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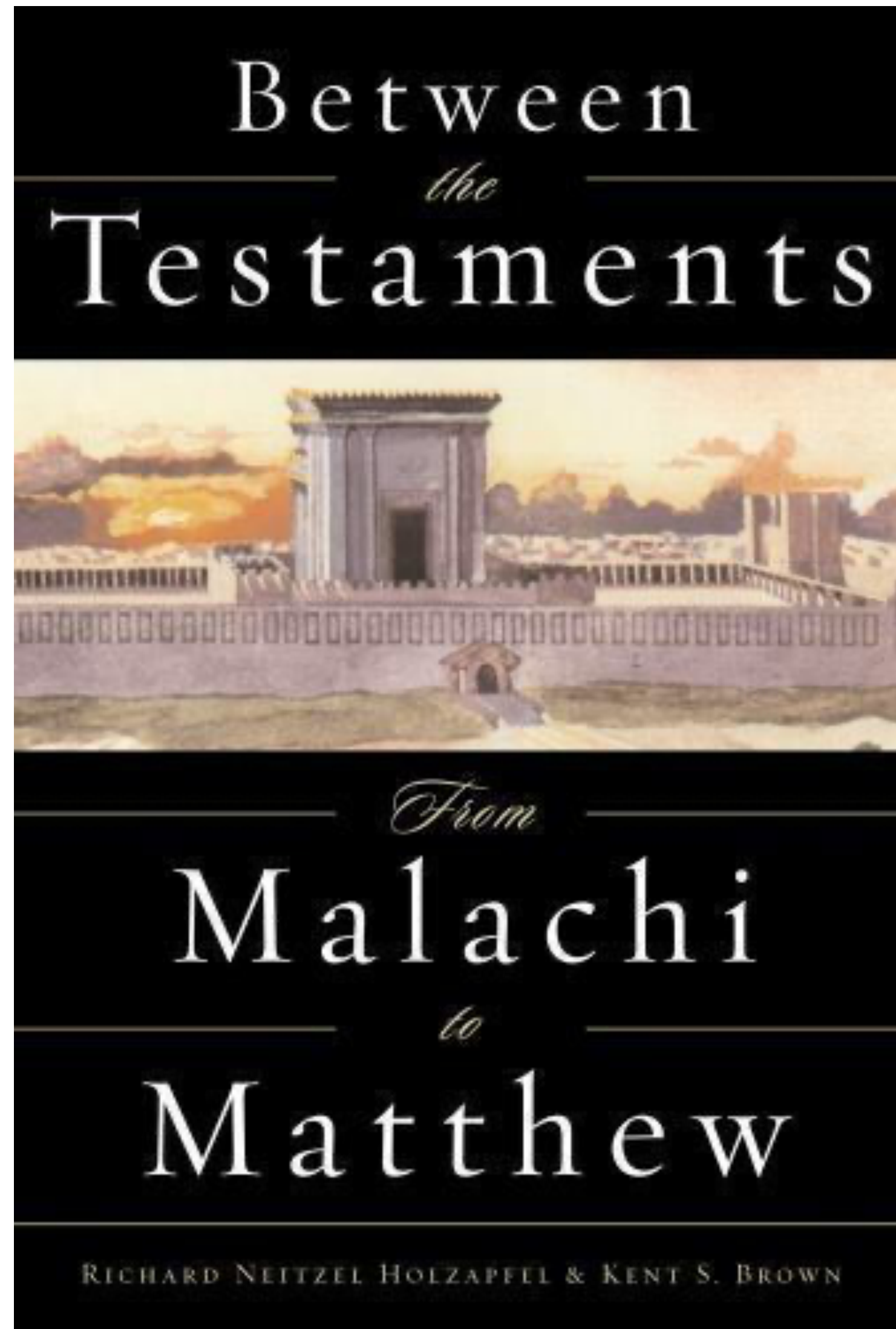
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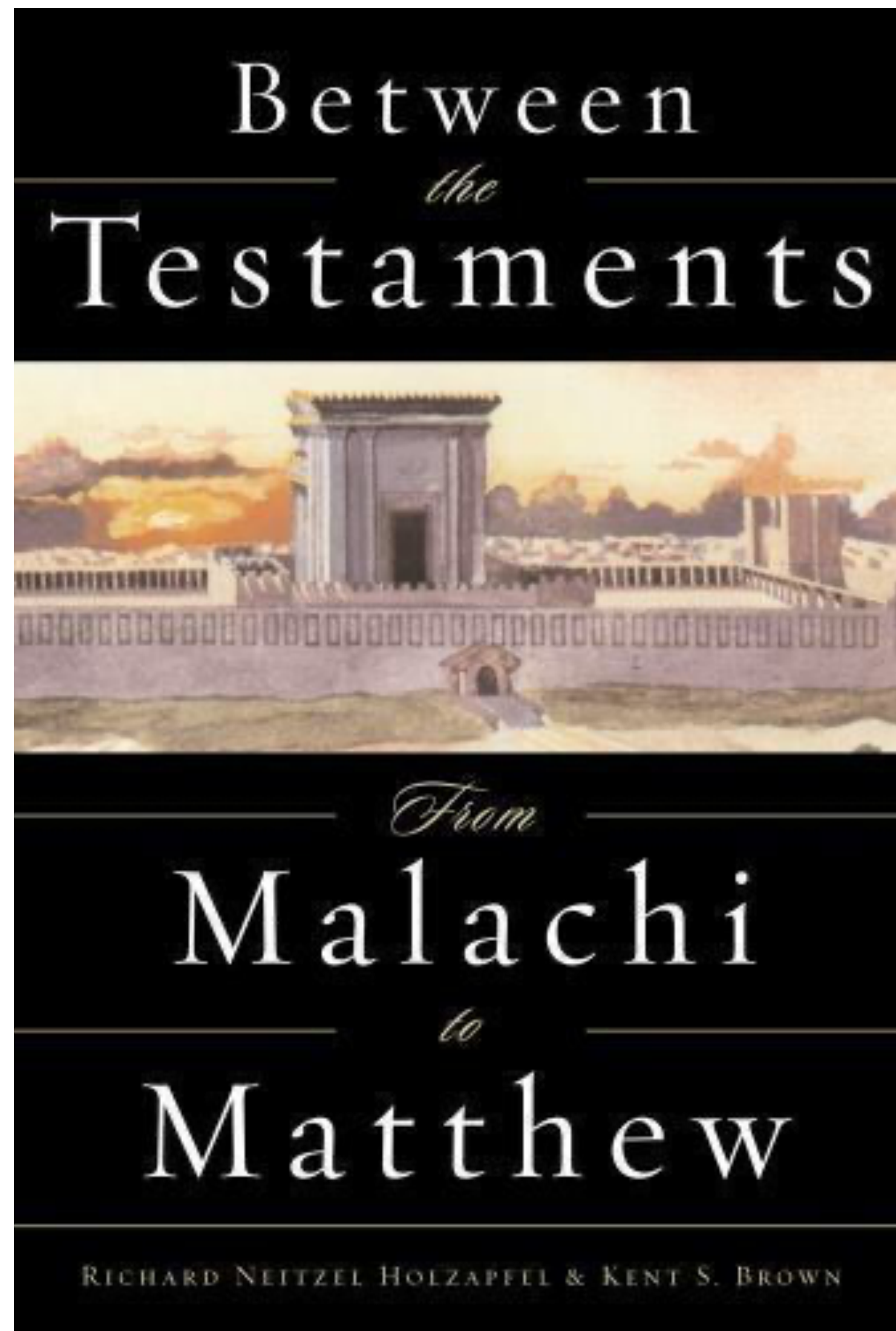


