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Book Reviews



Fuhr, A. R., Jr. & Yates, G. E. (2016). *The message of the twelve: Hearing the voice of the minor prophets*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Academic. \$34.99. ISBN 9781433683763

Clear and cogent without being jargonistically entangling, Fuhr and Yates lead the reader on an examination of the twelve minor prophets. They begin with a historical background of the prophets that is very readable. They bold the names of the each prophet's section so the reader can skim to the one they are studying. Fuhr and Yates discuss the role of prophets as messengers of God's covenants. Additionally, they include a thorough chapter on the literary nature of prophetic writings with examples, including genres, metaphor, hyperbole, parallelism and more. They advance an argument for "approaching the minor prophets as a canonical unity." Each individual prophet has their own chapter with an introduction, structure, exposition, theological message and application. They close with a defensible four-position conclusion. The seven page bibliography contains a roll call of scholarship familiar to theological academia. Overall, this would be a good purchase. It is a modern source readable by undergraduates yet offering depth and breadth in its treatment of the twelve minor prophets.

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