

BOOK NOTICES

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Inclusion in this section does not preclude subsequent review of a book. Where two prices are given, separated by a slash, the second is for the paperback edition.

Armstrong, Terry A.; Busby, Douglas L.; and Carr, Cyril F. *A Reader's Hebrew-English Lexicon of the Old Testament*. Vol. III: *Isaiah-Malachi*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1986. 220 pp. \$14.95.

The third in a four-volume reference set, this latest volume covers Isaiah-Malachi. It is a tool to reduce the translation process for ministers and students desiring to study the OT in its original language, but not having the time or opportunity to master Hebrew. This resource tool meets the need for OT translation aids on the level of Sakae Kubo's *Reader's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*.—E.L.M.

Beach, Walter Raymond, and Beach, Bert Beverly. *Patterns for Progress: The Role and Function of Church Organization*. Preface by Neal C. Wilson. Washington, DC, and Hagerstown, MD: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1985. 142 pp. Paperback, \$4.95.

A father (W. R. Beach) and son (B. B. Beach), who have had extensive church administrative experience in the United States and abroad have collaborated in producing a popularly written—but nonetheless in-depth—treatment of the role and function of church organization and structure in the church body that each has served for three decades or more: the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church. They first explore the concepts of church and mission, and then present the rationales for church organizational structures, together with a description and explanation of how those structures exist and function in the SDA denomi-

nation. The preface, by SDA World General Conference President Neal C. Wilson, refers to this publication as "a sourcebook for all workers, church officers, and involved church members" (p. 10).—K.A.S.

Berlin, Adele. *The Dynamics of Biblical Parallelism*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 1985. 192 pp. \$27.50.

A further study in biblical poetic parallelism by a specialist. Utilizes insights from the field of linguistics in illustrating and broadening current understanding of a common phenomenon in the biblical literature.—K.A.S.

Blickle, Peter. *The Revolution of 1525: The German Peasants' War from a New Perspective*. Translated by Thomas A. Brady, Jr., and H. C. Erik Midelfort. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1985. 272 pp. \$28.50/\$8.95.

A study of the various forces—social, economic, political, and theological (or ideological)—at play in the Peasants' War of 1525. The author revises at various points the traditional interpretations by Marxist and by non-Marxist interpreters.—K.A.S.

Boice, James Montgomery. *The Minor Prophets: An Expository Commentary*. Vol. 2: *Micah-Malachi*. Ministry Resources Library. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1986. 281 pp. \$14.95.

The completion of a two-volume study of the main themes contained in the minor prophets—in particular, the

character of God. (Vol. 1 covers Hosea through Jonah.) The author provides the necessary historical and linguistic background needed to understand the times and issues addressed by the minor prophets. Meaningful applications to contemporary Christian living are included. Subject and Scripture indices prove helpful to the reader.—E.L.M.

Borgen, Ole E. *John Wesley on the Sacraments: A Definitive Study of John Wesley's Theology of Worship*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1986. 312 pp. Paperback, \$12.95.

A comprehensive overview of John Wesley's sacramental theology through information and insights gleaned from a wide array of Wesley's letters, sermons, and hymns. A standard work, now in soft cover.—K.A.S.

BRUCE, F. F., revising ed. *The International Bible Commentary: With the New International Version*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1986. 1664 pp. \$24.95.

A massive one-volume Bible commentary that is a revised form of The New Layman's Commentary. The forty-three contributors include such well-known specialists as Bruce himself, D. J. Wiseman, and Gerald F. Hawthorne. In addition to the commentary proper, the volume includes twenty-eight introductory articles and twenty-nine maps.—K.A.S.

Burgess, Edward. *Christ, The Crown of the Torah*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1986. 226 pp. Paperback, \$7.95.

The author, who is extremely well-versed in Hebrew customs and practices, supports the Messiahship of Jesus within a strict Hebrew framework. Subjects

studied within this work include (1) what requirements God placed on his people in the Torah, (2) how those requirements were fulfilled in Christ's life, (3) how Christ related to his cultural setting, and (4) how today's Jewish customs are expressions of Israel's traditions.—E.L.M.

Ellis, Jane. *The Russian Orthodox Church: A Contemporary History*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 1986. 540 pp. \$39.95.

Analyzes life, church structure, theological education, publications, and other significant matters pertaining to the Orthodox Church in the Soviet Union since the mid-1960s. Also treats the dissent movement in the Russian Orthodox Church during the same period.—K.A.S.

Harder, Leland, ed. *The Sources of Swiss Anabaptism*. Classics of the Radical Reformation, vol. 4. Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 1985. 816 pp. \$69.00.

