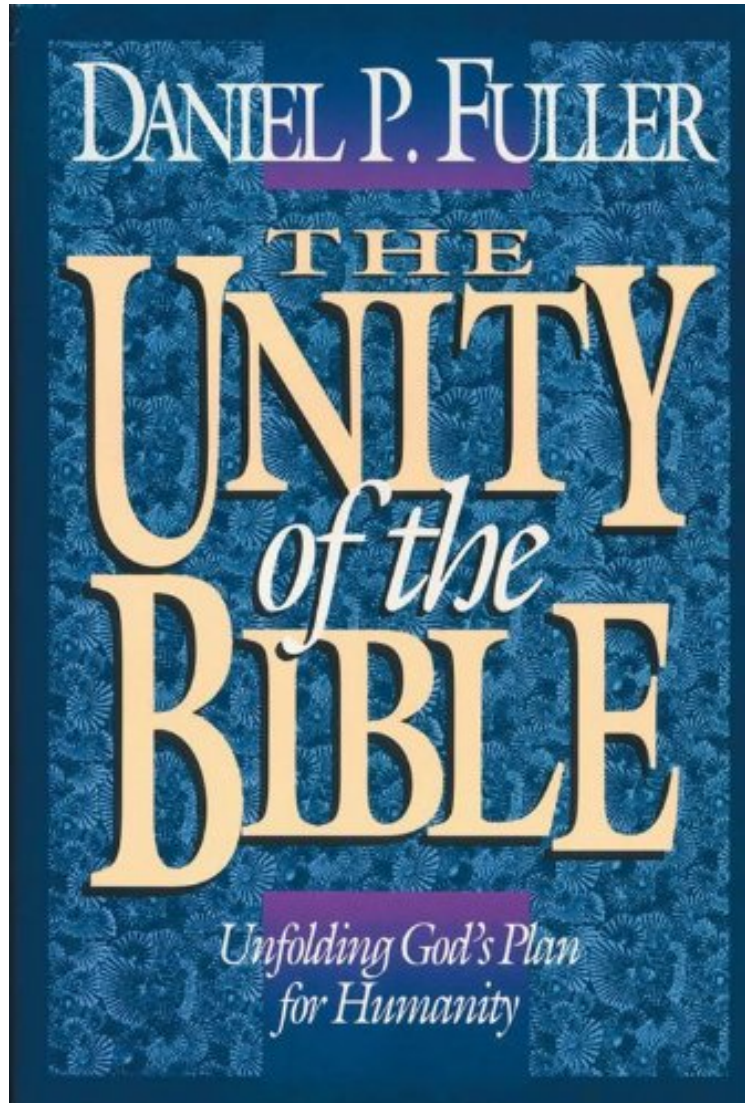



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Von Daniel Fuller : The Unity of the Bible: Unfolding God's Plan for Humanity before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Unity of the Bible: Unfolding God's Plan for Humanity:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. some good some BadVon Ein KundeFuller's book runs the tightrope of being one of the more helpful books ever written and also one of the more potentially dangerous. His stress on the absolute sovereignty of God and God's over-arching purpose to act for his own name's sake (Is. 48:9-11)is stunning.However, Fuller sees so much continuity between the