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History

- *The Jewish Exiles Return*
- *Jerusalem Arises From The Ashes*
- *Alexander Changes The World*
- *The Maccabean War Breaks Out*
- *The Hasmoneans Take Over*
- *The Romans Are Coming*
- *Herod Rules*

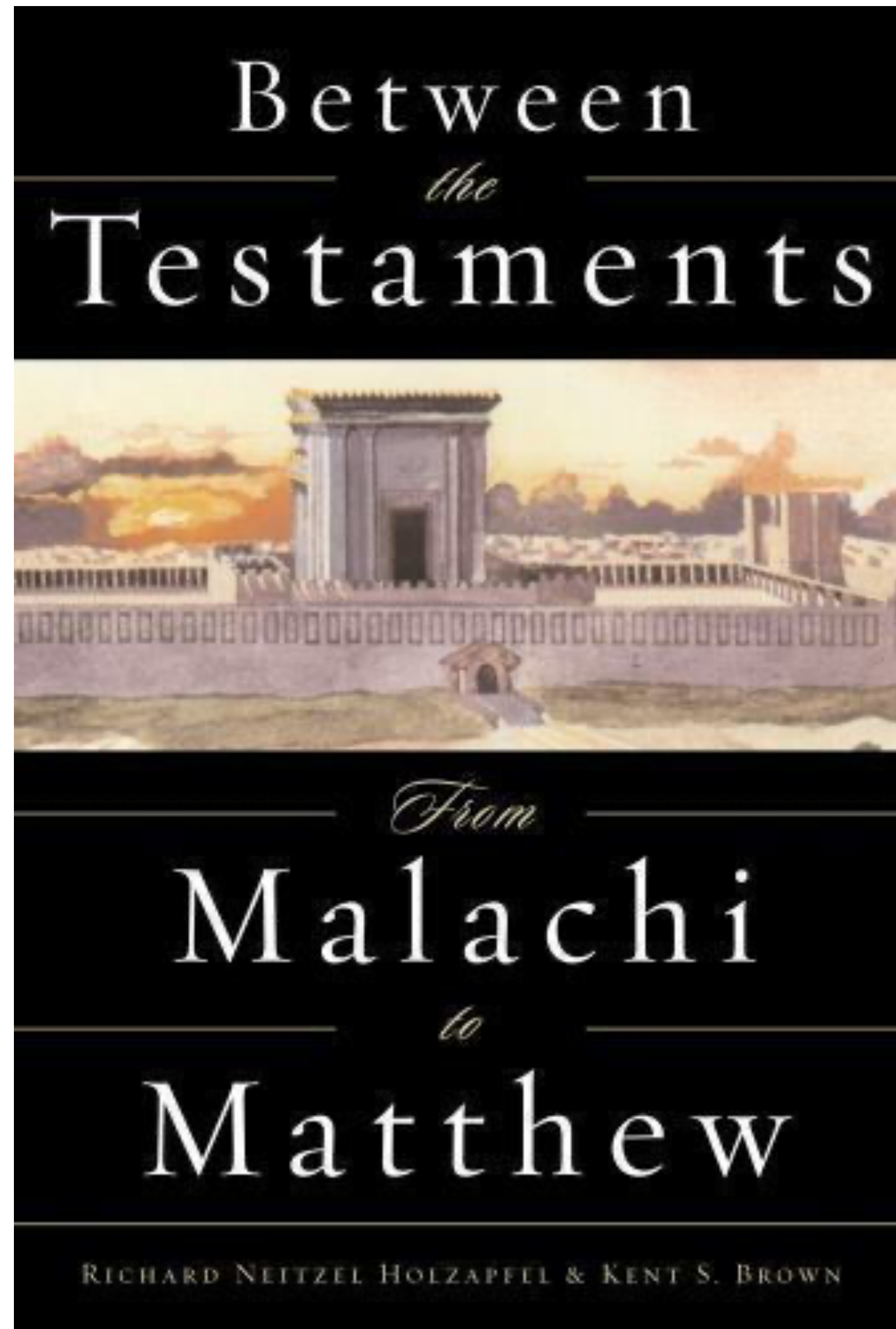


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Sacred Writings

- *What Is Scripture?*
- *The Dead Sea Scrolls*
- *Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha*
- *Prophecy and Apocalypticism*



