

RECENT REPRINTS

Several publishers have recently sent us copies of books they have reprinted. Klock and Klock have sent R. C. Trench, *Commentary on the Epistles to the Seven Churches in Asia* (from the 6th ed.; pp. xiii + 250, \$6.95), well bound in hardcover. Zondervan has taken an article by Donald J. Wiseman and one by Edwin Yamauchi, first published in Vol. I of the *Expositor's Bible Commentary*, and printed them together in a little paperback book called *Archaeology and the Bible: An Introductory Study* (pp. 122, \$3.95). Westminster Press has given us a new paperback edition of John A. T. Robinson's *Jesus and His Coming* (pp. 192, \$6.95). The book first appeared in 1957; this edition is essentially unchanged, except for a rewritten preface. The thesis remains unchanged: Jesus' own teaching was that there was just one advent, begun at Christmas, perfected at Calvary, continued at pentecost and beyond until all are included in it. According to Robinson, the notion of a *second* advent emerged in the Church but cannot be traced back to Jesus.

Two reprints published by Eerdmans deserve special mention. T. W. Manson, *The Sayings of Jesus* (pp. 352, \$7.95), is now in an attractive paperback form, a reprint of the 1957 SCM edition (which itself was a reprint of the second part of a larger volume that appeared in 1937). The second work to note is H. C. Thiessen, *Lectures in Systematic Theology* (pp. 450, \$13.95). This work is not just a reprint but a revision by Vernon C. Doerksen. The most important additions are a new chapter on the work of the Holy Spirit and updated bibliography, but a substantial number of sections have been reworked in minor ways. The theological stance of the earlier volume is preserved.

It is Baker Book House, however, that has published the most reprints in the last few months, and some of them are of major importance. We may begin with various commentaries. Joseph B. Mayor, *The Epistles of Jude and II Peter: Greek Text with Introduction, Notes and Comments* (pp. ccii + 239, \$8.95; from 1907 Macmillan edition), is now made available again, this time in paperback. This is also true of the classic work on the book of Revelation by Isbon T. Beckwith, *The Apocalypse of John: Studies in Introduction with a Critical and Exegetical Commentary* (pp. xv + 794, \$12.95). This massive study is culled by almost all later commentators, not always with adequate acknowledgment. Also in paperback are fine commentaries by John Eadie on the Greek text of various epistles: *Thessalonians* (pp. vii + 373, \$7.95); *Philippians* (pp. xlv + 292, \$7.95); *Galatians* (pp. lxi + 480, \$9.95); *Ephesians* (pp. lvi + 493, \$9.95); *Colossians* (pp. xlv + 302, \$7.95). Very valuable to the student who cannot read German and for whom Str-B is therefore a closed book is John Lightfoot (not to be confused with J. B. Lightfoot), *A Commentary on the New Testament from the Talmud and Hebraica* (four vols., approx. 400 pp. per volume, \$45.00 the set). The original title, published more than three hundred years ago, was *Horae Hebraicae et Talmudicae*. The Baker reprint is a copy of the 1859 Oxford edition, and its four volumes take us to the end of 1 Corinthians. In the current state of rabbinic studies, of course, readers must beware of reading every rabbinic opinion as typical of Judaism, let alone of Judaism in first-century Palestine.

Classic studies reprinted by Baker include: Robert Dick Wilson, *Studies in the Book of Daniel* (paper, pp. xvi + 402 + 286, \$10.95); B. F. Westcott, *The Bible in the Church. A Popular Account of the Collection and Reception of the Holy Scriptures in the Christian Churches* (paper, pp. 374, \$7.95); G. Vos, *The Pauline Eschatology* (paper, pp. 374, \$7.95); R. C. Trench, *Studies in the Gospels* (3rd ed.; paper, pp. x + 335, \$5.45); Jacob Jocz, *The Jewish People and Jesus Christ: The Relationship Between Church and Synagogue* (paper, pp. 448, \$7.95); George W. Knight III, *The Faithful Sayings in the Pastoral Epistles* (paper, pp. 167, \$6.95). Two invaluable books by Ned B. Stonehouse have been reprinted: *Origins of the Synoptic Gospels: Some Basic Questions* (paper, pp. xvii + 201, \$5.95) and *The Wit-*

ness of the *Synoptic Gospels to Christ* (paper, pp. xxii + 269 + 184), a binding together of two separate volumes, *The Witness of Matthew and Mark to Christ* and *The Witness of Luke to Christ*.

Baker has republished an essay jointly written by A. A. Hodge and B. B. Warfield on Scripture, along with a useful article by Roger Nicole. The title is *Inspiration* (paper, pp. xiv + 108, \$2.95). The original essay was published in *The Presbyterian Review* in 1881.

Two volumes providing resources for students of NT Greek have also been reprinted. W. Harold Mare's *Mastering New Testament Greek*, which first appeared in 1975 and was revised in 1977, has reappeared (pp. 251, \$9.95). Baker has also published George V. Wigram's adaptation of *The Englishman's Greek Concordance of the New Testament* (paper, pp. li + 1122, \$18.95), numerically coded to Strong's *Exhaustive Concordance* and abounding in assorted helps particularly useful to the reader who is not thoroughly familiar with Greek.

Five further studies of some importance are: H. Berkhof, *Christ the Meaning of History* (paper, pp. 224, \$4.95), from the 1966 SCM edition; L. Berkhof, *Introduction to Systematic Theology* (paper, pp. 200, \$5.95); H. Bavinck, *The Philosophy of Revelation* (paper, pp. x + 349, \$7.95); F. W. Farrar, *History of Interpretation* (paper, pp. lii + 553, \$9.95), from the 1886 edition; and E. H. Klotzsche, *The History of Christian Doctrine* (paper, pp. xviii + 387, \$6.95), from the 1945 edition.

Finally, Baker has reprinted a number of less technical books (although that is perhaps an unfair designation for one or two of the following). Andrew J. Blackwood's 1959 study, *Out of the Whirlwind: A Study of Job* (paper, pp. 166, \$4.95) is back, along with Norman Geisler's *To Understand the Bible, Look for Jesus* (paper, pp. 128, \$2.95). Many will rejoice to see the reappearance of D. L. Moody, *Notes From My Bible* and *One Thousand and One Thoughts from My Library*, bound together in hardcover (pp. 396, \$12.95). R. Rayburn's 1957 study, *What About Baptism?* (paper, pp. 89, \$1.95), provides pedobaptist arguments in brief compass. R. Reed, *The Gospel as Taught by Calvin* (paper, pp. 157, \$2.95), gives a popular outline of Calvin's gospel as understood by a Presbyterian minister of the turn of the century (1851-1925). Jay E. Adams has put together his three books with the subtitles *The Pastoral Life*, *Pastoral Counseling* and *Pastoral Leadership* under the generic title *Shepherding God's Flock* (paper, pp. 531, \$8.95). We may be especially grateful to Baker for reprinting the classic by Horace Bushnell, *Christian Nurture* (paper, pp. xxxii + 407, \$7.95; from the 1861 edition).

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