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## **KEY=SCRIPTURE - BRYAN CUMMINGS**

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### **THE INTERPRETING SPIRIT**

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**The Interpreting Spirit is both a consideration of the Spirit's role in the interpretation of Scripture and a celebration of renewal scholarship. It examines those who have focused on the Spirit's role in their hermeneutical considerations, recognizing common, uniting themes amidst the diversity of scholarly approach and opinion. Working on the principle that the Spirit communicates in ways that seek to unify and celebrate the other, Mather works diachronically from 1970, identifying and drawing together these common, uniting hallmarks into a collective understanding. Pivotal to Mather's argument is her emphasis that we do not just interpret Scripture, but that the Spirit through Scripture, and working in our lives in ways that lead us towards Scripture, interprets us. The Interpreting Spirit is the first comprehensive analysis of the conversation surrounding pneumatic interpretation that has been taking place, particularly among renewal scholars, since 1970. It seeks to answer the notoriously difficult question, "What does the Spirit do in the process of biblical interpretation?"**

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### **THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE**

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## **SUMMARY OF ROBERT L. PLUMMER'S 40 QUESTIONS ABOUT INTERPRETING THE BIBLE**

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*Everest Media LLC* Please note: This is a companion version & not the original book. **Sample Book Insights: #1** To sum up the question, what is the difference between the Bible and other sacred texts. The answer is: The Bible is the Word of God. If you know that, you are halfway to understanding why Jesus said, He who does not listen to me [God] cannot have eternal life (John 5:24). The Old Testament prophets spoke God's Word to the people of Israel. God used a series of human authors to write down His Word. The author of the Old Testament books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel all lived around the same time. So, there is a fairly close connection between their books and the life, ministry, and teachings of Jesus Christ. The New Testament reflects the life and ministry of Jesus Christ himself. It was written by many different authors over a period of about thirty years. The books were also assembled into a final form around 100 AD. So, there is no single author or editor who can be identified as being behind every book that appears in the New Testament. So, when we look at the Bible, we see that it is the work of many human authors and editors who were each inspired by the Holy Spirit to write what they wrote. **#2** The Bible is the Word of God. It was written by many different authors and editors who were each inspired by the Holy Spirit to write what they wrote. The Bible itself is a collection of sixty-six smaller books, or literary works, which claim the Holy Spirit as the ultimate authority and safeguard behind their writing. **#3** The Bible is the Word of God. It was written by many different authors and editors who were each inspired by the Holy Spirit to write what they wrote. The Bible itself is a collection of sixty-six smaller books, or literary works, which claim the Holy Spirit as the ultimate authority and safeguard behind their writing. **#4** The Bible is the Word of God. It was written by many different authors and editors who were each inspired by the Holy Spirit to write what they wrote. The Bible itself is a collection of sixty-six smaller books, or literary works, which claim the Holy Spirit as the ultimate authority and safeguard behind their writing.

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### **THE HERMENEUTICAL SPIRAL**

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### **A COMPREHENSIVE INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION**

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*InterVarsity Press* Recipient of a Christianity Today 1993 Critics Choice Award! In this comprehensive and up-to-date volume, Grant R. Osborne provides seminary students and working pastors with the full set of tools they need to move from sound exegesis to the development of biblical and systematic theologies and to the preparation of sound, biblical sermons. Osborne contends that hermeneutics is a spiral from text to context--a movement between the horizon of the text and the horizon of the reader that spirals nearer and nearer toward the intended meaning of the text and its significance for today. He develops his thesis in each of

three sections: the first covering general hermeneutics (grammar, semantics, syntax, backgrounds), the second covering hermeneutics and genre, and the third covering applied hermeneutics. Along the way, he offers assessments of recent developments from redaction criticism to reader response criticism. In two appendixes he also addresses the contemporary philosophical challenges to fixed meanings in texts and discusses the implications of this debate for biblical authority. Covering the wide spectrum from exegesis to sermon preparation, Osborne's up-to-date and comprehensive text should prove to be the standard evangelical work in the field for years to come.