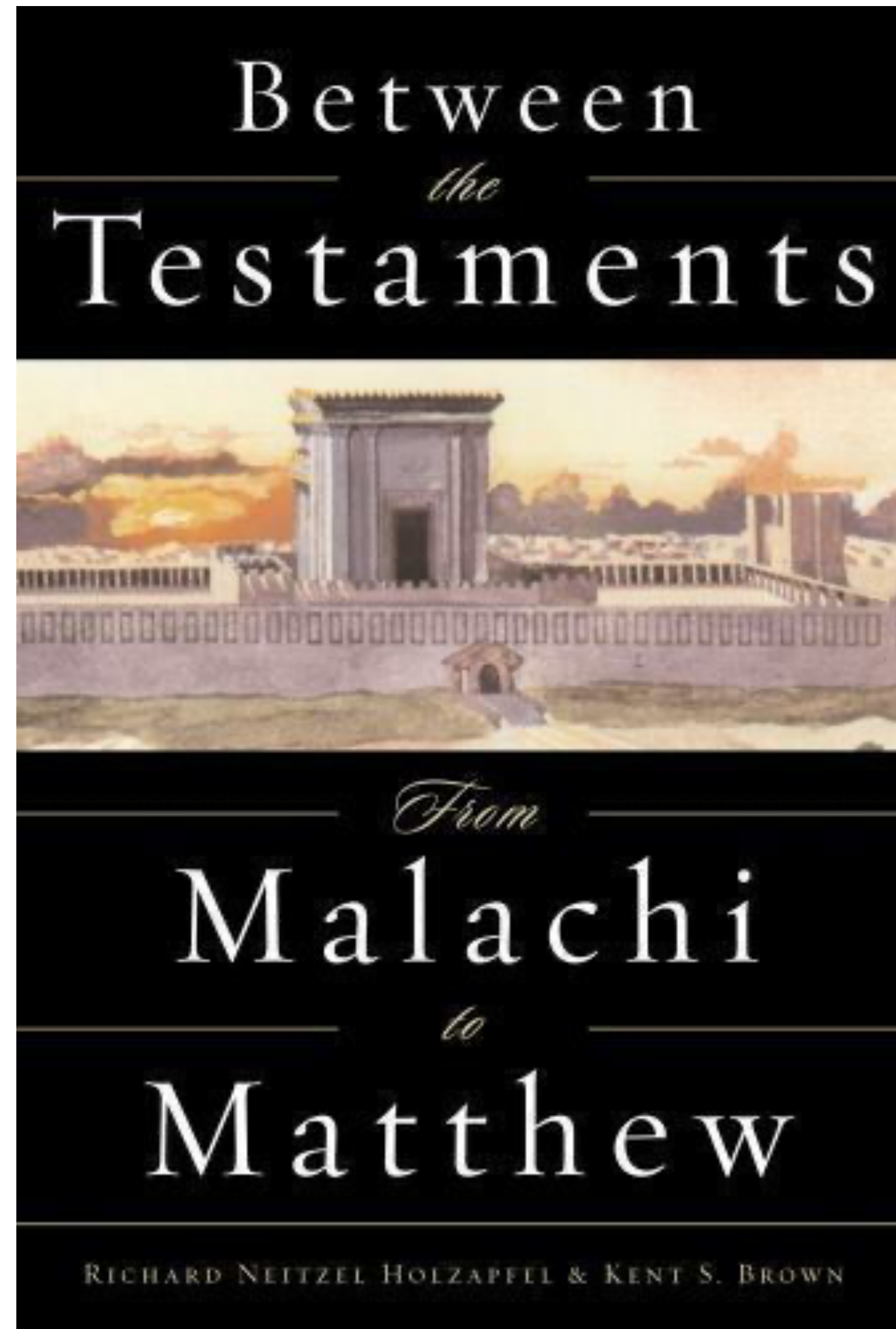
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Key Jewish “Players”

- *Priests, Levites and Scribes*
- *Samaritans*
- *Essenes and Zealots*
- *Sadducees**
- *Pharisees**
- *Sanhedrin**

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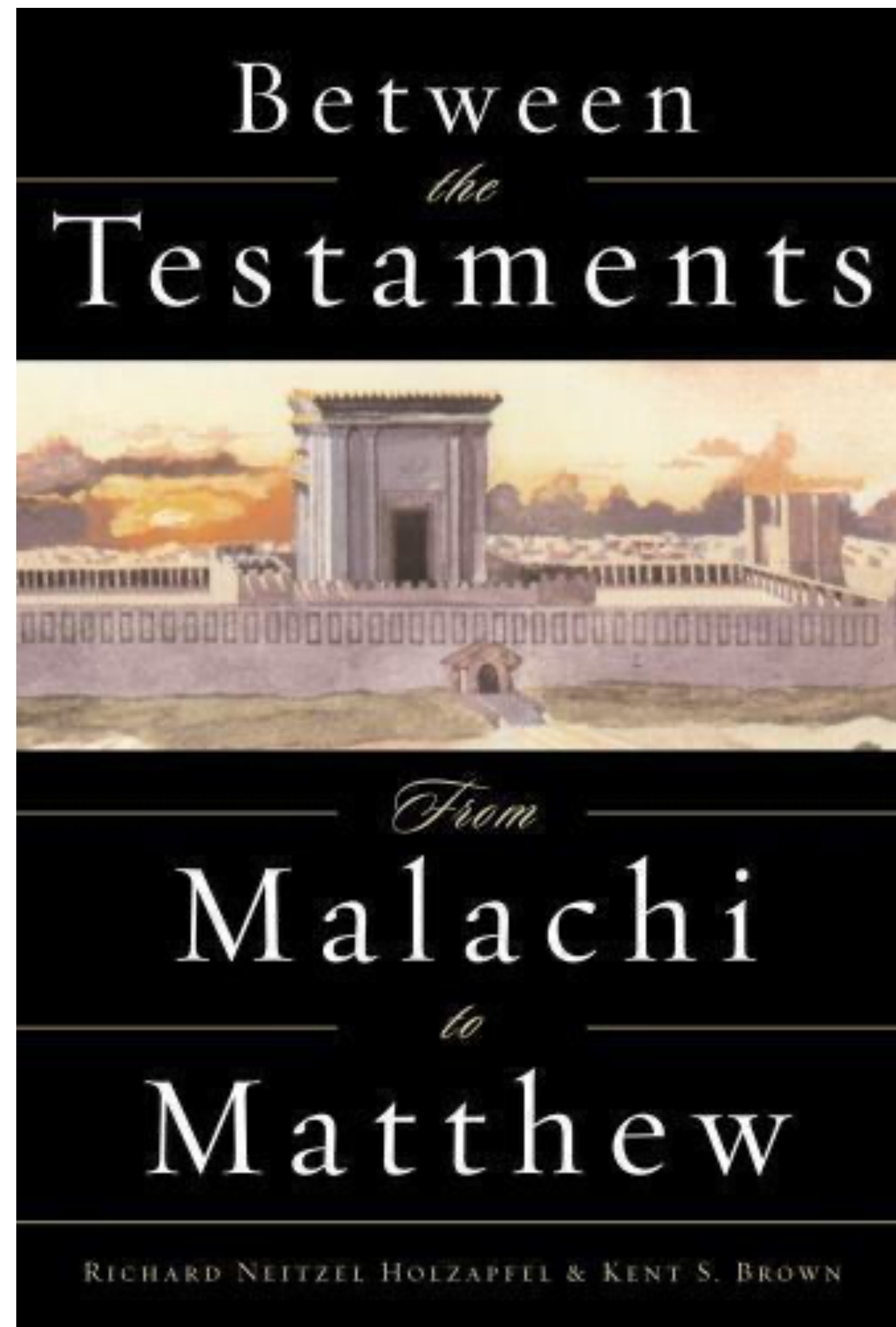


