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"Few biblical topics are as important as mission. Mission is linked inextricably to humanity's sinfulness and need for redemption, and to God's provision of salvation in the person and work of Jesus Christ. This 'good news' of salvation must be made known. The saving mission of Jesus constitutes the foundation for Christian mission, and the Christian gospel is its message." "For Andreas Kostenberger and Peter O'Brien this significant theme has rarely been given its due attention in biblical theology. Motivated by their passion to see God's mission carried out in today's world, they offer a comprehensive study of the theme of mission. They explore the entire sweep of biblical history, including the Old Testament, the second-temple period and the New Testament." --BOOK JACKET.

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Michael says

A great biblical theological overview of Scripture that would be of great use to the local church.

Shaun Lee says

This title is targeted at intermediate and advanced readers, for the deep theological content is difficult to skim through quickly without engaging into time to digest and reflect. For the tens of books I utilised for a research paper on the biblical theological perspective on missions, this was the one I found the most insightful. It was also really easy to read and its thickness is due to the breadth of issues discussed. It is a pity that this book is out of print (and I did notice many ideas from various other authors being quoted without acknowledgement).

Nevertheless, I recommend obtaining a copy because of its usefulness. It would still be a good investment for sermon or bible study preparation, especially for the last chapter (concluding synthesis) provides a "light" and easily comprehensible summary of the topic. If you find that a certain subsection in the concluding summary that seems potentially useful, you can tend leaf your way into the in-depth corresponding chapter.

Josh says

Very good. Gives an overview of Scripture's teaching on mission, one chapter on the OT, one on 2nd Temple Judaism, and then one on every section of the NT.

Brad says

Very helpful and thorough unpacking of the theme of mission as it's developed in Scripture. The authors work through the significant OT texts dealing with mission. For many, this work will help open up the OT as a rich and surprising source for the mission theme. They work through much of the NT documents showing how each book develops a theology of mission. The authors also helpfully point out issues of continuity and discontinuity between the testaments as it relates to mission. An important and accessible work.

Paul Seville says

A good biblical theological exploration of mission. Dips into the historical backgrounds along the way to demonstrate the development of the unfolding revelation of mission in the scriptures. Could have been

improved by a more solid connection between the themes of mission in creation / new creation and salvation history.

Chris Armer says

I'd give it 3.5 stars if I could. The book is a scholarly theological study and therefore very dry. It is not a quick read. But the content was good and helped affirm a few ideas about the theology of mission in the Scriptures.

G. A. Dietrich says

This is likely one of the best books I've ever read on the topic of missions. Kostenberger and O'Brien are very detailed and gospel minded in this book.
