

SOME DEFINITIONS OF BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

- Oehler: "Biblical theology has the task of exhibiting the religion of the Bible according to its progressive development and the variety of the forms in which it appears." p. 5.
- Schultz: "Biblical theology is that branch of the theological science which gives a historical presentation of revealed religion during the period of its growth." I, 1-2.
- Vos: "Biblical theology is that branch of exegetical theology which deals with the process of the self-revelation of God deposited in the Bible." p. 13.
- Payne: ". . . the biblical history of divine redemption." p. 17.
- Davidson: "Biblical theology is the knowledge of God's great operation in introducing His kingdom among men, presented to our view exactly as it lies presented in the Bible." p. 1.
- Lehman: "Biblical theology examines the process of the unfolding of God's Word to man." I, 37.
- Kummel: ". . . the Bible is a book written by men, which, like any product of the human mind, can properly be made understandable only from the times in which it appeared and therefore only with the methods of historical science." p. 14.
- Sheldon: ". . . is interested in the stages of revelation, and seeks to exhibit the peculiarities of different doctrinal types in the Bible together with the historical conditions by which their rise and development were influenced." p.
- Schmid: "the Christian religion as we find it distinctly laid down in the NT Scriptures." p. 1.
- Weidner: an investigation "in a purely historical manner, the teaching of each single writer of the New Testament." I, 13.
- Van Oosterzee: "The Biblical Theology of the NT is that part of theological science which presents in a summary form the doctrine of the NT concerning God and Divine things, and expresses the same in systematic order." p. 1.
- Weiss: "The Biblical theology of the NT is the scientific representation of the religious ideas and doctrines which are contained ⁱⁿ the NT." I, 1.
- Jacob: "The theology of the OT may be defined as the systematic account of the specific religious ideas which can be found throughout the OT and which form its profound unity." p. 11.
- Ladd: "Biblical theology is that discipline which sets forth the message of the books of the Bible in their historical setting . . . and in its own terms, categories, and thought forms." p. 25.