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The Romans Are Coming - 1

- Rome owed much to ancient Greece
 - Impacted how they dealt with Jews
- Government
 - Ruled by Kings 753-509 BC
 - *Council/Senate - supervised by reps of leading families*
 - *Longstanding tradition of aristocratic/noble and oligarchic/few rule*
 - Republic 509 BC-31 BC
 - *Power by the people/representative rule*
 - *Motive: protecting their independence*
 - *Patricians (privilege) and plebeians (commoners)*
 - *Patricians nominated senate; senate controlled all elected officials*
 - *Patricians originally dominated; later revolts gave more power to plebs.*

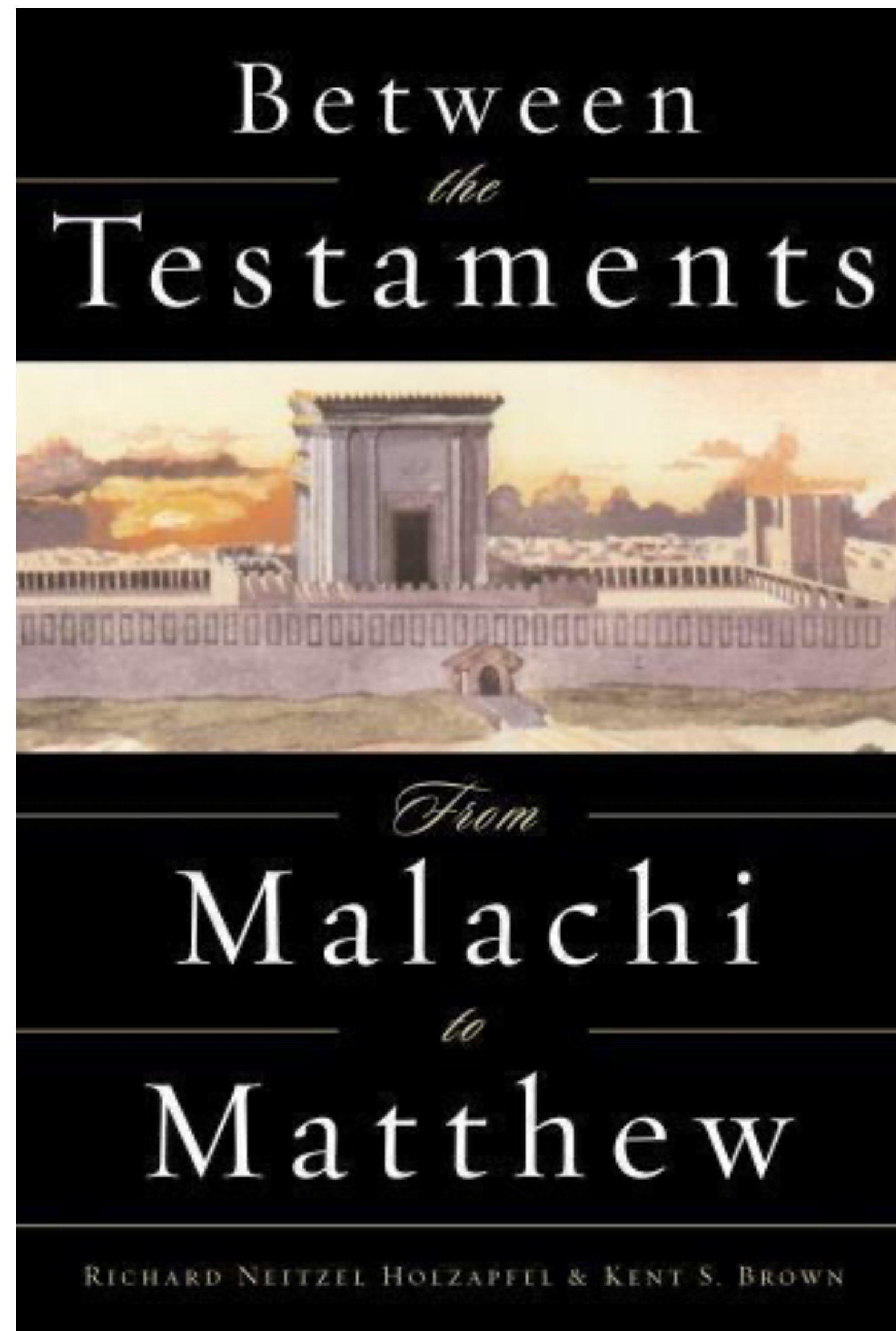


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The Romans Are Coming - 2

- Government
 - *Plebeian “equality” > citizenship for others (soldiers, non-Italians)*
 - *Growth of empire > conquer nations > allow “dual citizenship”*
 - *Conquered people retained indigenous culture/“joined” Rome*
 - *Others were bound to Rome by treaty, provided troops, etc.*
- Expansion - West
 - *Carthage • Sicily • Corsica • Sardinia • N Africa**
 - *Conquered states governed by Roman magistrates*
 - *Maintained peace, collected taxes*
- Expansion - East (Hellenistic world)
 - *Hesitancy to commit long term*
 - *Roman generals were opportunistic for glory/riches*

