

Thinking Biblically about Islam

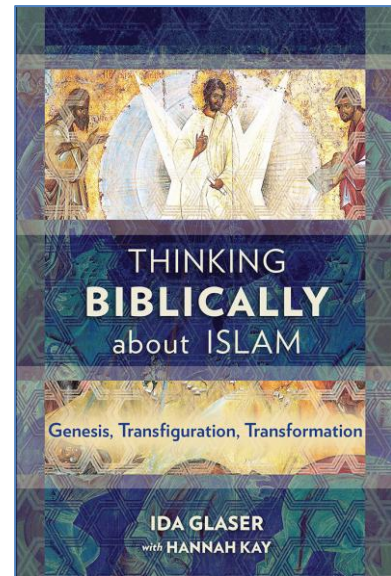
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with Hannah Kay

Encouraging Christians to think biblically about Islam and their relationships with Muslims through seeing where the Bible can be applied to Islam and Muslims

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Here is a very fresh and original way of helping Christians to engage with Muslims and Islam. Approaching the Bible with all the disturbing questions raised by the study of the Qur'an and of Islam, Ida Glaser and Hannah Kay come up with refreshingly new ways of understanding familiar biblical themes and texts. Because they have taken the trouble to understand how Muslims interpret the Qur'an, and because they also appreciate rabbinic interpretation of the Old Testament, they are able to recognise where there is genuine common ground between Christian and Islamic beliefs and where there are really significant and crucial differences. They have a remarkable lightness of touch which enables them to explain quite difficult ideas very simply – but without over-simplification. While readers therefore will appreciate the thorough academic study which undergirds this book, they won't be able to escape the personal challenges which are presented on every page about how Christians should think about Muslims and Islam.

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Christians and Muslims have over the centuries tried to make sense of each other's beliefs mainly through the lenses of their respective scriptures. In this encounter, the Christian reflections on Islam have been complicated by the virtual absence of direct references to Islamic beliefs in the Bible. In *Thinking Biblically about Islam*, Ida Glaser and Hannah Kay employ a thematic approach to address some of the most pertinent and vexing theological questions at the heart of Christian-Muslim understanding and offer very clear and persuasive responses and ways to respond. The depth of central biblical themes, the breadth and scope of understanding of Islam, and the compelling nature of the arguments are self-evident. *Thinking Biblically about Islam* is long overdue and a timely contribution in the current climate of intense intra-Christian debate on what to make of the Qur'an, Muhammad and whether Muslims and Christians worship the same God, among others. The non-polemical tone and dispassionately evangelical engagement of the issues make this book a must read for every theological student, academic and practitioner interested in Christian-Muslim understanding. All readers, whatever their theological convictions, will find much to stimulate their thinking in this book.