Provides in English translation 71 of Conrad Grebel's Latin and German letters, plus some 100 other documents pertaining to pre-Anabaptist history (from 1517) and developments subsequent to Grebel's death (up to 1540). Introductions and notes to the source materials are included.—K.A.S.

Harris, R. Laird; Quek, Swee-Hwa; and Vannoy, J. Robert, eds. *Interpretation and History: Essays in Honor of Allan A. MacRae*. Singapore: Christian Life Publishers, 1986. 300 pp. \$10.95/\$7.95.

As the title indicates, this is a volume of essays. They were written and presented to Dr. Allan A. MacRae by his former pupils on his eighty-fourth birthday. Issues affecting the interpretation of the Bible and the understanding of certain

historical problems are the two main themes of the essays contained within this volume.—E.L.M.

Hostetler, Michael J. *Introducing the Sermon: The Art of Compelling Beginnings*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1986. 89 pp. \$5.95.

This book is a gold mine of nonsense, practical tips on how to make contact with the congregation during the all-important beginning moments of the sermon.—E.L.M.

Langston, Douglas C. *God's Willing Knowledge: The Influence of Scotus' Analysis of Omniscience*. University Park, PA: The Pennsylvania State University Press, 1986. 160 pp. \$18.95.

Scotus' views about God's knowledge and human freedom are presented and clarified in this book. The connections among Scotus' views and the views of classical proponents of God's omniscience are analyzed. The acceptance or rejection of his claims in the conclusion of this book depends upon an evaluation of their moral implications.—E.L.M.

Louw, Johannes P., ed. *Sociolinguistics and Communication*. United Bible Society Monograph Series, No. 1. New York: United Bible Societies, 1986. ix + 146 pp. Paperback, \$5.95. (Available through American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway, New York, NY, 10023.)

In this first volume in the United Bible Society Monograph Series (simultaneously the fifth in a series of monographs published by the Institute for Interlingual Communication of the South African Bible Society), a collection of six articles is presented on the various aspects of sociolinguistics and communication. The articles cover such topics as Bible translation and exegesis, recep-

tion, role of the sermon, and text analysis as they relate to this field. Bibliographies are included at the end of the articles, with the exception of one article which includes this information in the footnotes.—E.L.M.

Luecke, David S., and Southard, Samuel. *Pastoral Administration*. Waco, Texas: Word Books, 1986. 207 pp. Paperback, \$11.95.

The authors of this book confront the division between ministerial and administrative duties and offer their viewpoints from personal experience and professional research in the field of Church Administration. Ministerial duties combined with administrative duties are seen as an integral part of shepherding people. The key concept is *pastoral administration*.—E.L.M.

McDannell, Colleen. *The Christian Home in Victorian America, 1840-1900*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 1986. 224 pp. 32 black-and-white photographs. \$25.00.

Through an analysis of such items as styles of household decoration, worship and funerary practices, parental roles, and others, the author contrasts Protestant and Catholic conceptions of the religious meaning and function of the home in America during the Victorian era. The volume presents interesting information and insights concerning this too-frequently neglected aspect of the cultural and religious situation during a transitional and formative period in American history.—K.A.S.

McSorley, Richard. *New Testament Basis of Peacemaking*. Scottdale, PA: Herald Press, 1985. 168 pp. Paperback, \$7.95.

A publication that argues from NT data that the NT supports a message of peace, peacemaking, and justice. Inter-

acts with arguments of those who suggest that the NT supports war.—K.A.S.

Montgomery, John Warwick. *Human Rights and Human Dignity*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1986. 319 pp. Paperback, \$8.95.

The author takes a closer look at the foundations upon which major human rights codes and systems are based. Going to the heart of the problem, he exposes the flaws and weakness in human rights positions that are based upon naturalistic, humanistic, and relativistic philosophy.—E.L.M.

Morris, Leon. *New Testament Theology*. Academic Books. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1986. 448 pp. \$19.95.

An extensive description of major NT theological themes, written in somewhat more popular fashion than a number of the rather "heavy" volumes on the subject. In handling the material the author evidently kept carefully in mind the student as well as the mature scholar.—K.A.S.

Owen, David I, and Morrison, Martha, eds. *Studies on the Civilization and Culture of Nuzi and the Hurrians*. Vol. 2. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1987. x + 723 pp. \$65.00.

In this publication some thirteen authors provide essays that further our knowledge and understanding of the ancient Hurrians—a people which have attained considerable interest on the part of Bible students as well as specialists in Near Eastern antiquity, when discoveries at Nuzi were found to parallel and illustrate a number of features in the patriarchal narratives of the book of Genesis. This volume also includes publication of some significant new texts.—K.A.S.

Pitard, Wayne T. *Ancient Damascus: A Historical Study of the Syrian City-State from Earliest Times Until Its Fall to the Assyrians in 732 B.C.E.* Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1987. x + 230 pp. \$20.00.

