

## **Bibliography**

### **Evangelical Writing on the Middle East since 1990**

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*EMEU has been at the forefront of a larger trend that witnessed a sea-change in evangelical thinking about the Middle East. Think back to the 1970s and the 1980s. The major contributors to distinctively Christian writing about the region belonged to dispensationalists such as Hal Lindsey, John Walvoord, and a variety of others for whom 1948 and particularly 1967 were dramatic fulfillments of prophesy. Christian scholars engaged and critiqued this view beginning about 1990. This is a select bibliography that lists western contributors who work within a Christian theological framework but reach conclusions in sharp disagreement with the original dispensationalists. (Christian writers from the Middle East and Jewish writers speaking to western Christian audiences are included at the end.)*

#### **From the United States and the United Kingdom**

*This is a select list of books that have engaged the questions of the Middle East for the western Christian reader directly. In addition to these titles, many other very personal books were released telling stories about the personal encounters and awakenings of western Christians as they traveled to the Middle East.*

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2007. Sizer, Stephen R., *Zion's Christian Soldiers?: The Bible, Israel and the Church* (IVP, 2007)

2010. Burge, Gary M., *Jesus and the Land. How the New Testament Challenges Holy Land Theology* (Baker Academic/SPCK, 2010)

### **Kenneth Bailey: Middle East Contextual Approaches to the New Testament**

*Bailey's contributions have been significant (particularly his hugely popular 2008 book and his original studies on the parables). He has uniquely wed the disciplines of cultural anthropology and exegesis showing us that the culture of the Middle East may hold one key to understanding the New Testament. Almost single handedly, he reclaimed the word "middle east" for theological conversation. Bailey's publications (print and audio) are extensive. These are titles that shifted the theological conversations among scholars. See the website: [www.shenango.org/Bailey/index.htm](http://www.shenango.org/Bailey/index.htm).*

1976. *Poet and Peasant, a Literary-Cultural Approach to the Parables in Luke* (Eerdmans, 1976)

1980. *Through Peasant Eyes: More Lucan Parables, their Culture and Style* (Eerdmans, 1980)

1992. *Finding the Lost: Cultural Keys to Luke 15* (Concordia, 1992)

2003. *Jacob & the Prodigal: How Jesus Retold Israel's Story* (2003)

2005. *The Cross & the Prodigal: Luke 15 Through the Eyes of Middle Eastern Peasants* (IVP, 2005)

2008. *Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes: Cultural Studies in the Gospels* (IVP, 2008)

2011. *Paul Through Mediterranean Eyes: Cultural Studies in 1 Corinthians* (IVP, 2011 forthcoming)

### **Christians Writing from the Middle East**

*This period also witnessed an awakening of Palestinian Christian writers who recognized that their voices could indeed be heard in the western church. Many perspectives are represented: conservative protestant (Rantisi, Raheb, Awad), liberal protestant (Ateek), and Melkite (Chacour). Undoubtedly Chacour's early book, Blood Brothers, has had an enormous influence on western protestants. A name to watch is the young Palestinian scholar, Dr. Hanna Katanacho (BBCollege, Nazareth campus).*

1984. Chacour, Elias, *Blood Brothers* (Chosen, 1984, 2004)

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### **Jewish Voices Engaging Western Christian Thinking**

*For those of us working in this field, Jewish religious scholarship has been invaluable. Israeli scholars have chronicled the justice issues with boldness and resolve. American Jewish scholars*

*have reflected on the ethical dimensions of the Israel-Palestine conflict with remarkable courage since in many cases their work has inspired harsh criticism from some in their own communities.*

2004. Mark Ellis, *Toward a Jewish Theology of Liberation* (Baylor Univ. Press/SCM, 2004)

2009. Mark Ellis, *Judaism Does Not Equal Israel: The Rebirth of the Jewish Prophetic* (New Press, 2009)

2010. Mark Braverman, *Fatal Embrace. Christians, Jews and the Search for Peace in the Holy Land* (Synergy Books, 2010)

### **Web Sites**

*In this same era, web sites have now tried to bring together published works and advocacy for the concerns for the Middle Eastern churches.*

[www.christianzionism.org](http://www.christianzionism.org)

[www.middleeastfellowship.org](http://www.middleeastfellowship.org)

### **Film**

*Film and online 'shorts' is the medium of the younger generation. Christians have begun using youtube (see the Mennonite contributions) and produced documentaries that are compelling and professional.*

2006. *Palestine is Still the Issue*. John Pilger. (Bullfrog Films, 2006)

2010. *With God on Our Side*. Porter Speakman. (Rooftop Productions, 2010)

2010. *Little Town of Bethlehem*. Jim Hanon. (Ethnographic Media, 2010)

### **Student Immersion Programs**

*There are now a number of programs that invite western Christian students to spend significant time in the Middle East engaging its culture first hand. The student can stay in Arab Christian homes for a full cultural immersion (HLT), study for a semester for transferable credit (CCCU), or participate in non-violent activism (Daher). Each program has a helpful web site and in some cases, a Face Book page.*

•*Holy Land Trust, Middle East Fellowship: Bethlehem & Damascus*

•*Best Semester: Cairo. Consortium of Christian Colleges & Universities [CCCU]*

•*Tent of All Nations: Bethlehem Region: Daher's Vineyard.*