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## **PNEUMATIC HERMENEUTICS**

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### **THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THEOLOGICAL INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE**

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Conversations on theological interpretation of Scripture suggest the significance of pneumatic hermeneutics in reading biblical texts. Despite the affirmation of divine guidance in reading Scripture and a few representative voices that recognize the role of the Holy Spirit, there is a substantial gap in the theological interpretation project regarding the role of the Spirit in biblical reading. This dissertation aims to fill this gap by exploring the Spirit's interpretive work from the vantage point of theological interpretation. It argues that Pentecostal tradition has a remarkable contribution to the dialogue concerning the Spirit's role. In order to put the Pentecostal hermeneutics in a wider theological framework and intensify the issue in a larger ecumenical context, the dissertation discusses Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and Protestant approaches on the Spirit and Scripture. The analysis of these major streams of Christian tradition provides a setting to examine Pentecostal hermeneutical practices and reflections on the Spirit's role in biblical interpretation. Taking the Pentecostal hermeneutical insights that involve a three-way dialogue between the Spirit, Scripture, and community into account, the dissertation extends the trialectic interpretive approach by insisting that Christian community is an expression of the Spirit's work through which the interpretive role of the Spirit is mediated. By offering a theological basis for understanding the Spirit's interpretive role in light of pneumatic experiences of Christian community, the dissertation points a way forward to integrate the Spirit's role in theological interpretation of Scripture.

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## **THE INTERPRETING SPIRIT**

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### **SPIRIT, SCRIPTURE, AND INTERPRETATION IN THE RENEWAL TRADITION**

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## **THE SPIRIT SAYS**

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### **INSPIRATION AND INTERPRETATION IN ISRAELITE, JEWISH, AND EARLY CHRISTIAN TEXTS**

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*Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG* *The Spirit Says* offers a stunning collection of articles by an influential assemblage of scholars, all of whom lend considerable insight to the relationship between inspiration and interpretation. They address this otherwise intractable question with deft and occasionally daring readings of a variety of texts from the ancient world, including—but not limited to—the scriptures of early Judaism and Christianity. The thrust of this book can be summed up not so much in one question as in four: o What is the role of revelation in the interpretation of Scripture? o What might it look like for an author to be inspired? o What motivates a claim to the inspired interpretation of Scripture? o Who is inspired to interpret Scripture? More often than not, these questions are submerged in this volume under the tame rubrics of exegesis and hermeneutics, but they rise in swells and surges too to the surface, not just occasionally but often. Combining an assortment of prominent voices, this book does not merely offer signposts along the way. It charts a pioneering path toward a model of interpretation that is at once intellectually robust and unmistakably inspired.

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## **THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION**

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### **FROM THE EARLY CHURCH TO MODERN PRACTICE**

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*Baker Academic* For the better part of fifteen centuries, Christians read Scripture on two complementary levels, the literal and the spiritual. In the modern period, the spiritual sense gradually became marginalized in favor of the literal sense. The Bible came to be read and interpreted like any other book. This brief, accessible introduction to the history of biblical interpretation examines key turning points and figures and argues for a

retrieval of the premodern spiritual habits of reading Scripture.

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## **UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE**

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### **A BASIC INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION**

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*Paulist Press* **Understanding the Bible** is a learner-friendly overview of the major theories of biblical interpretation from ancient times to the present. Author George Montague surveys the major trends in the history of the discipline and carefully notes the contributions and the limitations of each period. He puts into coherent perspective the diverse and often contradictory interpretations of scripture, culminating with in-depth examinations of Dei Verbum of Vatican II and the Pontifical Biblical Commission's *The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church*. **Understanding the Bible** is an invaluable resource for graduate and theology students, and for anyone interested in making sense of hermeneutics.

