

## BOOK BRIEFS

*The Life Givers*, by W. O. Thomason. Nashville: Broadman, 1972. 124 pages. \$3.50.

“A life giver is one who honestly esteems every person no matter what that person is, what he is doing, or what he has done.” In sharing his life with others, he seeks to tap hidden resources in them—to the glory of God and the rehabilitation of souls. The book, illustrated with actual stories, shows how one may become a life giver.

*Heralds of God, A Faith to Proclaim, The Gates of New Life, and The Strong Name*, by James S. Stewart. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1972. \$1.95, \$1.95, \$2.95, and \$2.95, respectively, pbs.

Baker Book House is to be commended for reprinting four of Stewart's excellent volumes relating to preaching. Every preacher will profit by having them at hand. Not only are they rich in inspiration, but they are also highly illuminating concerning things basic to the preaching task. If a “classic” is a volume that one feels he cannot afford to be without, these treatises and sermons are classics. *Heralds of God* tells about *how* to preach; *A Faith to Proclaim* about *what* to preach (Lyman Beecher Lectures at Yale). *The Gates of New Life* and *The Strong Name* present sermons remarkable for their freshness, relevance, and sound doctrine.

*Invasion of Demons*, by John C. Hagee. Old Tappan, New Jersey: Revell, 1973. 158 pages. \$2.95, pb.

This book is an exposé in layman's language of the Kingdom of Darkness. Chapter titles include “Satan in the Suburbs,” “Recognizing Demons,” “Dealing with Demons,” and “Can A Christian Be Demonized?” The reader will find himself amused, shocked, delighted, and inspired.

*Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, An Introduction and Commentary*, by Joyce C. Baldwin. Downers Grove, Illinois: Inter-Varsity, 1972. 253 pages. \$5.95.

The Dean of Women, Trinity College, Bristol, contributes this volume in the series *Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries*, under the General Editorship of Professor D. J. Wiseman (University of London). The book, designed for the general reader, throws much light on the period of the post-exilic prophets. Much attention is devoted to background materials, and views differing from the author's are duly considered. The study evidences balanced scholarship and deep spiritual insight.

*Look at the Family Now*, by Hazen G. Werner. Nashville and New York: Abingdon, 1970. 158 pages. \$2.45, pb.

This book is about today's family—the values parents pass on to their children, the conflicting views of the old and young, the matter of family harmony. Some chapter titles: Marriage Is for Real, Sex and Sense, We Live on Separate Islands, The Family Has What It Takes.

*Solomon to the Exile*, by John C. Whitcomb, Jr. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1971. 182 pages. \$2.95, pb.

This study of Kings and Chronicles is the third being currently issued in the Old Testament Series. It seeks to present Bible history in its contemporary setting. A worthwhile aid for pastors and Bible study groups.

*Jesus Human and Divine*, by H. D. Macdonald. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1968. 144 pages. \$3.95.

In the conviction that the historical Jesus is the living and reigning Lord, the author writes this book. He seeks to confirm for the believer the two-fold nature of Christ, and he challenges those “not of faith”

to face squarely the question, "Who is this Jesus which is called Christ?" The subject is treated under five main heads: The Human Reality, The Divine Reality, The Redeeming Reality, The Exalted Reality, and The Ultimacy of Jesus Christ.

*Jerusalem*, by G. Frederick Owen. Kansas City, Missouri: Beacon Hill, 1972. 180 pages. \$5.95.

This is Dr. Owen's latest book dealing with the lands of the Bible. It consists of competent studies concerning Jerusalem, its valleys, hills, walls, gates, and streets. Concluding chapters deal with historic sites and with the present-day situation in Jerusalem. Written in a captivating manner, the book is based on accurate knowledge of the situation. It will prove an excellent guidebook for the traveler visiting the home of the three monotheistic faiths of the world.

*The Heart of The Old Testament*, by Ronald Youngblood. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1971. 106 pages. \$2.95, pb.

The purpose of this book is to demonstrate the basic oneness of the Scriptures by tracing the development of certain key ideas throughout. Each concept is described, its original cultural setting set forth, and the various stages through which God's people passed as they grew in their understanding of it are delineated. The treatment of each concept ends with a brief discussion of its fulfillment in Jesus Christ.

*Religion in the Age of Aquarius*, by John Charles Cooper. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1971. 175 pages. \$2.45, pb.

The author introduces us to the world of the occult, considering such cults as those relating to Bishop Pike, Charles Manson, and the movie *Rosemary's Baby*—finding connection between politics and

mysticism, sex and witchcraft, escapism and involvement. Astrology, LSD, and séances are seen as symptomatic of the anxiety of our time, of the search for identity and meaning, and of the failure of the Christian Church.

*Affirmations of our Faith*, by Clifton J. Allen. Nashville: Broadman, 1972. 128 pages. \$1.50.

Chapters deal with topics such as "The Word is Sure," "I Am the Lord," "Christ Died for our Sins," "Conversion is Real," and "God Answers Prayer." This little book is biblically sound, richly expository, and lucid throughout.

*Old Wine in New Bottles*, by John F. Havlik. Nashville: Broadman, 1972. 93 pages. \$1.95, pb.

The author sees the youth of the 70's as the agents and instruments of religious revival. "Very few local renewals have happened that have not been sparked and sustained by youth." This little book sees the Christian way through the eyes of today's young people.

*The Bible: God's Word*, by Tenis Van Kooten. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1972. 231 pages. \$2.95, pb.

This book provides answers to questions: Is the Bible trustworthy from beginning to end? Are the first chapters of Genesis to be taken literally? Do some parts of the Bible carry more authority than other parts? The positions of Bultmann, Robinson, Westermann, Kuitert, and others are examined. Many will welcome the defense of the Word against views which tend to reduce its authority.