

Contents

<i>Acknowledgments</i>	vii
1. Introduction	1
2. Story	5
Matthew 1:1–17: Jesus’s Backstory	5
Romans: The First Testament Story and the Gospel	13
First Corinthians 10 and Hebrews: The Story as Warning	28
The Story and the Stories (Part 1)	39
The Story and the Stories (Part 2)	52
3. Promises	61
Matthew 1:18–2:23: Jesus Filling Out Promises	61
Luke: Jesus Interpreting the Scriptures	74
Acts: The Holy Spirit Said . . .	78
The Prophets in Themselves	96
4. Ideas	104
Matthew 3:13–17: The Anointed, the Servant, the Son	104
Matthew 3:1–5: The Baptizer’s Theological Dictionary	112
Matthew 3:6–12: The Language World	120
Romans: The Theological Resource	134

CONTENTS

Hebrews: Through the Prophets, through the Son	147
Revelation: Hardly a Verse without an Allusion	153
The Theology of the First Testament in the New Testament	158
5. Relationship	170
Matthew 4:1–11: It Is Written	170
Matthew 5:1–16: A Disciple's Blessings	176
Relating to God in the New Testament	184
Relating to God in the First Testament	191
6. Life	208
Matthew 5:17–20: Not to Annul but to Fulfill	209
Matthew 5:21–48: You Have Heard That It Was Said . . .	218
The First Testament's Ethics in Its Own Right	227
7. Conclusion	248
<i>For Further Reading</i>	251
<i>Index of Subjects</i>	253
<i>Index of Scripture</i>	256