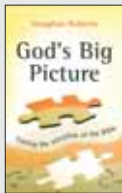


God's Big Picture - Vaughan Roberts

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RRP £8.99 (but £4 on 12-12 scheme!)

This book falls short of its objectives if it leaves us no better off than the Pharisees - diligently studying the Scriptures but not



seeking the life that Jesus is offering us through the Word. In this Bible overview, Vaughan Roberts takes us on a journey through eight different kingdoms: from patterns of a kingdom; to

partial and prophesied kingdoms; to proclaimed and perfected kingdoms; with the aim of tying together its diverse stories as we uncover God's kingdom purposes. But don't expect to get away with just a brief glimpse into God's Word - each chapter ends with a Bible study, an excellent prompt for personal study and reflection.

Reading the Bible in its entirety is a daunting prospect for many. This book is not a substitute for seeking God's purposes and discovering more about his character in the Bible for yourself, but it is a useful tool. 2 Timothy 3:16 tells us that 'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness' - all Scripture. *God's Big Picture* encourages us to seek Christ throughout the Scriptures by opening up previously closed passages, thus enabling us to point others to Christ from any Bible passage.

Vaughan Roberts wants to help us to understand the Bible better in its entirety, but above all to help us fall deeper in love with Christ.

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Hard Questions About Health and Healing - Andrew Fergusson

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The book begins by looking at the foundations of what we believe as



Christians, as a basis to approach the issues of health and healing. It discusses the need for a balance between the physical view on healing that most doctors have, and the spiritual view on healing

that Christians might have, and how this gap could be bridged by the Church. The issue of cure versus healing is a key topic in the book. Healing includes aspects that are physical, social, psychological and spiritual and is therefore a much more holistic approach. A brief look at the issue of suffering is important in investigating the tension between the promise of a future free from all suffering and the broken world we live in now. Fergusson talks very practically about why and how we should pray for healing and how we can deal with the outcome - God always answers prayer but not always in the way we want. Many personal and clinical examples help to illustrate his points, and make this an extremely engaging and insightful read. I strongly recommend it!

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