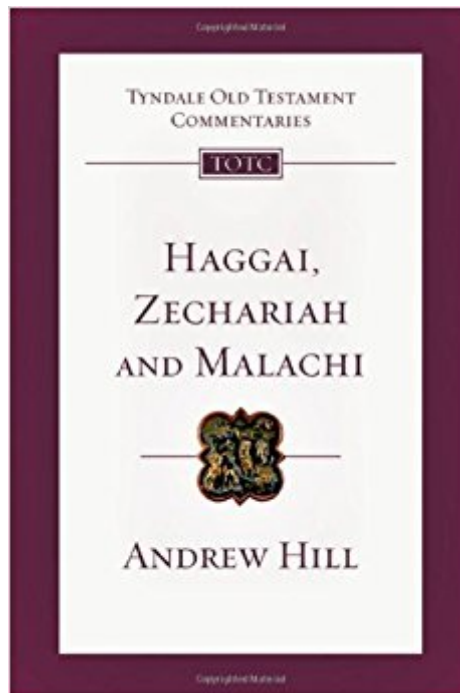




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Synopsis

Despite the return of the Hebrews from the Babylonian exile, selfishness, apathy and despair crippled their community spirit. In response to this distress, God raised up three prophetic voices in Jerusalem. Haggai rallied the people to rebuild the Second Temple. Zechariah was given visions of the return of the glory of the Lord to Zion. Malachi preached repentance, covenant justice and restoration of proper temple worship. Andrew Hill's excellent commentary on these oracles shows how they remain timely for the Christian church's worship and mission in the world.

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Customer Reviews

Andrew E. Hill is professor of Old Testament at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois. He is the author of commentaries on Malachi (Anchor Bible Commentary) and 1 & 2 Chronicles (NIVAC), coauthor of A Survey of the Old Testament and the Cornerstone Biblical Commentary on the minor prophets, and coeditor of The Baker Illustrated Bible Commentary.

came on time and was as advertised

These commentaries are insightful, but not overwhelming. I greatly appreciate their work.

I am trying to follow a long distance Bible study with a friend of mine. Not being in the group

physically made it difficult to ask questions, etc. My pastor brother-in-law suggested the Tyndale Commentaries. They have been very helpful. As with every commentary you can accept what you want and don't accept what you aren't sure you agree with. But that is true with every commentary and in every church so you should be fine with this.

Too academic for me.

Here is another fine entry in the highly respected Tyndale Old Testament Commentary series. This is a replacement volume for Baldwin, so this title has big shoes to fill. I was immediately surprised by the size of the volume coming in at 368 pages. Apparently the series editors felt comfortable giving Mr. Hill the space he felt he needed. Since Mr. Hill already has written a volume on Malachi in the Anchor Bible series, a series known to revel in minutiae, I feared that this volume might have trouble sticking to the target audience of Bible students and pastors. While it does read slightly more academic than some in the series, that was not a problem. He begins by discussing the three together, even seeing some measure or connections between them. He sees a unity in The Day Of The Lord found in each. He was at his best when he sees a parallel to many in our day being jaded by religion. Historical context is given first, which is crucial in my judgment. We also get a clear, succinct Introduction for each book separately. The commentary itself is of sufficient quantity to help you get to the bottom of what the text is saying. I noticed real insights on many occasions. It is a real asset for studying this portion of Scripture. As a added bonus, it is quite economical for a serious commentary. I recommend it. I received this book free from the publisher. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255.

Arrived as promised in good shape.

Andrew E. Hill's commentary on Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi is part of several replacement volumes in the Tyndale Old Testament Commentary series under the editorship of David G. Firth. Hill has already contributed a technical treatment of Malachi in the Anchor Bible Commentary series, and his high level of scholarship comes through with remarkable clarity and approachability in this new volume. Hill includes a general introduction to the post-exilic prophets in which he gives the historical background for these books. He has a high view of Scripture and handles the text with care. Each book then has an individual introduction. In the commentary

section, each pericope is handled under three sections: Context, Comment and Meaning. In the Context section, Hill sets the pericope in the broader context of the book and provides historical information deemed necessary for interpretation. The Comment section provides the meat of the commentary, the comments on the text. Finally, the Meaning section allows Hill to do biblical theology connecting the themes of the text to the whole canon of Scripture and to give suggestions for the theological application for the contemporary reader. Hill manages to use these three sections in a helpful way that does not become redundant or make the reader work too hard to find sought after information. In his introduction, Hill states "We read the Bible as theology (the revelation of God and his redemptive plan for humanity), history (the record of God's dealings with humanity, and especially Israel) and literature (the story of God and human experience) (p. 12). Indeed, these are the three emphases of this commentary, and they are very well done. Technical comments on the Hebrew are not frequent, as that is not the aim of this commentary, but Hill provides explanations of the philology and grammar as necessary. The great strength of this commentary is in showing how the historical and literary features of the book contribute to the theological meaning. Hill holds to an already/not yet eschatology on the apocalyptic sections of Zechariah, and his comments there are very sane and helpful. Hill also brings a helpful emphasis to the theology of the Holy Spirit in these books, a theme he argues is not given its due in three books that emphasize God's people are victorious "not by might nor by power, but by the Spirit." In all of this, Hill manages to remain readable and clear. This commentary will be a welcome guide for laypeople and an excellent first stop for pastors preparing to preach these books. IVP provided me with a free review copy with no expectation that I provide a positive review.

great item; meaning behind prophecies is thoroughly discussed

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