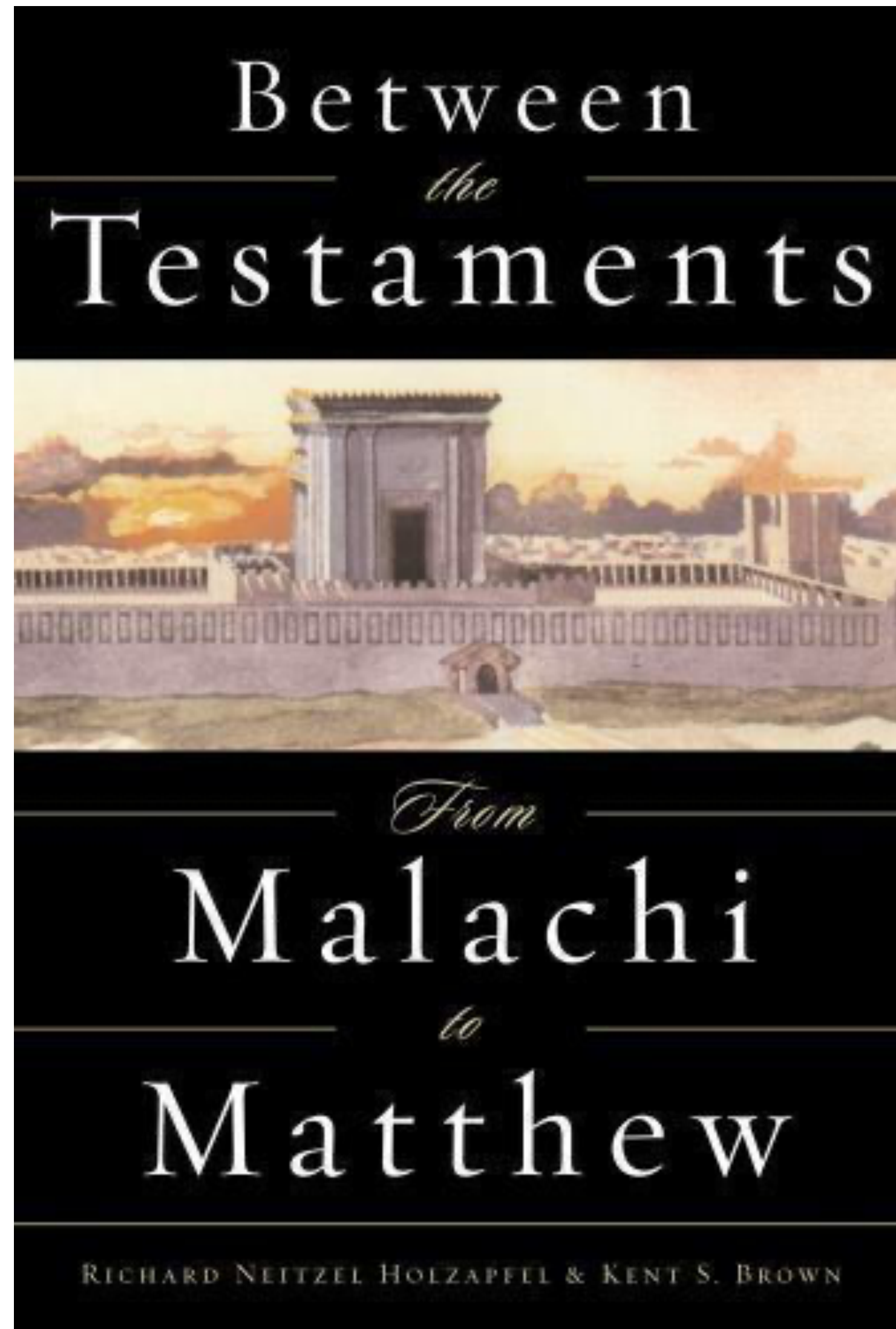


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The Romans Are Coming - 3

- Expansion - East (Hellenistic world)
 - *Established provinces - client states - semi-independent*
 - *Roman generals were opportunistic for glory/riches*
- Government
 - *Development of third class - equestrians*
 - *Wealthy/nonpolitical - former soldiers/businessmen*
 - *Served as tax officials/collectors throughout the empire*
 - *Development of a "professional" army > benefitted the poor*
 - *Gave more power to generals*
 - *Major reform: General Julius Caesar conquers Rome/Senate*
 - *Rebuilt Rome, helped the poor, outsiders given self-rule, library, etc.*
 - *Murdered by Brutus/Cassius, March 15 44 BC*