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## **JOHN**

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*Westminster John Knox Press* **In this volume, Gerard Sloyan utilizes the lectionary approach to offer new insights into understanding the book of John. In so doing, he puts the Fourth Gospel in the Old Testament context within which the early church received the public readings of this Gospel. His emphasis on the use of John within first-century Christianity enables modern readers to grasp the meaning of the Gospel message. Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching is a distinctive resource for those who interpret the Bible in the church. Planned and written specifically for teaching and preaching needs, this critically acclaimed biblical commentary is a major contribution to scholarship and ministry.**

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## **SERMONS CHIEFLY ON THE INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE**

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### **THE INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE AND OTHER ESSAYS**

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### **THE HOLY SPIRIT'S INTERPRETATION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT**

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### **A COURSE IN UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE**

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*O Books* **A metaphysical interpretation of the New Testament, which teaches oneness as the only truth, and surrender (or letting go) as the practice that leads to spiritual enlightenment. NTI stresses the importance of willingness, acceptance, gratitude, mind-watching and trust on the path of enlightenment while teaching the reader to let go of unworthiness, fear, guilt and false (or separation-based) thinking. NTI has been described as a love letter and as a loving approach to letting go of the ego. Following on from the strength of A Course in Miracles NTI teaches us how to experience the oneness of God here and now by showing us exactly how to release the obstacles that prevent us from having that experience.**

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## **PRINCIPLES OF INTERPRETATION**

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**AS RECOGNIZED GENERALLY BY BIBLICAL SCHOLARS, TREATED AS A SCIENCE, DERIVED INDUCTIVELY FROM AN EXEGESIS OF MANY PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE**

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**AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE. AN EXAMINATION INTO THE PRINCIPLES AND STATEMENTS ADVANCED IN PROFESSOR JOWETT'S ESSAY ON THE INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE**

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## **BIBLE INTERPRETATION**

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*Xulon Press* **God, who created me and, He had chosen me for His ministry to preach the Gospel one of God's many purpose's in my life. I am cautious and careful to be obedient to Him to Praise, Honor, and Glorify God that has created me for His purpose. All of these words in this book, I believe have been inspired by God through the Holy Spirit that was made possible because of the sacrifice that was made by Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. I think back when I thought it was God instructing me to not read these other interpretations or translations of the Bible. I was being deceived by satan the enemy and ruler of confusion. Realize why we do not delight in the law of the Lord and why is it we do not meditate on these scriptures day and night. Because we are infected with the fleshly worldly lusts and desires of the media and addictions of advertisements. Satan indices our flesh with camouflaging treats of mouth watering pleasures that was seemingly pleasantly rewarding. Then after we have partaken of worldly pleasures we find ourselves obese, in credit card debt, or double or triple mortgaged. Abused our bodies till our health, well we wonder, then quickly realize we did not take great care of this Godly temple. Now, when I read the New Living Translation Bible or New International Version, King James Version, or New King James Version, I'm not intimidated. It just gives me more understanding.**

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## **INTERPRETING SCRIPTURE WITH THE GREAT TRADITION**

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## **RECOVERING THE GENIUS OF PREMODERN EXEGESIS**

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*Baker Books* **The rise of modernity, especially the European Enlightenment and its aftermath, has negatively impacted the way we understand the nature and interpretation of Christian Scripture. In this introduction to biblical interpretation, Craig Carter evaluates the problems of post-Enlightenment hermeneutics and offers an alternative approach: exegesis in harmony with the Great Tradition. Carter argues for the validity of patristic christological exegesis, showing that we must recover the Nicene theological tradition as the context for contemporary exegesis, and seeks to root both the nature and interpretation of Scripture firmly in trinitarian orthodoxy.**

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## **A PENTECOSTAL HERMENEUTIC FOR THE TWENTY FIRST CENTURY**

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### **SPIRIT, SCRIPTURE AND COMMUNITY**

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*A&C Black* The purpose of this book is to present a critically informed contemporary Pentecostal hermeneutic rooted in Pentecostal identity, in its stories, beliefs and practices. As Pentecostals began entering academic communities of higher learning, their interpretive methods became both mainstream and modernistic as they adapted the historical critical methods, or the so-called scientific hermeneutic. The proposed hermeneutic contained in this book desires to move beyond the impasse created by Modernity, instead pushing Pentecostals into the contemporary context by critically re-appropriating early Pentecostal ethos and interpretive practices for a contemporary Pentecostal community. The Pentecostal hermeneutic is a three-way interaction for theological meaning between the Holy Spirit, the Pentecostal community and sacred Scripture.

