

of believers, defies the principle of retributive justice, is christological and eschatological, is an integral part of participating in God's triumph, and is treated in Scripture elsewhere. T. D. Still has provided a two-page foreword.

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BARBARA E. BOWE, *Biblical Foundations of Spirituality: Touching a Finger to the Flame* (2nd ed.; Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2017, paper \$35) xxi and 273 pp., halftone, 4 tables. Bibliography. Indexed. LCN: 2016041394. ISBN: 978-0-7425-5961-5.

After exploring the nature and meaning of the word "spirituality," Bowe (1945-2010), who was professor of biblical studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, offers reflections on various parts of the OT and NT. This edition [see *NTA* 48, p. 187] includes new chapters by L. Brink and J. R. Barker on the development of concepts (messianism, eschatology, Son of Man) significant for the NT's understanding of Jesus, and on some postcanonical texts that show how "biblical spirituality" was experienced and adapted for new generations of believers. The glossary and bibliography have been updated to include information from the new chapters. Also included are a three-page preface to the second edition by Brink and Barker, and a three-page memorial note on Bowe by C. Osiek.

LESLEY R. DiFRANCISCO, *Washing Away Sin: An Analysis of the Metaphor in the Hebrew Bible and Its Influence*, Biblical Tools and Studies 23 (Leuven—Bristol, CT: Peeters, 2016, €78) xiii and 256 pp., halftone, 10 tables. Bibliography. Indexed. LCN: 2017287098. ISBN: 978-90-429-3342-2.

The revised version of a doctoral dissertation supervised by R. Miller and accepted by the Catholic University of America in 2014, this book highlights the characteristics of the washing metaphor within the Hebrew Bible and the diverse ways in which it is employed and traces the trajectory of the metaphor and its reception in the Dead Sea scrolls and the NT. After a 27-page introduction, it discusses washing away sin in Isaiah and Jeremiah; washing away sin in Psalm 51 and related concepts in Ezekiel 36 and Zechariah 13; and washing away sin beyond the Hebrew Bible—the Dead Sea scrolls and the NT (e.g. baptism for the remission of sins in the NT). DiFrancisco, visiting assistant professor of theology at Loyola University Maryland, concludes that according to the NT water immersion, or baptism, was practiced in conjunction with the repentance and confession of sins as a solution to sin, and that the image of immersion is used as a metaphor for the spiritual cleansing that Jesus will effect, a cleansing that has parallels to the spiritual cleansing of IQS and the metaphorical washing of the Hebrew Bible.

KURT ERLEMANN, *Fenster zum Himmel: Gleichnisse im Neuen Testament* (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2017, paper €23) x and 228 pp., 3 tables. Bibliography. Indexed. ISBN: 978-3-7887-3240-0.

This examination of parables in the NT seeks to make the findings of parable research available to a wider public with no previous technical knowledge. After a two-page introduction it discusses basic questions of parable research; the parables of the OT; further preludes to the parables of Jesus (Jewish apocalypticism, Jewish Wisdom literature and the Talmud, ancient fables, ancient education); the parables of the Gospels; additional NT parables (e.g. 1 Cor 12:12-31; Rom 5:6-10; Jas 3:1-12); the "subject" of parables; and theological and text-pragmatic profiles of the parables in Mark, Matthew, Luke, John, Paul, and other writings, respectively. Also included are sixteen "questions" (e.g. How does one decipher a parable's metaphorical imagery? How is the "subject" determined? How is the point identified?) interspersed throughout the volume, lyrics for a song based on Lk 10:30-37 written by Erlemann, and a three-page glossary. Erlemann, who teaches NT and the history of the early church at the University of Wuppertal, suggests that the parables of Jesus are windows into God's new reality that convey the vision of a coexistence that makes life in full possible for all people.

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