

The Theology of John. By W. Robert Cook. Chicago: Moody Press, 1979.

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Biblical Theology is experiencing a resurgence, and evangelical writers are making an important contribution to it. As far as I know this book is the first one focusing on a particular biblical author's theology apart from Pauline theology. It is a welcome addition to the literature.

Since methodology is crucial to the proper development of biblical theology, one looks first at that in reviewing a book in this field. Happily, Dr. Cook uses proper methodology and thus develops John's thought according to the author's own emphases. His three major categories are soteriology, the Christian life, and eschatology.

The work builds on careful exegesis throughout. It is well-outlined. It reflects a pretribulational, premillennial theology. The writing is clear. Occasionally helpful homiletical suggestions appear (e.g., pp. 55-56, p. 143). There are many good discussions, a sampling of which include John 1, 1 John 1, the concept of world, Revelation 3:10. Much good material appears in the extensive footnotes which the reader should not overlook.

In a work which is based on exegesis, one could always find points of disagreement, but to mention any would be to major on the minor. The author (dean of Western Conservative Baptist Seminary) has clearly demonstrated that he can use the tools, but more important, that he is skilled in the art of doing biblical theology.

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