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## **A BASIC GUIDE TO INTERPRETING THE BIBLE**

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### **PLAYING BY THE RULES**

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*Baker Books* In this accessible guide to interpreting the Bible, senior New Testament scholar Robert Stein helps readers identify various biblical genres, understand the meaning of biblical texts, and apply that meaning to contemporary life. This edition has been completely revised throughout to reflect Stein's current thinking and changes to the discipline over the past decade. Students of the Bible will find the book effective in group settings. Praise for the first edition "Stein's work is both a fine introduction to the task of biblical hermeneutics for the novice and an innovative refresher for the veteran teacher or pastor."--Faith & Mission

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## **THE LORD'S PRAYER: THE AXIOMS OF THE MATH MODEL THAT SOLVES OUR QUESTIONS ON SALVATION: FROM WHAT, HOW AND FOR HOW LONG ARE WE SAVED? ARE**

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A math model for the Bible, what for? The answer to this question is the same as the answer to the following question Christians should ask one another: "Whatever Happened to the Gospel?" Each concept of this Message has as many interpretations as there are faith denominations and members in each of them: Who are we to God: His adoptive or His natural born children? Is the purpose of our life the same or does God bring us to this world with tailored plan he calls each of us to discover through the illumination of the Holy Spirit? What sins did Christ come down to save us from: our own sins, Adam's, or both? To be saved, are good deeds enough? Is salvation through faith alone, through faith and works, or is it predestined? Are we once saved always saved? Is being born again the assurance of Eternal Life? Each of these denominations makes exclusive claims about the Truth. Each considers that only its teachings are

grounded in Scripture. When you ask the question to know by what assurance an interpretation of the Scripture is exclusively true, each of these denominations claims the inward illumination of the Holy Spirit as the basis of its interpretation of the Scripture. If the Holy Spirit performs the functions of a teacher to all God's children, the multiplication of conflicting interpretations of the same Scripture cannot be explained; for the Holy Spirit cannot contradict Himself. Two interpretations of the same message cannot both be true when they oppose one another, unless the message is a contradiction: the Gospel is not a contradiction; who is true? Through Christ's identification of himself with the Word of God, the Truth and Fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, he testifies to the Bible's math model that affixes the Gospel as its axioms, and to the view of these axioms as the basis of the interpretation of the Eternal Life knowledge the Bible conveys. The Lord's Prayer is the axioms of this math model that solves our questions on salvation.

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## **HEAD, HEEL AND HEART**

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### **A COMPARATIVE INTERPRETATION OF TWO MANTLES**

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*Xlibris Corporation* **First Corinthians 12:13 (King James Version) states, For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. This scripture assures us that we should not compare one another as human beings because the spirit cant really compete with itself. Why? Its because whoever we are and whatever assignment weve been given, we can only do it by the same Holy Spirit breathed within us, and that spirit operates with the same power in every human being. It appears to be one of those laws placed in the universe, the same as the law of gravity. The law of spirit cant be changed by the saved or unsaved, Jews or Gentiles, by people with broken spirits, or those who are confident and whole; actuated power is based on knowledge, experience, and maturity of its existence in us and will manifest itself based on a series of twist and turns, highs and lows, ebbs and flows, calamities, and consolations until we understand how it works. As we mature, we learn to navigate around difficult timeslike nonsupportive people and unexpected situationsas Spirit guides each of us to our true assignments. This book was written to compare the spiritual journeys of Joseph and David, two anointed men in the Bible who were granted the privilege of carrying two different mantles guided by the same Holy Spirit to demonstrate different expected ends. In reading this book and getting a clearer more lucid understanding of how Spirit works, hopefully, it will encourage you to continue journeying while ignoring negative distractions such as people and/or circumstances until you realize Gods purpose for you and learn to relax so that Spirit can prompt and excite you towards your own specifically designed plan and outcome. (King James Version: Jeremiah 11:29) Read the narratives of Joseph and David first then analyze the Holy Spirits power at work! Youre**

certainly welcome to use this book for Sunday school lessons, small religious classes, or just as a teaching tool to build the faith of yourself and your children.

