



Reading Scripture with the Church Fathers

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Intervarsity Press September 1998, 1998. Paper Back. Book Condition: New. Hall is an associate professor of Biblical Studies at Eastern College and an associate editor, under Thomas Oden, of the Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture. In fact, this book might be read as a sort of prolegomena or companion to that series. Written primarily for an Evangelical audience (but valuable for all, considering the lack of familiarity of most Christians with the Fathers) it introduces readers to the Fathers and their ways of reading the Bible, contrasting them with the unconscious habits and limitations which modern readers, pious or critical, bring to the text. Hall's study focuses on the "Doctors of the Church" -- of the East, Athanasius, Gregory of Nazianzus, Basil the Great, and John Chrysostom; of the West Ambrose, Jerome, Augustine and Gregory the Great -- and concludes with a comparison of the Alexandrian and Antiochene schools of exegesis. This is a fine introduction to the biblical dimension of the Fathers for those who have not yet met them, and a good refresher course for those who have.

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