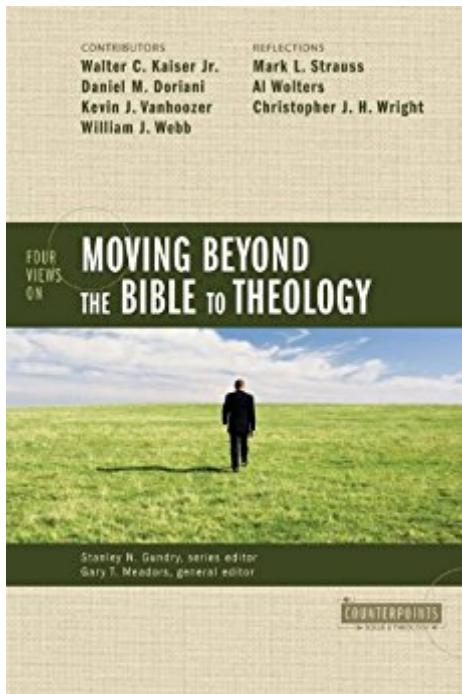


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# Four Views On Moving Beyond The Bible To Theology (Counterpoints: Bible And Theology)



## Synopsis

The Bible has long served as the standard for Christian practice, yet believers still disagree on how biblical passages should be interpreted and applied. Only when readers fully understand the constructs that inform their process of moving from Scripture to theology "and those of others" can Christians fully evaluate teachings that claim to be "biblical." Here, scholars who affirm an inspired Bible, relevant and authoritative for every era, present models they consider most faithful to Scripture: - Walter C. Kaiser, Jr.: A Principlizing Model - Daniel M. Doriani: A Redemptive-Historical Model - Kevin J. Vanhoozer: A Drama-of-Redemption Model - William J. Webb: A Redemptive-Movement Model Each position also receives critiques from the proponents of the other views. Moreover, due to the far-reaching implications this topic holds for biblical studies, theology, and church teaching, this book includes three additional reflections by Christopher J. H. Wright, Mark L. Strauss, and Al Wolters on the theological and practical interpretation of biblical texts. *Four Views on Moving beyond the Bible to Theology* empowers readers to identify, evaluate, and refine their own approach to moving from the Bible to theology.

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"Moving Beyond the Bible to Theology" gives four different examples of models that can help us interpret the Bible as it applies to our modern dilemmas and situations. This is an important topic because every Christian does it in some way or another: "This verse from Leviticus doesn't apply anymore" or "This passage in 1 Corinthians needs to be interpreted in its cultural context," etc. It's essential to think critically about how we apply the teachings of the Bible today, and this book is exceptionally valuable in that area. [View #1](#) Walter C. Kaiser Jr. proposes a model that might be considered distinctly modernistic compared to the others, in that it tries to extract timeless truths from the ancient content of the Bible and seems to leave the context behind as a kind of unnecessary baggage. He says we should "principlize" the text of Scripture. "To 'principlize' is to [re]state the author's propositions, arguments, narrations, and illustrations in timeless abiding truths with special focus on the application of those truths to the current needs of the Church." This seems to be the way many people view and preach the Bible today. As Vanhoozer says, this view "is the default position of many evangelicals." I think this perspective may try to disconnect the text from the era and culture it was written within in such a way that it inadvertently portrays the Bible as a kind of disorganized book of ethics that is simply waiting to be arranged. That's not to say there is no merit in "principilizing" a text to understand its application to modern times--and Kaiser Jr.'s explanations and illustrations are fascinating--but there seems to be more to "moving beyond the Bible" than that. [View #2](#) Daniel M.

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