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## **INTERPRETING THE BIBLE**

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*Eerdmans Publishing Company*

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## **KERYGMATIC HERMENEUTICS**

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### **FORMULATING A PENTECOSTAL-CHARISMATIC PRACTICE OF READING SCRIPTURE IN THE SPIRIT IN COMMUNITY**

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*Wipf and Stock Publishers* **Kerygmatic Hermeneutics** takes a reader at once into a concrete apprehension of God in his scriptural truth through flowing in the Spirit. With the Spirit working with Scripture, a reader navigates in a to-ing and fro-ing between the general claims of God and the patterns of his actions in the world, and the embodiment of these general claims in the concrete particularity of contemporary living. This to-ing and fro-ing shapes an embodied witness to the world. In this account, an interpretation of scriptural truth is incomplete until Christ is proclaimed in the power of the Spirit to bring life. This brings the world into an encounter with God. Kerygmatic Hermeneutics is an account of how one may make theology in the Pentecostal-charismatic tradition. This constructive theological account also yields a practice of interpretation of Scripture in a community of faith. This formulation of kerygmatic theology and its hermeneutical practice opens theology to empirical enquiry and spiritual discernment in a post-Christian western world. This account is also existentially relevant for the global south and east, especially where readers find themselves having to speak apologetically into diverse religious and spiritual practices in daily encounters.

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### **SERMONS CHIEFLY ON THE INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE, PREACHED IN THE CHAPEL OF RUGBY SCHOOL, 1832-1840**

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## **SCRIPTURAL AUTHORITY AND NARRATIVE INTERPRETATION**

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*Augsburg Fortress Publishing*

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## **TAPPING INTO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

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"Tapping into the Holy Spirit is a Bible study for those who want to dig deeper into the Word. The purpose of this study is to teach believers that they have a "Helper" who comes along-side them to help them live their Christian life. By tapping into the Holy Spirit, you will always know GOD's will for your life, you will always have spiritual discernment, and you will be directed on the path GOD has created for your life. Depending on the season of your spiritual life, this study will have a different meaning for you. If you are not "born again", this study will help you to work through

your salvation. If you need "assurance" of being saved, this study will help you have understand and know the meaning of the Cross. If you do not hear the Holy Spirit's guidance then this study will help you learn how to "tap" into HIM. Each lesson uses the 3-step approach to understanding the Bible. The first is observation questions as you look for answers to who, what, when, where, why, and how. As you dig into the meaning of these passages you will need to read before and after each passage. Using all the clues of context and observation skills, the second step brings you to the correct interpretation of the Scripture. Be careful NOT to take any Scripture out of context or you may fail to get the correct interpretation. Finally, the third step is the Application. This section is for you to use GOD's Word to grow in Christ. Knowing GOD's Word is the first step in interpreting HIS Word, but applying it to your life is walking in Christ.

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## **TAUGHT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**

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### **HOW TO KNOW IF YOU ARE BEING TAUGHT BY HIM**

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*WestBow Press* Explaining how the Holy Spirit communicates the words of God to Christians is ultimately key to understanding what a real relationship with Jesus is. The Christian who reads the Bible is first and foremost to be taught God's word by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Only then do we begin to realize that Bible teachers are those whose teachings we would merely consider and then ponder against the clear teaching of scripture. Many other questions which a person may have about what a relationship with Jesus is and is not will also be answered as a result of understanding Who the ultimate Bible teacher is and why.

