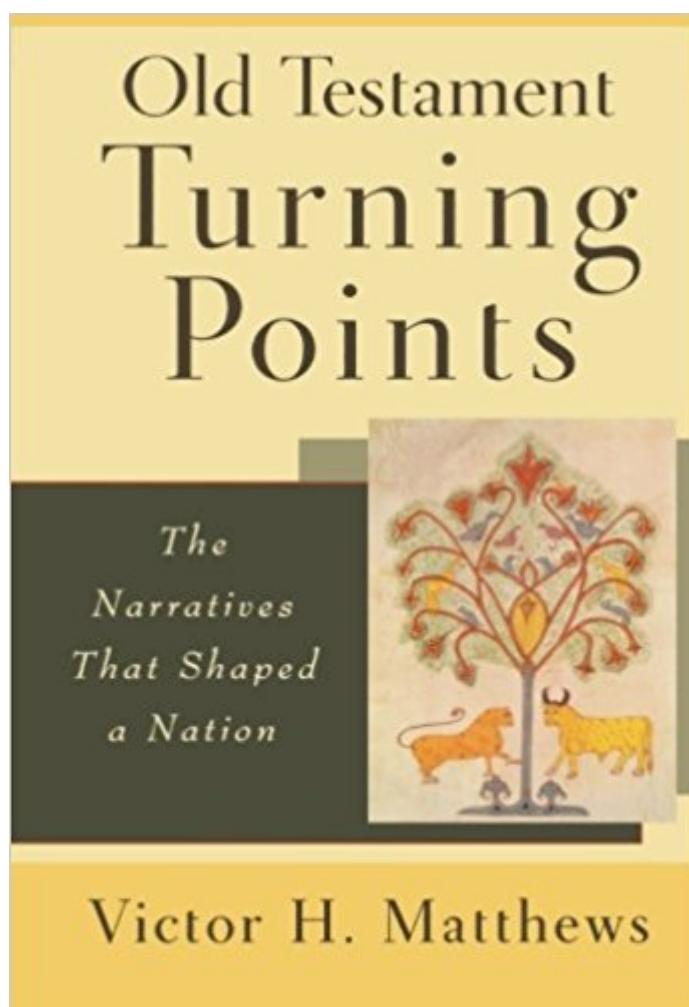


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# Old Testament Turning Points: The Narratives That Shaped A Nation



## **Synopsis**

Adam and Eve, God's covenant with Abraham, the deportation of Judah and their eventual return to Jerusalemthese are the Old Testament stories most people remember, and for good reason. According to veteran Old Testament professor Victor Matthews, these stories are essential to the identity of Israel as God's people. Matthews identifies eight landmark stories that not only shaped Israelite identity but also continued to echo throughout the Old Testament as Israel grew into its role as the people of God. He examines the stories in detail, showing how they provide a foundation for later Old Testament stories and events. Helpful sidebars, a glossary, indexes, and a selected bibliography provide readers with tools for further exploration. This book will be of interest to serious lay readers, Bible students, and church leaders.

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Victor H. Matthews (Ph.D., Brandeis University) is professor of religious studies and dean of the College of Humanities and Public Affairs at Missouri State University. He is the author or co-author of twelve books, including *The Social World of Ancient Israel*, *Old Testament Parallels*, and *The I.V.P. Bible Background Commentary: Old Testament*.

Matthews does a great job pointing out the events which shaped the life of Israel in a simple way, yet with much depth and thoughtfulness. For the person seeking to better understand how the people of God came together this volume puts the Old Testament into the dialogue in a way too

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