms, theological convictions, and political disputes of Israelite communities caught in the maelstrom of militarized conflicts with the empires of ancient Egypt, Babylonia, and Persia. Instructive for scholar and student alike, *The Oxford Handbook of the Prophets* features wide-ranging discussion of ancient Near Eastern social and cultic contexts; exploration of focused topics such as the persona of the prophet and the problem of violence in prophetic rhetoric; sophisticated historical and literary analysis of key prophetic texts; issues in reception history, from these texts' earliest reinterpretations at Qumran to Christian appropriations in contemporary homiletics; feminist, materialist, and postcolonial readings engaging the insights of influential contemporary theorists; and more. The diversity of interpretive approaches, clarity of presentation, and breadth of expertise represented here will make this Handbook indispensable for research and teaching on the Latter Prophets.

The writings of the prophets make up over a quarter of the Old Testament. But perhaps no other portion of the Old Testament is more misunderstood by readers today. For some, prophecy conjures up knotted enigmas, opaque oracles and terrifying visions of the future. For others it raises expectations of a plotted-out future to be reconstructed from disparate texts. And yet the prophets have imprinted the language of faith and imagination with some of its most sublime visions of the future - nations streaming to Zion, a lion lying with a lamb, and endlessly fruiting trees on the banks of a flowing river. We might view the prophets as stage directors for Israel's unfolding drama of redemption. Drawing inspiration from past acts in that drama and invoking fresh words from its divine author, these prophets speak a language of sinewed poetry, their words and images arresting the ear and detonating in the mind. For when Yahweh roars from Zion and thunders from Jerusalem, the pastures of the shepherds dry up, the crest of Carmel withers, and the prophetic word buffets those selling the needy for a pair of sandals. *The Dictionary of the Old Testament: Prophets* is the only reference book of its kind. Not only does it focus exclusively on the prophetic books; it also plumbs their imagery of mountains and wilderness, flora and fauna, temple and Zion. It maps and guides us through topics such as covenant and law, exile and deliverance, forgiveness and repentance, and the Day of the Lord. Here the nature of prophecy is searched out in its social, historical, literary and psychological dimensions as well as its synchronic spread of textual links and associations. And the formation of the prophetic books into their canonical collection, including the Book of the Twelve, is explored and weighed for its significance. Then too, contemporary approaches such as canonical criticism, conversation analysis, editorial/redaction criticism, feminist interpretation, literary approaches and rhetorical criticism are summed up and assayed. Even the afterlife of these great texts is explored in articles on the history of interpretation as well as on their impact in the New Testament.

“Dictionary, n: A malevolent literary device for cramping the growth of a language and making it hard and inelastic. This dictionary, however, is a most useful work.” Bierce's groundbreaking *Devil's Dictionary* had a complex publication