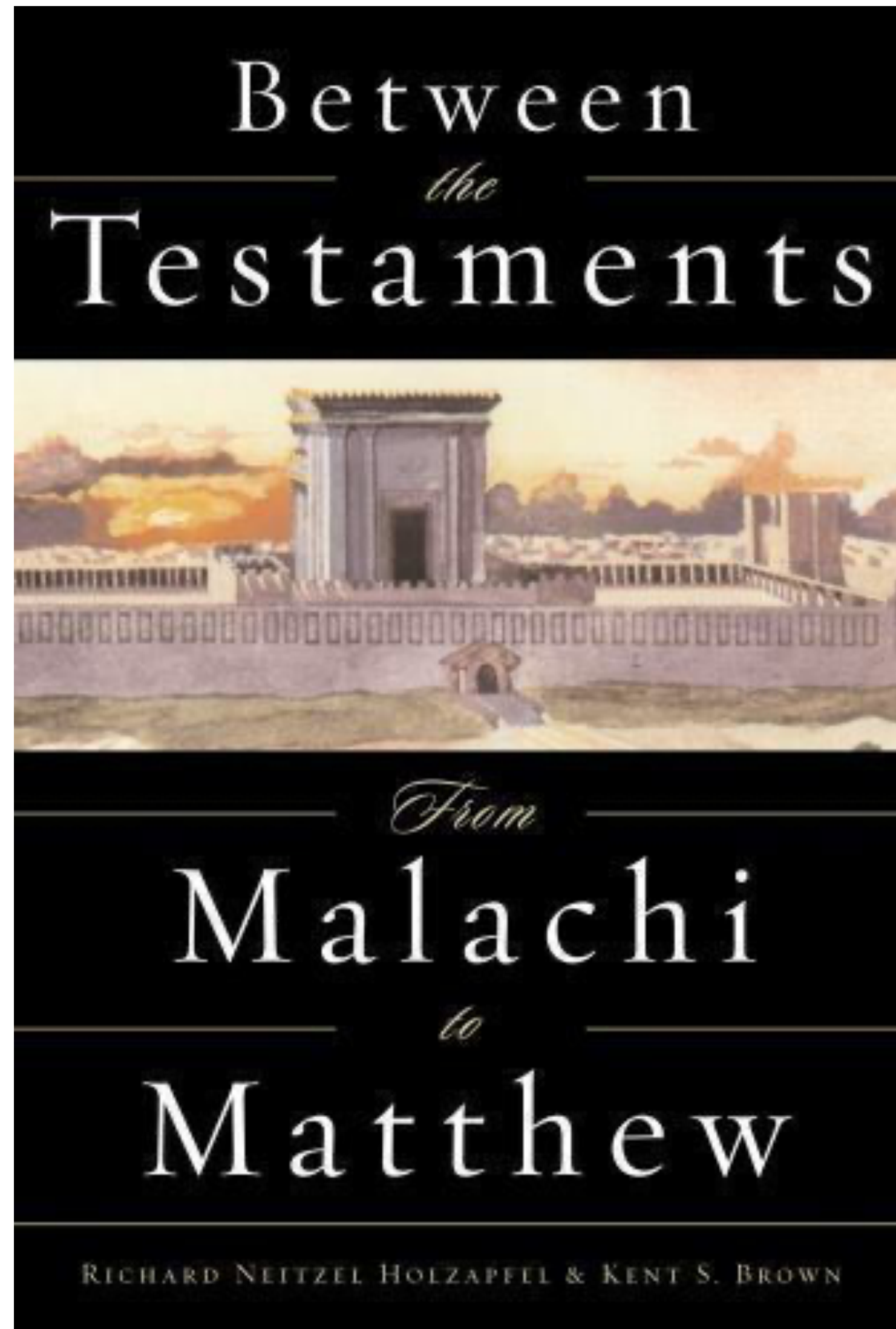


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The Romans Are Coming - 4

- Government
 - *Julius succeeded by 18yr old Octavian/Augustus (his nephew)*
 - *Aided by Mark Anthony, Octavian defeated Julius' murderers*
 - *Conflicts: 1st Triumvirate (Julius, Pompey, Crassus)*
 - *Conflicts: 2nd Triumvirate (Octavian, M Antony, Lepidus)*
 - *Octavian became the sole ruler of Rome*
 - *After appx 100 years of war/violence, Rome was at peace: Pax Romana*
- Pax Romana
 - *Lasted 200 years • Senate declare Octavian "Augustus" (princeps)*
 - *Citizens lost rights, gained civil freedom, order, stability, prosperity*

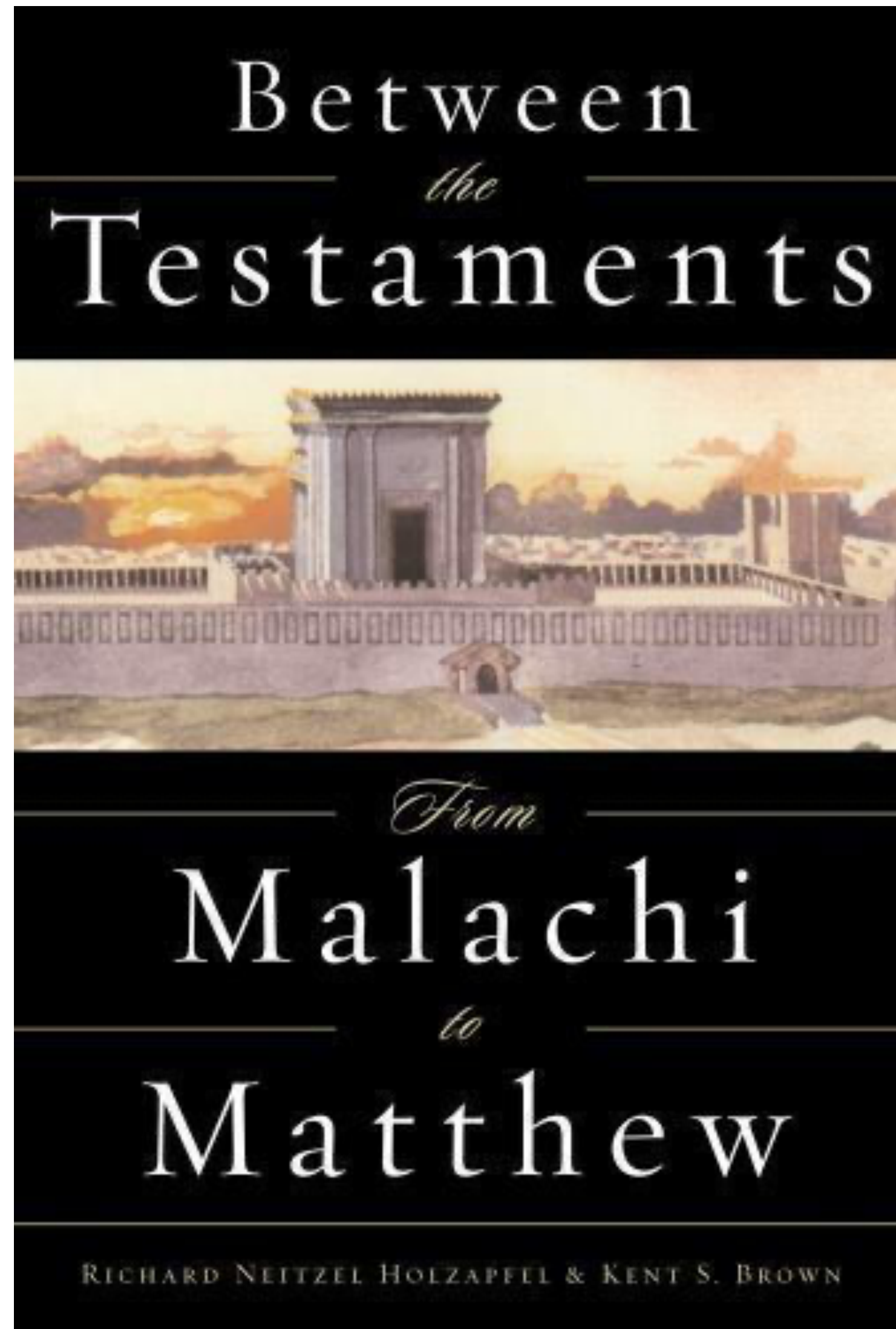


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The Romans Are Coming - 5

- Judea - A Roman Protectorate
 - *Judas M. arranged an alliance with Rome in 164 BC (as a rebel faction)*
 - *It was renewed in 143 BC by Jonathan (as a part of Seleucids)*
 - *Simon renewed it in 139 BC (now as an independent nation)*
 - *Rome warned Judean neighbors against attack*
 - *Aristobulus/Hyrchanus dispute*
 - *Resolved by Pompey 63 BC*
 - *Hyrchanus the victor, Aristobulus exiled, 12k died*
 - *Judean independence lost after app 80 years*
- Consequences
 - *Hasmoneans lost power/influence, territories (eg Samaria, etal.)*
 - *Placed under Roman control for Rome's interests*

