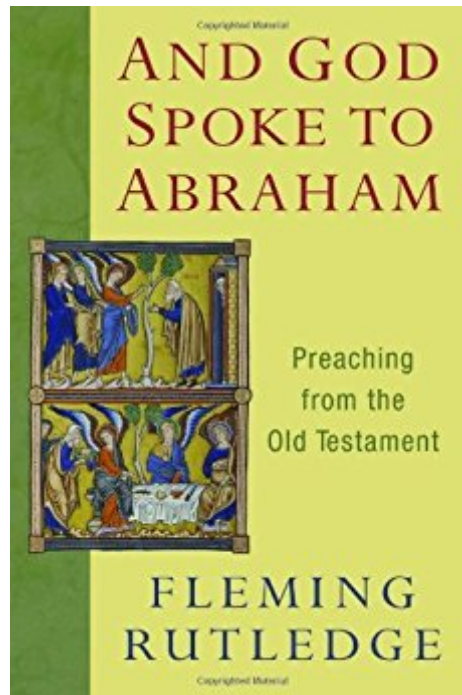




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# **And God Spoke To Abraham: Preaching From The Old Testament**



## Synopsis

Sixty superlative sermons on familiar Old Testament texts. Many Christian preachers today largely neglect the Old Testament in their sermons, focusing instead on the Gospel accounts of Jesus's teachings and activities. As Fleming Rutledge points out, however, when the New Testament is disconnected from the context of the Old Testament, it is like a house with no foundation, a plant with no roots, or a pump with no well. In this powerful collection of sixty sermons on the Old Testament, Rutledge expounds on a number of familiar Old Testament passages featuring Abraham, Samuel, David, Elijah, Job, Jonah, and many other larger-than-life figures. Applying these texts to contemporary life and Christian theology, she highlights the ways in which their multivocal messages can be heard in all their diversity while still proclaiming univocally, "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One."

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## Customer Reviews

To avoid prepping for the General Ordination Exams (that I take in two days!), I've been

commenting on various year-end lists. On one "Top Theology Books of 2012," I suggested that the author check out Fleming Rutledge's collection of Old Testament sermons. It's brilliant and accessible; existentially satisfying and faithful to the biblical texts. When I simply can't bring myself to pick up the Bible, or find my own ears and eyes completely deaf and blind to it, her clear yet round-about proclamation always seems to penetrate my numbness: unclogging my ears and unscaling my eyes. Rutledge's corpus has served as a daily devotional for most of this year.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. Both the introduction and the sermons really blessed my soul. My mind was stimulated. My heart was touched. My desire to preach was set afire. Great read!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

In my opinion Fleming Rutledge is the best expository preacher in the US. This collection of sermons on texts from the Old Testament is an outstanding resource for preachers who seek to address the full canon of scripture, "the whole counsel of God" and for laity who wish to wrestle with the God who speaks and acts in history. Highly recommended!

Wonderfully well written, lucid, thought-provoking sermons from a Christian preacher on OT texts. Goodness, this might catch on. And as a preacher & sometime teacher of such, I hope it does.

AWESOME Author. Obviously a great servant of God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am a recent discoverer of Ms. Rutledge. I have two graduate seminary degrees and am continually, impressed, challenged and inspired by Ms. Rutledge's Christian orthodoxy, scholarship, insight, and fervency.

These sermons do not seem to me to apply the Christian tradition (including the Bible) to current needs and questions at all powerfully or clearly. If Rev. Rutledge were in a preaching class, I'd invite her to work on a more concrete, vivid, and succinct style. And to weave in more stories from the Bible, church history, and the present.

When did you last hear a series of sermons that deeply engage the Christian Old Testament? Rev. Fleming Rutledge provides in "And God Spoke to Abraham" a rich resource for Christians looking for serious engagement with Old Testament texts. Rutledge is an evangelical Anglican who has

served numerous churches and traveled widely as a guest speaker. Reading a sermon is never the same as hearing a sermon but they still provide a window into one congregation's engagement with the Bible. The sermons are short enough that I could read one as my daily devotional.

Recommended!

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