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## **THE HERMENEUTICAL SPIRIT**

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### **THEOLOGICAL INTERPRETATION AND SCRIPTURAL IMAGINATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY**

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*Wipf and Stock Publishers* In the contemporary biblical studies climate, proposals regarding the theological interpretation of Scripture are contested, particularly but not only because they privilege, encourage, and foster ecclesial or other forms of normative commitments as part and parcel of the hermeneutical horizon through which scriptural texts are read and understood. Within this context, confessional approaches have been emerging, including some from within the nascent pentecostal theological tradition. This volume builds on the author's previous work in theological method to suggest a pentecostal perspective on theological interpretation that is rooted in the conviction that all Christian reading of sacred Scripture is post-Pentecost, meaning after the Day of Pentecost outpouring of the Spirit on all flesh in anticipation of the coming reign of God. In that respect, such a pentecostal interpretative perspective is not parochially for those within the modern day movement bearing that name but is arguably apostolic in following after the scriptural imagination of the earliest

disciples of Jesus the messiah and therefore has ecumenical and missional purchase across space and time. The Hermeneutical Spirit thus provides close readings of various texts across the scriptural canon as a model for Christian theological interpretation of Scripture suitable for the twenty-first-century global context.

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## **THE NAME BOOK**

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### **OVER 10,000 NAMES--THEIR MEANINGS, ORIGINS, AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE**

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*Bethany House* **A comprehensive book of 12,000 names, including their meanings, origins, and spiritual significance, with a supporting Scripture for each.**

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## **ORIGEN AND SCRIPTURE**

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### **THE CONTOURS OF THE EXEGETICAL LIFE**

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*OUP Oxford* **This book examines Origen of Alexandria's approach to the Bible through a biographical lens, focusing on his account of the scriptural interpreter. Martens explores the many ways in which Origen thought ideal scriptural interpreters (himself included) embarked upon a way of salvation, culminating in the everlasting contemplation of God.**

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## **THEOLOGICAL INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE**

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*Wipf and Stock Publishers* **Christians have been interpreting Scripture with an aim of deepening their life with God and each other from the very beginning of the church. The past twenty years or so have witnessed an explosion of scholarly writing devoted to the theological interpretation of Scripture. Stephen Fowl, as an active participant in and contributor to the burgeoning literature, has written an ideal companion for guests at the large and somewhat chaotic party, introducing them to important people, texts, and issues. The companion explores some of the connections between the long-running and essential Christian practice of theological interpretation and the more recent body of scholarly literature. Ultimately, the companion hopes to encourage readers to join the party in their own right.**

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### **THE SPIRIT OF THE BIBLE; OR, THE NATURE AND VALUE OF THE JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES DISCRIMINATED, IN AN ANALYSIS OF THEIR SEVERAL BOOKS**

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## **BASICS OF BIBLE INTERPRETATION**

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## **SPIRIT AND SCRIPTURE**

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## **EXPLORING A PNEUMATIC HERMENEUTIC**

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*Bloomsbury Publishing Script and Scripture* provides the most comprehensive academic treatment available of biblical interpretation in the renewal movement.

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## **BOUNDLESS LOVE**

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## **A COMPANION TO CLARK H. PINNOCK'S THEOLOGY**

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*Wipf and Stock Publishers Clark H. Pinnock (1937-2010)* was arguably one of the most noted, productive, and provocative Christian theologians in North American evangelical Christianity in the late twentieth century. Considering how challenging he is to classify and yet how significant his work has been, Pinnock should be widely studied today. However, for many, their first introduction to Pinnock's writing is facilitated through various critical sources. For too long, Pinnock's theology has been stuck within the confines of tired stereotypes and overly simplistic summaries. Andrew Ray Williams, then, gives Pinnock a fresh and fair hearing, outlining some of his major themes while also providing an accessible point of entry into his theology. In doing so, this book is usable and profitable for both longtime fans as well as critics of Pinnock, while also offering first-time readers of Pinnock an open-minded position from which to read him.

