Ruth & Esther: There is a Redeemer and Sudden Reversals

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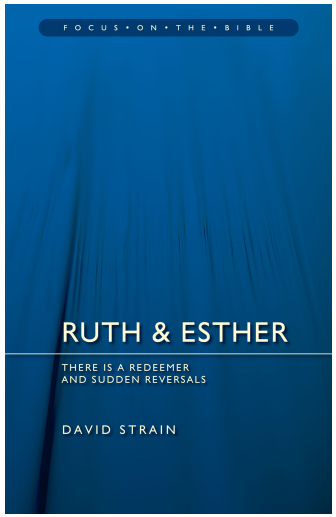

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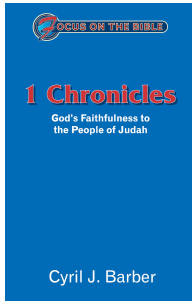

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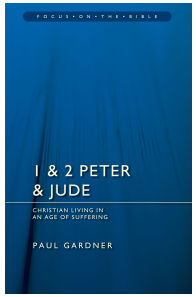

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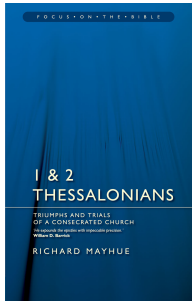

DESCRIPTION

Ruth and Esther, the only two biblical books that centre on the lives of women, display the hand of a God who works in the lives of individuals to bring about his plan for the salvation of many. Ruth is an outsider who finds a home among the people of God and whose descendants include not only King David, but David's greater son, Christ the King of Kings. Esther's story plays out in the palace precincts of a despotic king. While God's name is famously never mentioned, we see his handiwork in each twist and turn of the narrative. He uses improbable means and improbable individuals to save His people, and we see that God is on His throne.

MARKETING POINTS

The Providence of God in Both Books

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Questions for Personal or Group Bible Study

AUTHOR

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ENDORSEMENTS

In Dr Strain's flowing prose, both the text and the theological truths imbedded in the text are explained with pastoral thoughtfulness and a deft appreciation of their place within the biblical canon. These are commentaries that preachers will benefit from and all Christians find hugely instructive.

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