Old and the New Covenants that one gets the impression that there really isn't anything "new" about the latter. Christ's work on the cross is an encouragement to our faith, not the object of it per se. There is no talk of the essential place of Christ's active obedience in our justification. Fuller's exegesis of passages on the law has attracted few if any followers. Where Paul sees discontinuity, Fuller insists on continuity. Also, if you have not read anything on Covenant theology, do not look to Fuller as one who can accurately describe that system of thought. His quotes on Calvin (e.g., p.181.2) are taken badly out of context. Fuller has not come to terms with Covenant theology's use of the term "works" and does not accurately represent it. Finally, Fuller tries to argue his positions from a purely inductive framework. He shows the impossibility of such an attempt by continually bringing in non-inductive arguments and skipping many points in his argumentation. Despite all this, I must say that there are indeed many helpful things in this book. However, if you want the good without the bad, John Piper's works are much more helpful (contrary to much thought, the two do not have identical theologies, esp. as it relates to justification, faith, and obedience). I don't like to write such negative reviews, but ultimately I believe this book undermines the Work of the Second Adam, and therefore is to be read with the greatest of cautions.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Controversial positions, but solid Scriptural support. Von Robert M Penrose Fuller's well-established purpose in writing was to present the Bible as a whole and express its coherency in theme. Throughout the book, the author comes back to this point and reminds the reader of how the current chapter or section fits in with that overall context. His approach, as stated in the preface follows an inductive method of reasoning, challenging readers to emulate the Bereans of Acts 17. In an attempt to make an interpretational decision, the Bereans based their conclusions on solid evidence. In his opinion, "In today's churches time and energy must be given to train promising people to do likewise" (p. 105). Where he employs this inductive method to focus on specific sections of Scripture- specifically chapters 7, 12, 15, and fragmented parts of a few other chapters- constitute the highlight of his work. These chapters form a base upon which the majority of his theological interpretations are built. Consequently, the farther he reaches from the source of his information, the less coherency he retains in supporting these positions. To his defense, he seems to use an extraordinary amount of scriptural references in support of his ideas, and for the majority of the book, these ideas were understandable and well organized. Toward the latter half of the book, primarily in the last 8-10 chapters, Fuller's ideas began to stray toward the speculative side and became more unintelligible. Whereas in the first half he described his theology on the plan and purpose of God, in the second half he turned his attention to explaining that plan as seen throughout the history of Man. Thus therein lies Fuller's strength of interpretation. These arguments that are harder to understand because they seem to have less scriptural support, center around the theory that Israel is a textbook example to Man for how God deals with disobedience and unbelief. Yet even within this somewhat less impressive section, there is a shining gem which is the descriptions on the "Ten specific attitudes of unbelief" (p. 279-296). Overall this book is well structured, and presents the basic theology of the unity of Scripture in an uncommon yet important format: the Bible studied as a whole. The vast Scriptural support throughout leads the reader to feel the ideas presented are thoroughly researched and in line with Biblical teaching.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Catching On To What the Bible Is Up To Von Richard Euson Building on his path-breaking study *Gospel Law: Contrast or Continuum?*, the former Dean of the School of Theology and Professor of Hermeneutics at Fuller Theological Seminary offers the Church a non-technical, highly accessible exposition of God's redemptive plan for humanity. The fruit of his 40+ years of study, reflection and interaction with generations of students, *The Unity of the Bible* is organized into relatively short chapters, each having review questions to help the reader catch on to what Fuller is up to. Thus the book is very well-suited for use in adult Sunday School classes, provided that both facilitator and students are willing to do the close, careful reading Fuller's book deserves and requires. *Unity of the Bible* provides a thoroughly biblical presentation of God's controlling purpose in human history. Introductory chapters set forth Fuller's inductive, presuppositionless approach to the Bible, an approach he believes mirrors the practice of the early Church, and which best positions Christians today to persuasively communicate the message of the Bible in a diverse, multi-cultural context. Fuller then proceeds to an inductive study of Genesis 1-3 in order to discover God's purpose in creation. As the middle sections of *Unity* unfold, Fuller deftly argues that in all of the redemptive history set forth in the Old Testament, God is unerringly working out this single purpose, a purpose finally fulfilled in Jesus' life, ministry and death. In the final section Fuller shows how the Church now fits into God's redemptive plan to bring His single purpose to its consummation. Along the way the attentive reader will be rewarded with challenging and life-transforming insights into the Law as a law of faith, how saving faith necessarily entails the obedience of faith, and that God is our Patron Lord and not a client lord. These "aha" experiences are more than worth the effort required to follow his exegesis and arguments. Though Fuller critiques the reigning theological paradigm of Reformed Protestantism at places, he is always careful in his analysis of theologians with whom he disagrees. Throughout his writing evinces a docility of spirit before the biblical text which ought to serve as a model for any who wish to understand and align themselves with the "whole purpose of God." Thus, those who claim that Fuller sees no discontinuity between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant (cf. the review posted 12/13/99 by a reader in Minneapolis), or who detect "cynicism and error" in this book (cf. the review posted 12/8/99 by another reader in Minneapolis) have in my opinion not read Fuller carefully. Since Fuller forthrightly challenges some of the theological

formulations of the Protestant paradigm, it is understandable that those fully committed to that paradigm might balk at some of his judgments and conclusions. But disagreement with an author does not justify such a gross mis-reading of his work. Unity of the Bible may be "dangerous," but the peril is only that it will shake us out of our settled religious traditions. The promise is that God may use this book to awaken the reader's thirst for the living water Who alone will satisfy.

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