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## **REVELATION OF CHRIST IN SCRIPTURE TEXTBOOK**

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## **SPIRIT OF TRUTH: HIGH SCHOOL COURSE 1**

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*Sophia Institute Press*

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## **THE TRADITION OF SCRIPTURE**

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## **ITS ORIGIN, AUTHORITY AND INTERPRETATION**

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## **LUKE**

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## **INTERPRETATION: A BIBLE COMMENTARY FOR TEACHING AND PREACHING**

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*Westminster John Knox Press* Using Luke's own prologue as the guideline for his commentary, Fred B. Craddock calls attention to the continuities between Jesus and his heritage in Judaism and the church after him. Like Luke, Craddock assumes the reader is not only a believer but also a leader in the community of faith. *Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching* is a distinctive resource for those who interpret the Bible in the church. Planned and written specifically for teaching and preaching needs, this critically acclaimed biblical commentary is a major contribution to scholarship and ministry.

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## THE JOSEPH EFFECT

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*Christian Faith Publishing, Inc.* The life of Joseph provides several life lessons to be applied to our life's journey. For me, the account of Joseph is probably the closest experience to compare with my life. I believe as you read this book, you will find this to be the case in your life as well. I find it very interesting that prior to any written form of instructions or commandments, Joseph knew what it meant to conduct his affairs in a way that I consider to be supernatural. Although he found himself in very difficult situations, Joseph possessed an ability to find the solution to his problems by listening to voice of God through his dreams and the dreams of others. As believers, we recognize Joseph's experiences as divine favor. We recognize and acknowledge Joseph's experiences to be as being part of the unmerited favor and grace of God. It is obvious that Joseph recognized and effectively walked in this divine favor by exercising his trust in God to fulfill His promises. Although the Holy Spirit did not indwell man at the time of Joseph's era, the gift to interpret dreams performed the same operational affect as one of the gifts of the Spirit given to the believer today. I believe that gift to be the word of wisdom. Today, believers can operate in this gift when interpreting dreams and visions. There are several examples in Scripture before and after the resurrection of Messiah where dreams and visions were interpreted before fulfillment. In the late Dr. Lester Sumrall's book, *The Gifts and Ministries of the Holy Spirit*, he identifies several great men of God in the Old Testament who exercised the gift of the word of wisdom. It was Dr. Sumrall who held the position that several of the prophets of old were endowed with the gift of a word of wisdom. Dr. Sumrall made the following statement about Joseph, "The Holy Spirit can convey the word of wisdom in many ways. To Joseph it was the interpreting of a dream of the future. When Joseph was seventeen years old, God showed him the course of his whole life the fact that he would be a great leader and how even his own brothers would bow down before him." "And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it to his brothers, and said, Behold, I have dreamed another dream; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars bowed down to me. And he told it to his father, and to his brothers: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, what is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow down ourselves to you to the earth?" (Genesis 37:9-10, KJV). I cannot claim that Joseph's parents did not believe his dream, but it does appear they found his dream difficult to accept. It is interesting to note that the parents knew the interpretation of the dream without Joseph explaining it to them. This tells me that this practice of lessoning and interpreting one's dreams was indeed the practice of children of Israel. As time passed, Joseph's was fulfilled. The Scripture declares that God does not change. I believe that He has not changed this method of communication. Although there are different ways that God speaks to His children (primarily through His written word), the

method of dreams and the interpretation of dream often provides what I like to describe as the Joseph effect.

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## **SCRIPTURE AND ITS INTERPRETATION**

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### **A GLOBAL, ECUMENICAL INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE**

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*Baker Academic* Top-notch biblical scholars from around the world and from various Christian traditions offer a fulsome yet readable introduction to the Bible and its interpretation. The book concisely introduces the Old and New Testaments and related topics and examines a wide variety of historical and contemporary interpretive approaches, including African, African-American, Asian, and Latino streams. Contributors include N. T. Wright, M. Daniel Carroll R., Stephen Fowl, Joel Green, Michael Holmes, Edith Humphrey, Christopher Rowland, and K. K. Yeo, among others. Questions for reflection and discussion, an annotated bibliography, and a glossary are included.