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As strong as the book is, I think that it could have been improved in a few ways. The biggest change I would have liked to have seen is more attention to the ethics and theology of warfare in the OT. I realize that this book was based on his already written dissertation, but the major questions in the minds of most readers today concerning warfare in the OT are not about the mechanics of warfare, but how we should think about it as Christians serving a God who commanded those acts of warfare. Even just an additional chapter at the end of the book would have been helpful to discuss the issue. Also, the book is missing a few recent important bibliographic entries, most notably Anthony Spalinger’s *War in Ancient Egypt: The New Kingdom* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2005) and Bustenay Oded’s *War, Peace, and Empire: Justifications for War in Assyrian Royal Inscriptions* (Ludwig Reichert, 1992). Very modest textual and archaeological evidence remain from Philistia and Babylon in military matters, leaving Seevers with little to draw on for those chapters (Aram might have been a better choice).

Having said all that, I highly recommend this book. While it may not be an essential part of a pastor’s library, it is a great “luxury” book at a good price to have on one’s shelf to help you understand the OT and bring it to life.

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