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2. OT Studies (10 vols.). Includes Victor H. Matthews and James C. Moyer, *The Old Testament: Text and Context* (3rd ed.; 2012), a standard OT introduction, and David A. Dorsey, *The Literary Structure of the Old Testament: A Commentary on Genesis–Malachi* (1999), probably the most chiasm-filled book in my library.

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4. NT Backgrounds (19 vols.). Includes J. Julius Scott Jr., *Jewish Backgrounds of the New Testament* (2000), one of my textbooks at TEDS for a course on the context of the NT; Craig A. Evans and Emanuel Tov, eds., *Exploring the Origins of the Bible: Canon Formation in Historical, Literary, and Theological Perspective* (2008), which includes a chapter from Steve Dempster on the OT's tripartite canon; Lee Martin McDonald, *The Biblical Canon: Its Origin, Transmission, and Authority* (3rd ed.; 2007); Steve Mason, *Josephus and the New Testament* (2nd ed.; 2003), which served me well when preparing for my comprehensive exams for a NT PhD; Craig S. Keener, *Miracles: The Credibility of the New Testament Accounts* (2 vols.; 2011)—nearly 1,250 pages; and Craig A. Evans, *Ancient Texts for New Testament Studies: A Guide to the Background Literature* (2nd ed.; 2005), an invaluable bibliographic resource.

5. Jesus Studies (8 vols.). Includes Paul R. Eddy and Gregory A. Boyd, eds., *The Jesus Legend: A Case for the Historical Reliability of the Synoptic Jesus Tradition* (2007); and Darrell L. Bock, *Jesus according to Scripture: Restoring the Portrait from the Gospels* (2002), an excellent survey of Jesus in the Gospels.

6. Pauline Studies Collection (18 vols.). Includes two massive exegetical and theological books by Gordon D. Fee: *God's Empowering Presence: The Holy Spirit in the Letters of Paul* (1994; 992 pp.) and *Pauline Christology: An Exegetical-Theological Study* (2007; 744 pp.); plus Thomas R. Schreiner, *Interpreting the Pauline Epistles* (2nd ed.; 2011). The most valuable chapter in Schreiner's book—or at least the one that most strongly influenced me—is "Tracing the Argument" (pp. 97–124). It revolutionized how I read Paul.

7. NT Studies Collection (11 vols.). Donald A. Hagner, *The New Testament: A Historical and Theological Introduction* (2012; 848 pp.), a mainstream, broadly evangelical, meat-and-potatoes textbook for NT introduction; and Udo Schnelle, *Theology of the New Testament* (2009; 912 pp.)—cf. Don Carson's review article in *JETS* 53 (2010): 133–41.

There are a lot of valuable resources in this bundle, but it is overpriced. And it would better serve users if Logos also sold the books individually. Nevertheless, the new partnership between Baker Academic and Logos Bible Software serves Bible students well.

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