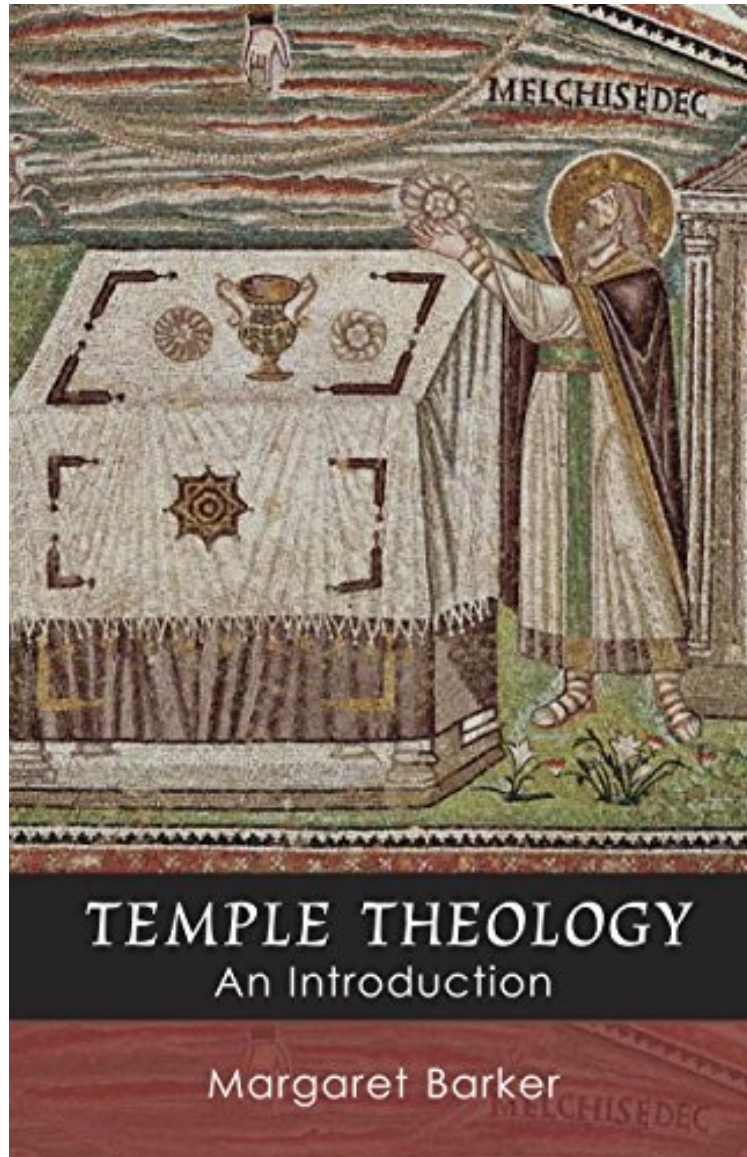


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theology. Professor Barker has done a masterful work of bringing these works together to paint us a picture of Solomonic temple worship and its impact upon Christianity. I just finished reading this little book and have begun to read another of her wonderful works on the ancient temple and its symbolism. In this book Professor Barker shows to us that the Gospel of the New Testament and indeed its theology and rites have roots in the distant past and that Christianity was not a radical departure from, but a logical outgrowth from and fulfillment of Judaism. The rites of the first temple are clearly shown to us and, as pointed out clearly, since they were given to Israel as a means to bring them into the presence of God by Yahweh, who is shown to us by the good professor to be none other than Christ himself, (not in the trinitarian sense) a means to bring them to their Messiah, even Christ the Lord. Also that Jesus was the son of the ineffable God is also demonstrated, a clear representation of the distinctness of their persons. It would appear from this treatise that not only Judaism, but also Christianity may mourn the loss of the temple in their worship, a means to bring them closer yet to God and give them a more clear and beautiful picture of that God they worship. Temple worship is much to be desired, not the sacrifice of animals, which was done away in Christ, but those things which bring one into the presence of God while yet on earth. To anyone desiring to understand the continuity of God's work and word from beginning to end, this work will go a long way toward fulfilling that desire. 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. An Inversion of traditional Judaism Christianity...with tons of baseless speculation! By C. Miller The first six pages make this very hard to take seriously, but it is "truth in advertising". Barker's thesis is that the canonical Old Testament [whether LXX or Masoretic] is put together by "the bad guys". So, in short, it posits a Neo-Marcionite position [within the Old Testament itself, no less], whereby she is constantly setting "the religion of Abraham" against "the religion of Moses", or setting "Deuteronomy" [Fifth Book of the Torah of Moses] against other books or parts of "The Law". Barker holds out numerous heroes of the Old Testament Jewish religion, represented in the texts of Moses, Kings, Chronicles, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and so forth, as texts that, for her, merely enshrine the "lamentable" victory of what she asserts [contrary to Judaism and Christianity, and even Islam] to be "the bad guys". A great disappointment for any traditional person who views the Old Testament text with respect. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. One Star By Kindle Customer Written from the perspective that old testament is helplessly flawed

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