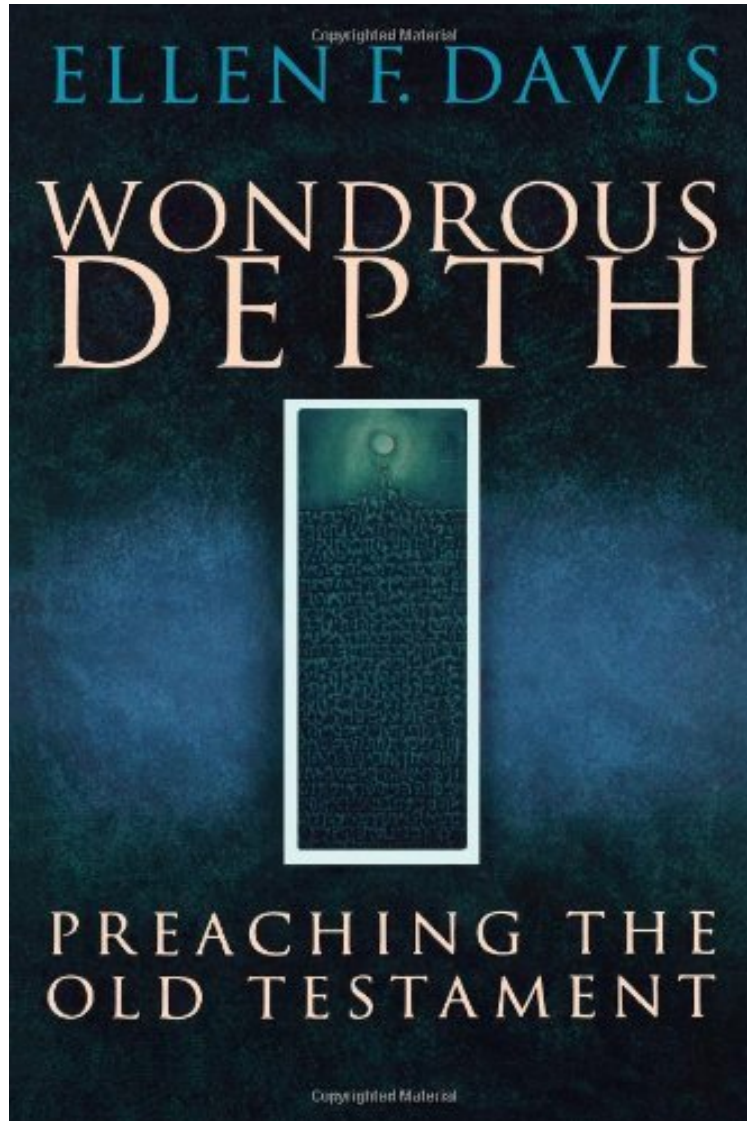


Wondrous Depth: Preaching the Old Testament

Ellen F. Davis

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Ellen Davis knows -- and clearly loves -- her Old Testament. As a pastor, I was delighted by her thoughts and images as she unpacked the material. I'd recommend this book and any others she writes on the subject.
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Fresh, poignant insights; down to earth, reality based yet full of the mystery of God's love! I'm reading it slowly and taking notes. Joan Tench

Ellen Davis is concerned by what she calls a "shallow reading" of Scripture--a reading of what we think we already know instead of an attempt to dig deeper for new insights and revelations. *Wondrous Depth* is a collection of essays in which Davis argues for a more engaged reading of Scripture that opens the reader up to new knowledge and understanding. Davis also demonstrates that preaching and biblical interpretation are essentially related to one another in that it is essential for preachers to engage in thorough reading and interpretation of Scripture from the pulpit and to encourage their congregations to read the Bible with depth and sensitivity as well.

From the Back Cover
"In this extraordinarily well-written book Ellen Davis calls for much more preaching on the Old Testament as Christian Scripture, and she "shows" rather than "tells" how to engage effectively in the practice of exegetical preaching. Along the way she also develops important theological insights about theoretical problems raised by the practice of preaching on the Old Testament: problems about the relevance to preaching of historical-critical study of the Bible, controversies over whether critical and pre-critical ways of reading Scripture can work together, and sensitive issues raised by Christians adopting as their own texts that are Judaism's Scriptures. The passionate heart of this book is its persuasive advocacy of the critical importance to Christian faith and life of preaching on those astonishing, inexhaustibly rich, wondrously deep Old Testament texts." --David H. Kelsey, Yale Divinity School, author of *Imagining Redemption*
This is a deeply exciting book. Not only for preachers, but for any reader of scripture, Ellen Davis opens up extraordinary biblical riches. She shows why it is worth spending time lovingly attending to every word, what we can learn from the moderns and the premoderns, and how superabundant the meaning of the Bible is. Then she demonstrates what she talks about in some superb sermons by past masters and by herself. --David F. Ford, Regius Professor of Divinity, University of Cambridge
"Ellen Davis moves to wondrous depths in presenting a powerful premodern exegetical alternative to the scandal of shallow reading of the Scriptures. She invites preachers to rediscover the joy of the Old Testament as a source of wonder, astonishment and imaginative precision and in so doing she helps to restore theological reading of the Bible to its rightful place." --Paul Scott Wilson, Professor of Homiletics, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto
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