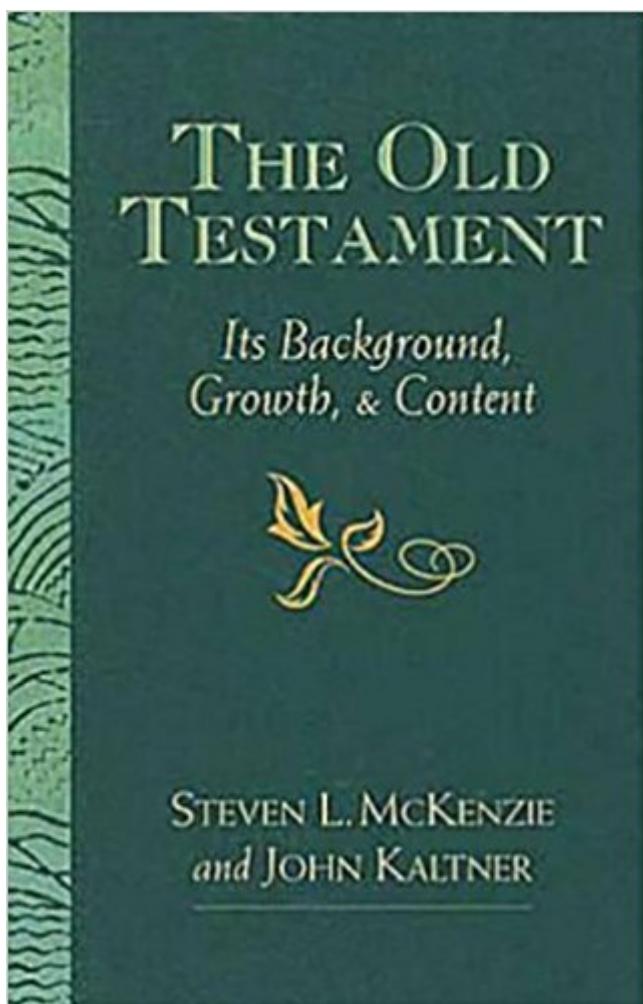


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# The Old Testament: Its Background, Growth, & Content



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Interesting read. I like its structure, but can't be a little boring. My copy was used and highlighted, easier to compare others views.

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