

understand better the Dispensational perspective.) Nevertheless, LaRondelle's critique provides a fresh approach to prophetic study which Dispensationalism cannot afford to ignore.

The more critical scholar will be uncomfortable with LaRondelle's high view of inspiration. Nevertheless, the book sheds much light on the problem of how the NT writers used the OT and the things of Israel in their existential situation. While critical scholarship by and large rejects the NT world-view, it is interested in understanding that world-view, and LaRondelle's book makes a powerful contribution to that understanding.

In conclusion, LaRondelle writes in a moving style that leaves the reader with a sense of windows opening on Scripture, letting in fresh light and air. The book is a rich source of parallels between the OT and the NT, resulting in what is virtually a mini-theology of biblical prophecy. (A random sampling indicates that LaRondelle cites nearly 2000 biblical passages in the volume.)

It is this reviewer's judgment that, regardless of one's perspective, the reader interested in biblical prophecy will consider the perusal of LaRondelle's book to be time well spent.

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Larson, Bruce. *Luke*. Vol. 3 in *The Communicator's Commentary*, ed. Lloyd J. Ogilvie. Waco, Texas: World Books, 1983. 347 pp. \$14.95.

The purpose of *The Communicator's Commentary* series is to place into the hands of "pastors, teachers, Bible study leaders, church school teachers, small group enablers, and individual Christians" a commentary that will give a penetrating view of New Testament Scripture, and will facilitate practical communication of "the abundant life" (p. 7).

Considering each believer in Jesus Christ as one who is called to communicate the Gospel, *The Communicator's Commentary* attempts to make the message of the New Testament books readily understandable for busy preachers and laymen, hoping, in turn, they will be adequately prepared for the communication of the Word to congregations and classes. This commentary series does not pretend to be a scholarly study. Its approach is unsophisticated, and is designed to appeal to and inform those who have had little or no training in biblical studies. The titles used in outlining the Gospel of Luke illustrate the attempt to make this Gospel as practical as possible; e.g., "Holy Horticulture: Roots or Fruits: 3:1-20"; "Worship: Duty, Diversion or Dynamite: 6:1-19"; "Jesus and the New Psychiatry: 8:22-39"; "How to Make Your Money Work for You: 16:1-31"; etc.

It is difficult, at first, to take a commentary seriously in which there are no word studies, no examination of grammar and syntax, and no informative articles on the politics, economy, and religious and social customs of the day. However, if one keeps in mind that the aim of *The Communicator's Commentary* is to make better "communicators" out of those who are not trained in biblical studies, what is lacking in the technical handling of NT books is more than compensated for by the practical application of Scripture.

The commentary on Luke has an "Editor's Preface" in which the goals for the series are laid out. A short introduction deals with authorship, date of composition, and a preview of several themes found in Luke. *The New King James Bible* provides the text for the commentary. At the end there is a brief bibliography with 34 entries. A number of the standard commentaries on Luke are listed, together with several general works on the Synoptic Gospels. This bibliography would be strengthened, however, if some of the older works from the beginning of this century were omitted and newer studies were listed, e.g., the works of I. Howard Marshall.

Larson is to be commended for his readable, and often entertaining, comments on Luke's Gospel. Several times I found myself chuckling over his illustrations and anecdotes. Any preacher, professional or lay, will find this commentary to be a gold mine of useful stories for sermon illustrations. The practical applications of passages from Luke are virtual seed beds of sermon ideas.

Although the reader of this commentary who is trained in biblical studies will probably find it to be superficial, a lay preacher will find it to be a valuable source of ideas and illustrations. Without a question, *The Communicator's Commentary* series will fill a great need.

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Singer, Karl Helmut. *Die Metalle Gold, Silber, Bronze, Kupfer und Eisen im Alten Testament und ihre Symbolik*. Forschung zur Bibel, vol. 43. Würzburg: Echter Verlag, 1980. 195 pp. DM 39.00 (paper).

This volume is the published form of a University of Mainz dissertation, investigating the terms for the metals of gold, silver, bronze, copper and iron in the OT and their symbolic meaning. The author has divided his study into three major parts: Part A consists of an exploration of the terminology of the five metals, Part B compares the metals with each other, and Part C investigates the symbolism of these metals. The focus of this monograph is not so much on the archaeological aspects of these