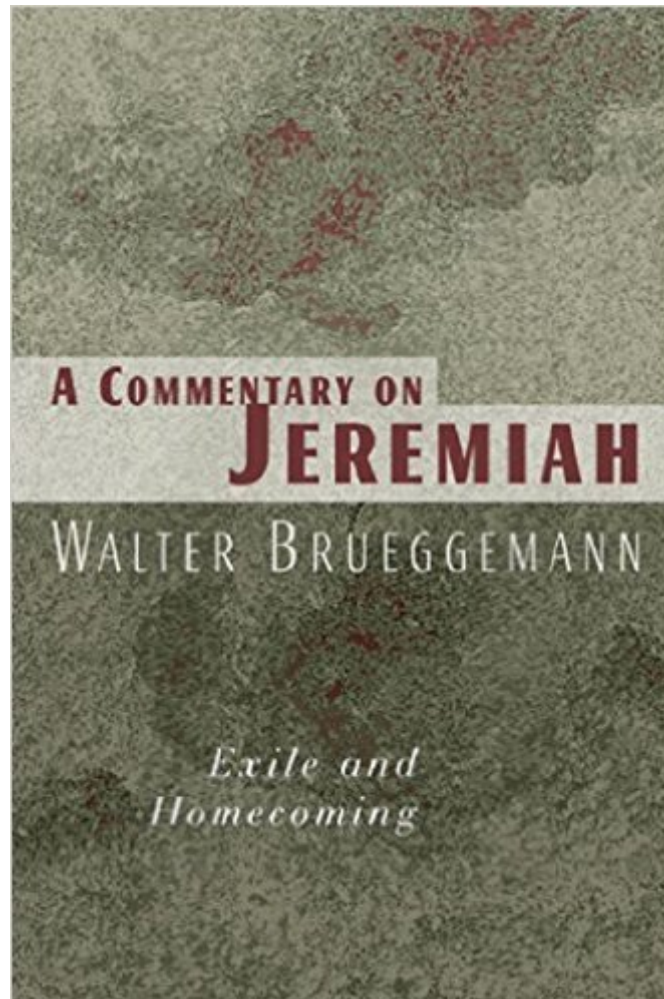


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Professor Brueggemann has written an extremely helpful book for the wearied and busy parish pastor who chooses to jump into the prophet Jeremiah. Brueggemann always brings to light the issue or subject that most needs thoughtful attention. I recently completed a sermon series on the prophet Jeremiah and my copy of Brueggemann's book is highlighted, underlined, and has been heavily used. One may not always agree with Brueggemann, but one never leaves without having been educated and enlightened. Very helpful for the preaching pastor!

Bruggeman is a bit too liberal for my theological tastes but he is well worth the read. He has fresh insights and a way with words that makes the text come alive. It is his different viewpoint and style that makes a lot of the Old Testament come alive for me and enriches my Christian growth. This commentary has been rewarding when I have had opportunity to use it. He makes the richness accessible to those who haven't had his kind of training. I believe you will be rewarded regardless of your theological outlook.

Walter Brueggemann's work will always provide fresh insight and give you a solid understanding of Old Testament texts. Along with Raymond Brown from the Roman Catholic side, Brueggemann is the authority. This book starts out with an overview of the scholarship and background of Jeremiah, and then provides commentary on each chapter. Very useful for preachers and for Bible Study leaders-- accessible, personable, and clearly written.

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