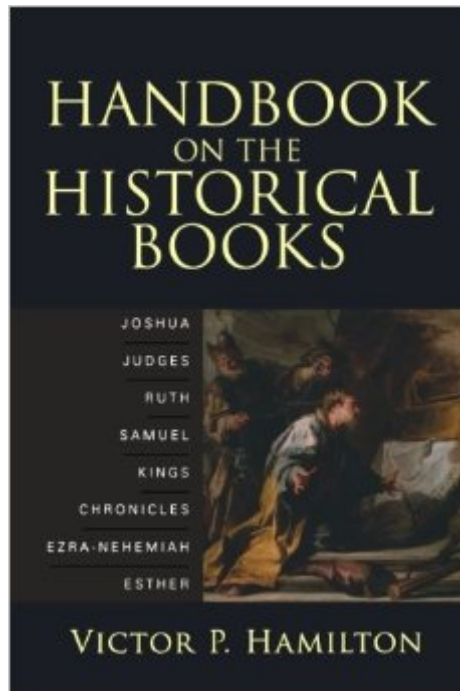


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Synopsis

From the tumbling walls of Jericho to a Jewish girl who became the queen of Persia, the historical books of the Bible are intriguing and unquestionably fascinating. In this comprehensive introduction, veteran Old Testament professor Victor Hamilton demonstrates the significance of the messages contained in these biblical books by carefully examining content, structure, and theology. He details the events and implications of each book chapter by chapter, providing useful commentary on overarching themes and the connections and parallels between Old Testament texts. Now in paper.

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I had Hamilton's Handbook on the Pentateuch assigned for a Seminary class and found it to be balanced, fair, and clearly and concisely written. The Handbook on the Historical Books is more of the same from an excellent, well read, scholar. Particularly helpful are the bibliographies for each of the historical books; the interested reader can easily follow up on commentaries and studies that may interest him or her. Another commenter, a "Baptist preacher", is, I think, unfair in his criticism. He appears to take a very fundamentalist approach. For those readers who haven't already made up their minds about what the texts SHOULD mean or MUST mean, Hamilton's book is a terrific resource and a God-honoring work.

I had to read this book for a college level class, but I still found it enjoyable. He basically goes through each chapter and provides a summary of what took place and their significance. He doesn't

get bogged down in the nitty-gritty details, but keeps the commentary going. I wish it would be a little more in-depth and specific in certain passages, but overall this book is a very handy guide when reading the historical books of the OT.

I really like the overview that Hamilton gives on all the books. I don't agree with all of his statements, but he does a great job on summarizing the 12 books of history. Go to a good library and read it, and then judge for yourself. It has been an immense help to me in my teaching ministry.

Great view of the OT books. Victor Hamilton uses many different theologians and synthesizes them to give a great view of the OT books. Well worth purchasing, reading, referencing and placing in your library.

I've only read his sections on Samuel and Chronicles so far, but they are very insightful. He does a great job of showing the repetition of themes/words in the books, highlighting what the original authors were highlighting (which is more obvious in the original Hebrew). I own all his books - wish he wrote more.

I read the book and love it. It might be my important reference book for a long time. Unfortunately, the binding is poor. After just several readings (you can imagine how carefully I opened and read it), about 1/5 from the front fell out of the book. I feel very disappointed with the binding quality. Now every time I open it and read the latter part, I have to take the 1/5 out to make the reading easier.

Always a need to know more about biblical history when it comes to the Old Testament. You will never learn enough and gives you opportunity to compare with other historical books you may have.

I am using this book for my Jew/Christian studies. This book helped me understand and see the picture much clearer. I recommend this book for learning. Not a difficult book to read.

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