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3For the complete statement, see http://library.dts.edu/Pages/TL/Special/ICBI_2.pdf (accessed 12 December 2013).

4Peter Enns, “Fuller Meaning, Single Goal,” in Three Views on the New Testament Use of the Old Testament, ed. Kenneth Berding and Jonathan Lunde (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2007), 174. Enns argues that the NT writers were using Second Temple interpretive practices, so it is “incumbent upon us to do what we can to uncover those practices” (ibid.).

5For example, see Tremper Longman, How to Read the Psalms (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1988), 68: “No psalm is exclusively messianic in the narrow sense.” Longman’s book is an excellent introduction to the Psalms for the most part, but I disagree with his point here.


8John Goldingay, Psalms Volume 1: Psalms 1–41 (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2006), 340–41. Goldingay’s comment that the NT use of the psalm “wrenches it out of its setting” reminds me of S. V. McCasland’s essay, “Matthew Twists the Scriptures,” where he argues that Matthew deliberately misquotes the OT for his own purposes. For instance, he says that Matthew deliberately misinterpreted Isa 7:14 to infer a virgin birth from a passage simply talking about a birth which happened in Isaiah’s own day (S. V. McCasland, “Matthew Twists the Scriptures,” Journal of Biblical Literature 80 [June 1961]: 143–48; reprinted in G. K. Beale, ed., The Right Doctrine from the Wrong Texts? [Grand Rapids: Baker, 1994], 146–52). Of course, to my knowledge McCasland was not an evangelical, but my point is that Goldingay and McCasland appear to be saying virtually the same thing.

9Other portions of Ps 22 are cited by NT writers in reference to Christ as well. Verse 18
(19 Heb) is cited in John 19:24; Matt 27:35; Mark 15:24; and Luke 23:34; verse 8 (9 Heb) is cited in Matt 27:43; and verse 22 (23 Heb) is cited in Heb 2:12: all refer to the Messiah.


13. For another sad treatment of this passage, see Watts, who views the Servant of Isa 53 to be Zerubbabel (of Ezra’s day). Yet he graciously states, “This identification should take nothing away from the model or symbol of Yahweh’s appointed one who patiently bears suffering even to death which means so much for NT christology. The importance of chap. 53 lies in showing God’s attitude toward and use of an innocent death to accomplish peace and healing for the community…. God is shown to be goal-oriented. His justice looks forward, not backward. His drive toward deliverance and salvation, toward restoration and fellowship, can use innocent death to achieve these goals for others” (J. W. Watts, *Isaiah 34–66*, Word Biblical Commentary (Waco, TX: Word, 1987], 228, 233).


15. It is, therefore, quite distressing to me to see OT commentaries that hardly mention the NT, even when a NT passage cites the OT passage being discussed in the commentary.

16. For the complete statement, see http://library.dts.edu/Pages/TL/Special/ICBI_2.pdf (accessed 12 December 2013).

17. The Gap Theory was popularized by the *Scofield Reference Bible* notes, among other places. The Day-Age theory has also been popular among some evangelical OT scholars. See, for example, Gleason Archer, *A Survey of Old Testament Introduction*, 3rd ed. (Chicago: Moody Press, 1994), 200–203.


50. Though Enns calls Genesis 1–11 “myth,” he believes that it is a genuine revelation from God.

19. Ibid., 53.

20. Ibid., 55.


22. Ibid., 161–62.


24. Johnny Miller and John Soden, *In the Beginning...We Misunderstood: Interpreting
Genesis 1 in its Original Context (Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2012),
164. Interestingly, their position shifts in Gen 2: “Understanding Genesis 1 (Gen. 1:1–2:3) symbolically does not also require a figurative understanding of everything in Genesis 2 (Gen. 2:4–25). In fact, Genesis 2 presents a different sort of account, one in which Adam and Eve are the historical ancestors of the human race” (167).

The symposium was held on Sept 30–Oct 1, 2011. A book encapsulating the five views represented at the symposium has recently been published: J. Daryl Charles, ed., Reading Genesis 1–2: An Evangelical Conversation (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2013).


See fn. 26, above.

See, for example, Exod 23:20–33; 34:10–17; Deut 18:9–14.

Walton has one ancillary reference (Col 1:16–17 is mentioned but not explained), and two references to Paul and Hebrews, but no passages cited. My essay in the same volume contained around 40 NT references. Admittedly, Walton is trying to establish parallels with ANE literature, but why not also deal with the NT texts? Miller and Soden’s work demonstrates a similar imbalance, with extensive summaries of ANE literature from Egypt, Mesopotamia, and Canaan, but almost no mention of the NT.

Notice the shift in tone in Miller and Soden’s work once we get to chap. 2. See fn. 24, above.

Tremper Longman, “What Genesis 1–2 Teaches (and What it Doesn’t),” in Reading Genesis 1–2: An Evangelical Conversation, 122. Note that Longman says that he has not come to a settled conclusion on the matter.


Ibid., 138.


Richard L. Schultz, “How Many Isaiahs were There and What Does It Matter?” in Evangelicals and Scripture: Tradition, Authority, and Hermeneutics, ed. Vincent Bacote, Laura Miguelez, and Dennis Okholm (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2004), 151.


43 Ibid., 33–34.

44 Ibid., 35.


48 Ibid., 310.


50 Ibid., 282.

51 Ibid., 285–86.

52 Ibid., 286.


54 Gordon McConville, *Exploring the Old Testament: The Prophets*


58 Neither space nor time permits me to list here the strong reasons for holding to single authorship of Isaiah. But the NT evidence should be determinative. See esp. John 12:37–41, where Isa 53:1 and Isa 6:10 are cited together and attributed to the prophet Isaiah. For further discussion, see Schultz, “How Many Isaiahs?” 153–70; and Beale, *Erosion of Inerrancy*, 124–

59 In particular, Isa 40–48 demonstrates that God alone can tell the future— and one of the key evidences of that fact is his prediction of Cyrus in Isa 44:28 and 45:1.


62 See 1 Pet 1:10–12.