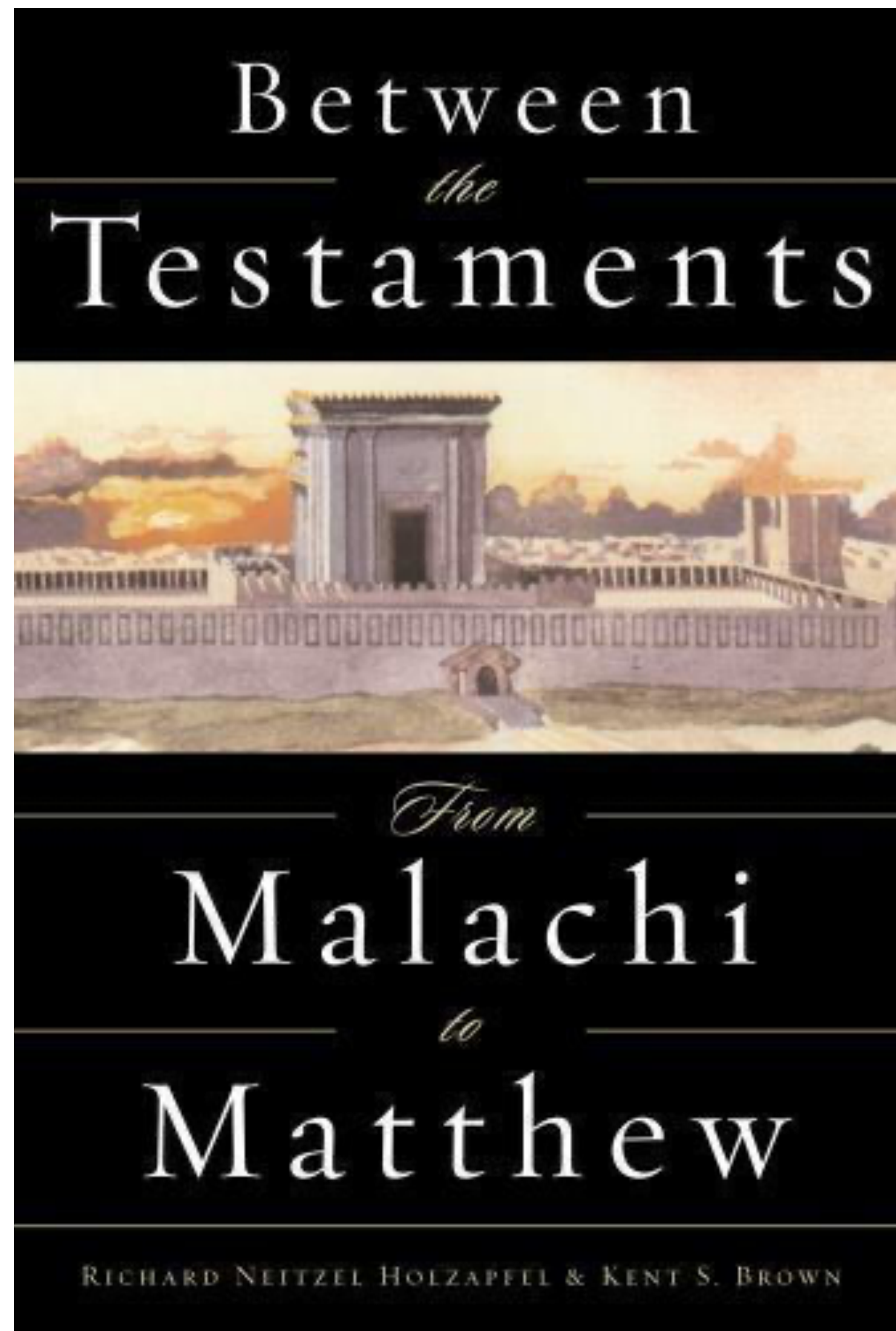


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The Romans Are Coming - 6

- Consequences
 - Pompey died 48 BC
 - Hyrcanus & his advisor (Antipater, Herod the Great's father) enlist Julius
 - Julius Caesar made Antipater governor
 - Julius allowed Hyrcanus to stay as priest but w/limited political power
 - Some territory was restored and Roman soldiers were withdrawn
 - At Julius' death in 44 BC, son of Aristobulus established "kingdom"
 - Supported by Parthians, he attacked/captured Jerusalem ...
 - He killed Antipater, imprisoned Hyrcanus
 - Proclaimed himself "king of Judea"

