

**Patrick D. Miller, *The Lord of the Psalms*.** Louisville: Westminster John Knox (www.wjkbooks.com), 2013. Pages, 116. Paper, \$25.00.

The seven chapters of this book grew out of the Stone Lectures given at Princeton Theological Seminary in 2010. Each reflects on various psalms in which aspects of a dimension of God can be discerned. The very existence of God is first examined, then God's sovereignty and majesty as creator. Such characterization of God calls for the praise found in so many of the psalms. Though grounded in the kind of solid scholarship only a lifetime of study can bring forth, these essays possess a conversational character that will help the ordinary reader plumb the depths of Miller's thinking. These reflections will not only enrich the reader's understanding of some of the psalms but will also touch the reader's heart.

**Irene Nowell, *Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, Esther*.** New Collegeville Bible Commentary. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press (www.litpress.org), 2013. Pages, 144. Paper, \$14.95.

The five books examined in this commentary comprise the *Megilloth* or festival scrolls. Each is read on an important Jewish festival: Song of Songs during the Spring festival of Passover; Ruth at Pentecost, which marks the end of the barley harvest and the beginning of wheat harvest; Lamentations on the ninth of Ab (late July or early August), when the destruction of both the first and the second Temples is commemorated; Ecclesiastes during the feast of Booths at the last harvest; and Esther during the feast of Purim. Nowell's careful examination of the stories contained in these books not only attends to the meaning of the books but also helps the reader to see the connections between them and the feasts that feature them. This is a valuable contribution to this fine series.

**Michael E. Stone and Matthias Henze, *4 Ezra and 2 Baruch: Translations, Introductions, and Notes*.** Minneapolis: Fortress Press (www.fortresspress.com), 2013. Pages, 141. Paper, \$18.00.

The two apocalypses discussed in this book appeared around the turn of the first century C.E., a few decades after the destruction of the Second Temple. Written in the genre of dialogue-dispute between the seer and God, they both report Israel's shock at this destruction and the impact it had on the faith of the survivors. This study is basically a translation of the two books: Stone is responsible for 4 Ezra, Henze for 2 Baruch. Minimal commentary is found in the Introduction. There the relationship between the two contemporary books is explained; their similarities and their differences are noted. The content and transmission history are also clarified. Unfortunately, intertestamental, apocryphal works are often overlooked by biblical students. This thin volume seeks to remedy such an oversight.

**Patrick K. Tull, *Inhabiting Eden: Christians, the Bible, and the Ecological Crisis*.** Louisville: Westminster John Knox (www.wjkbooks.com), 2013. Pages, 193. Paper, \$17.00.

The book is meant as a resource for those who search the Bible for inspiration for living. It begins with a look at the creation tradition found in Genesis and some of