The first detailed and comprehensive analysis and synthesis of the archaeological and epigraphic evidence now available concerning ancient Damascus prior to 732 B.C.E. Both geographical aspects and historical developments are treated, including the contacts and relations of Damascus with the Israelite kingdoms and with Assyria.—K.A.S.

Rice, Eugene F., Jr. *Saint Jerome in the Renaissance*. The Johns Hopkins Symposium in Comparative History, no. 13. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1985. 304 pp. 52 halftones. \$24.00.

A detailed study of the important church father Jerome from the perspective of ways in which he was perceived and venerated during the Renaissance—within both popular and elite circles, as well as from religious and non-religious points of view. The volume is enhanced by 52 halftones illuminating the artistic and iconographic depictions that illustrate the various perceptions of Jerome.—K.A.S.

Rochat, Joyce. *Survivor* [A Biography of Siegfried H. Horn]. Berrien Springs, MI: Andrews University Press, 1986. xii + 332 pp. + signature of photographs. Special Introductory Price, \$9.95.

This volume is a biography covering approximately the first forty years of the life of world-renowned OT scholar and archaeologist Siegfried H. Horn (also founding editor of *AUSS*). With captivating style and richness of fascinating

detail, the author traces Horn's childhood in Germany, advanced education in England, pastoral work in the Netherlands, years of missionary service in Indonesia, and more than six years of concentration-camp imprisonment during World War II. A projected further volume is to cover Horn's professorial years in America, which have included participation in and/or directorship of numerous archaeological digs in the Middle East, plus an outstanding record of scholarly research and publication. Part of the charm of the present authoritative biography comes from the profuse glimpses it gives from Horn's massive diary (twenty-four large volumes)—glimpses through the eyes of a man thoroughly immersed not only in work and home but in every facet of his environment and the political situation in the world; and above all, glimpses of a man of the richest and most enduring faith—truly a "Survivor."—K.A.S.

Schwarz, Hans. *Responsible Faith: Christian Theology in the Light of 20th Century Questions*. Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Publishing House, 1986. 448 pp. \$23.95.

This comprehensive, one-volume summary illuminates the main themes of Christian faith in four parts. Part 1 is the prolegomena, presenting theology, revelation, and Scripture. Part 2, under the title "The God Who Acts," covers God, creation, humanity, and sin. Part 3 is devoted to Jesus of Nazareth and Jesus, the Christ. And the final part deals with the Holy Spirit, the Church, the means of grace, and the Christian hope. Name, biblical-reference, and subject indices are included.—E.L.M.

Steinmetz, David C. *Luther in Context*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 1986. 160 pp. \$25.00/\$7.95.

A refreshing new look at Luther from the perspective of a broad sampling of data concerning the sixteenth-century setting in which the Reformer found himself—on themes especially important to Luther, such as freedom and bondage of the will, justification by faith alone, the Eucharist, and others.—K.A.S.

Walton, Robert C. *Chronological and Background Charts of Church History*. Foreword by Earle E. Cairns. Academic Books. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1986. 124 pp. Paperback, \$8.95.

In large format of 8½"×11" page size, this publication sets forth a wealth of historical detail in chart, table, and diagram form (there is no "running text" as such, nor are there explanatory notes). Seventy-six of these tabular or diagrammatic items deal with developments during specific periods of church history from the ancient church to the contemporary European and American church scene, and eight further ones are of a somewhat more general nature (e.g., a list of Popes as recognized by the Catholic Church, lists of prominent Protestant and Catholic missionaries, etc.) The volume includes a general bibliography (two pages) and a rather extensive index (seven pages). Unfortunately, there is no page numbering anywhere in the volume, though the tables, charts, and diagrams (some extending over two pages) are numbered sequentially from 1 through 84.—K.A.S.

Weiss, Herold. *Paul of Tarsus: His Gospel and Life*. Berrien Springs, MI: Andrews University Press, 1986. xiv + 188 pp. Paperback, \$9.95.

This publication seeks to fill a gap in Pauline studies by providing the non-specialist with an understanding of

Paul in terms of the issues which Paul faced. In doing so, it also provides a refreshingly new and helpful approach. After two biographical chapters and a chapter tracing main themes in Paul's Epistle to the Romans, the major portion of the book (chaps. 5-8) has "singled out major theological words in the apostle's vocabulary" in an effort "to embody his thought in a way

which . . . he would have recognized. These theological words have been paired [e.g., "The Law and Salvation," "The Body and the Mind," and "The Lord and the Slave," chaps. 5, 6, and 8] in order to reflect the apostle's own dynamic integration and complementation of separate elements that bring to his thought both a frightful daring and a basic balance" (p. xiii).—K.A.S.