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### Abstract

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**Dempster, Stephen G.** *The Return of the Kingdom: A Biblical Theology of God's Reign*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2023. 213 pages. \$19.59. ISBN-13: 978-0830842919.

Stephen Dempster earned a Ph.D. in Religious Studies from the University of Toronto and is a professor at Crandall University in New Brunswick, Canada. A distinguished scholar in biblical theology, Dempster has authored several notable works, including *The Return of the Kingdom: A Biblical Theology of God's Reign*, *Dominion and Dynasty: A Theology of the Hebrew Bible*, and *Micah: A Theological Commentary*. He has served as chair of the Biblical Theology Section of the Evangelical Theological Society and has contributed to significant publications, such as the *New Dictionary of Biblical Theology*. Dempster's goal is to explore the theme of kingdom and kingship in Scripture. His primary purpose is to shed light on how these themes reveal God's promise to restore humanity to their rightful roles as sovereign stewards of God's creation and to show their significance in understanding the overall narrative of Scripture. Dempster organizes his work canonically, from Genesis to Revelation. He illuminates the themes of kingdom and kingship throughout the biblical narrative, illustrating the underlying themes in scripture and how the kingdom and kingship are crucial to understanding the Bible. In *The Return of the Kingdom: A Biblical Theology of God's Reign*, Dempster illustrates that the Bible is one coherent story, complete with a beginning and an end. He argues that the Bible tells the story of a kingdom begun, lost, and restored, with each chapter building on the previous to create a complete picture of how the kingdom narrative has evolved over time. The book's final sections discuss the present state of creation, and the future ending of the redemptive narrative as described in Revelation. Dempster closes his book by emphasizing that the return of Christ has been delayed due to God's patience and that Christians should use this time to grow in their spiritual relationship with God. Dempster's work is highly recommended for theologians, scholars, and seminary students. It can serve as an excellent textbook for courses on biblical theology at both the undergraduate and graduate levels due to its comprehensiveness and ease of understanding.