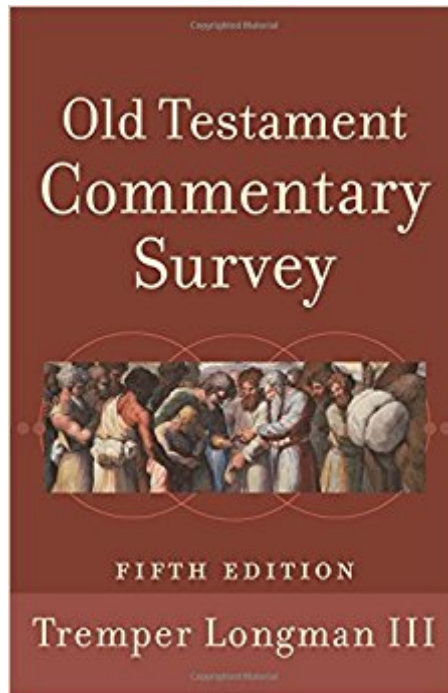




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I cannot be nearly as positive about Longmanâ™s book as some on this page are. Most of the shortcomings of the previous editions are still there, and there are vast swaths of scholarship that he simply ignores. There is almost no mention of the Historical Commentary on the Old Testament (which has a growing number of volumes in it), which is not only available through Dove Booksellers (and most of them on as well), but represents extremely important scholarship. He mentions the name Renkema, for instance, in connection with Garrett/Houseâ™s commentary on Lamentations, but fails to rate Renkemaâ™s own commentary, which is surely the most important detailed exegetical commentary of Lamentations in existence. Many of the recent International Critical Commentary volumes are missing, as well (Williamson on Isaiah 1-5, Goldingay/Payne on Isaiah 40-55, Mackintosh on Hosea, Salters on Lamentations). On Lamentations, he includes the Daily Study Bible entry, but not the ICC volume. Really? Absolutely none of John Curridâ™s

commentaries are mentioned at all, nor are Dale Ralph Davis's. Only one of Iain Duguid's commentaries are mentioned (his Ezekiel volume), and none of John Mackay's. So, among the four best living Old Testament commentators (in my estimation), only one receives any mention at all, and only for one of his books. I am well aware how huge the field is. It is impossible to include absolutely everything. But the gaps I have mentioned are particularly glaring for Reformed pastors. Reformed pastors should own every commentary published by Currid, Davis, Duguid, and Mackay (who among them have covered a huge amount of the Old Testament). It is not very well updated, either.

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