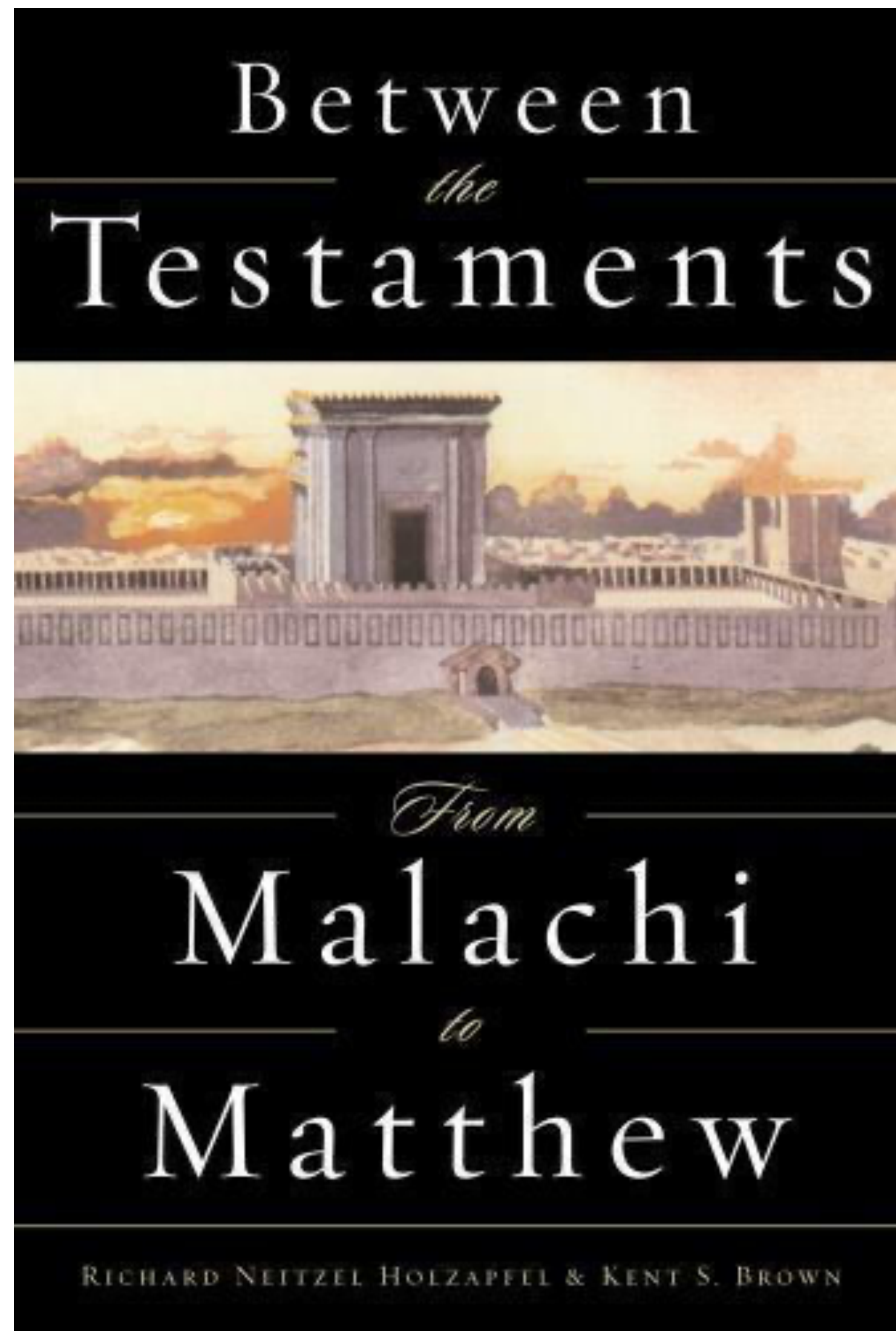


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The Romans Are Coming - 7

- Conclusion
 - *In 63 BC Pompey brought Judea under Roman influence/control*
 - *Initially "indirect" through Hyrcanus/Antipater*
 - *Roman "clients," yet "independent" rulers*
 - *This continued the initial relationship started 100 years earlier*
 - *By Judas M. > continued by Jonathan > continued by Simon*
 - *Rome's influence would continue to grow eastward ...*
 - *Affecting Judea/Jerusalem even more ...*
 - *Later leaving its mark on NT history*

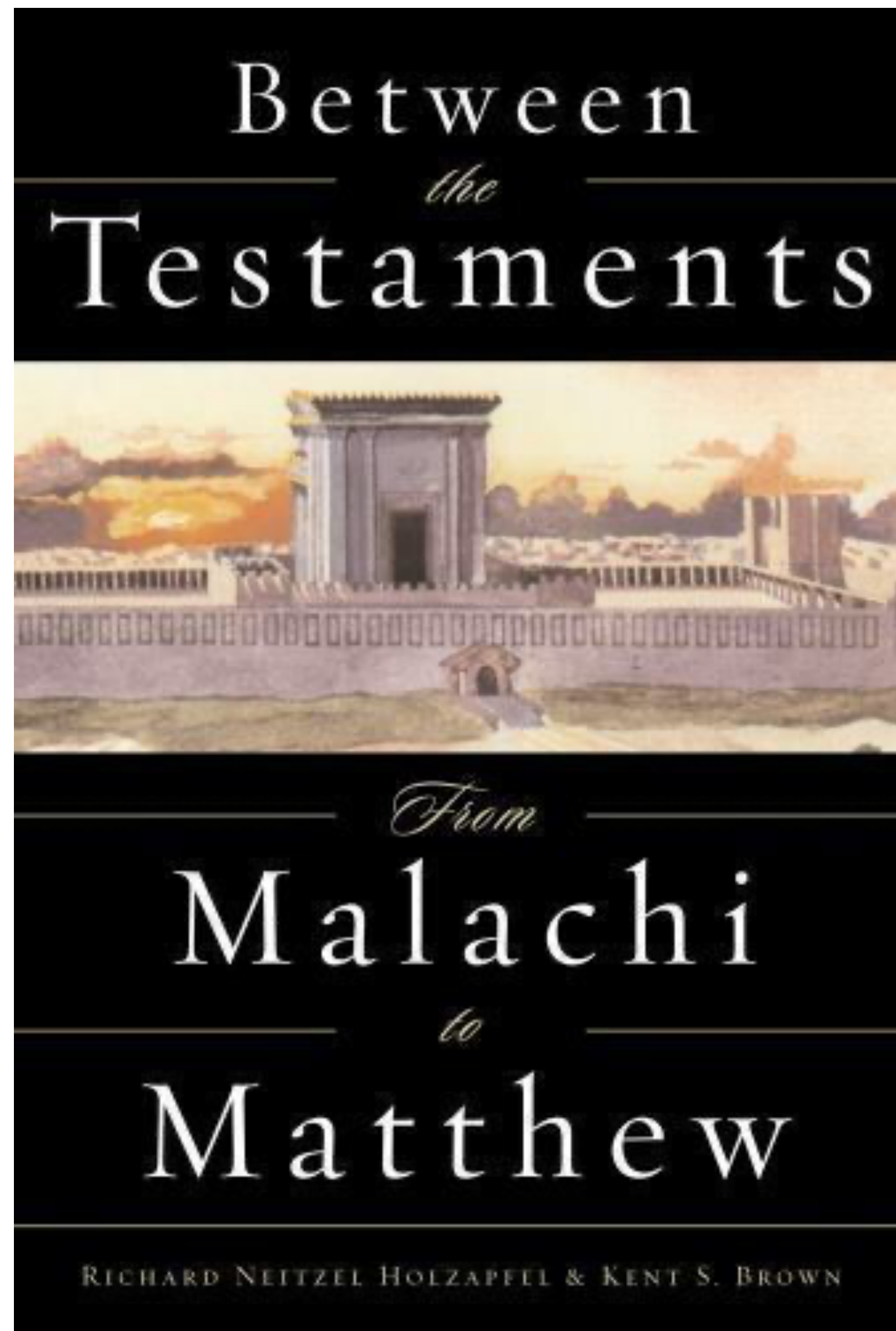


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Herod Rules - 1

- Herod (37-4 BC) - known for the slaughter of the innocent
 - *An Idumean, son of Antipater*
 - *Idumea/Edom annexed by Hasmoneans*
 - *Many Idumeans converted to Judaism*
 - *Shared Jewish interests in nation, religion, culture*
 - *Joined with Jews in fight against Romans 66-70 AD*
- Family history
 - *Herod's father/grandfather were key during Hasmonean rule*
 - *During the reign of Hasmonean queen Salome Alexander*
 - *Grandfather Antipas, praetor/general by Salome and Janneus*
 - *Father Antipater, advised Hyrcanus (Herod, possibly born in Jerusalem)*
 - *Hyrcanus married an Idumean/Herod married a Hasmonean*

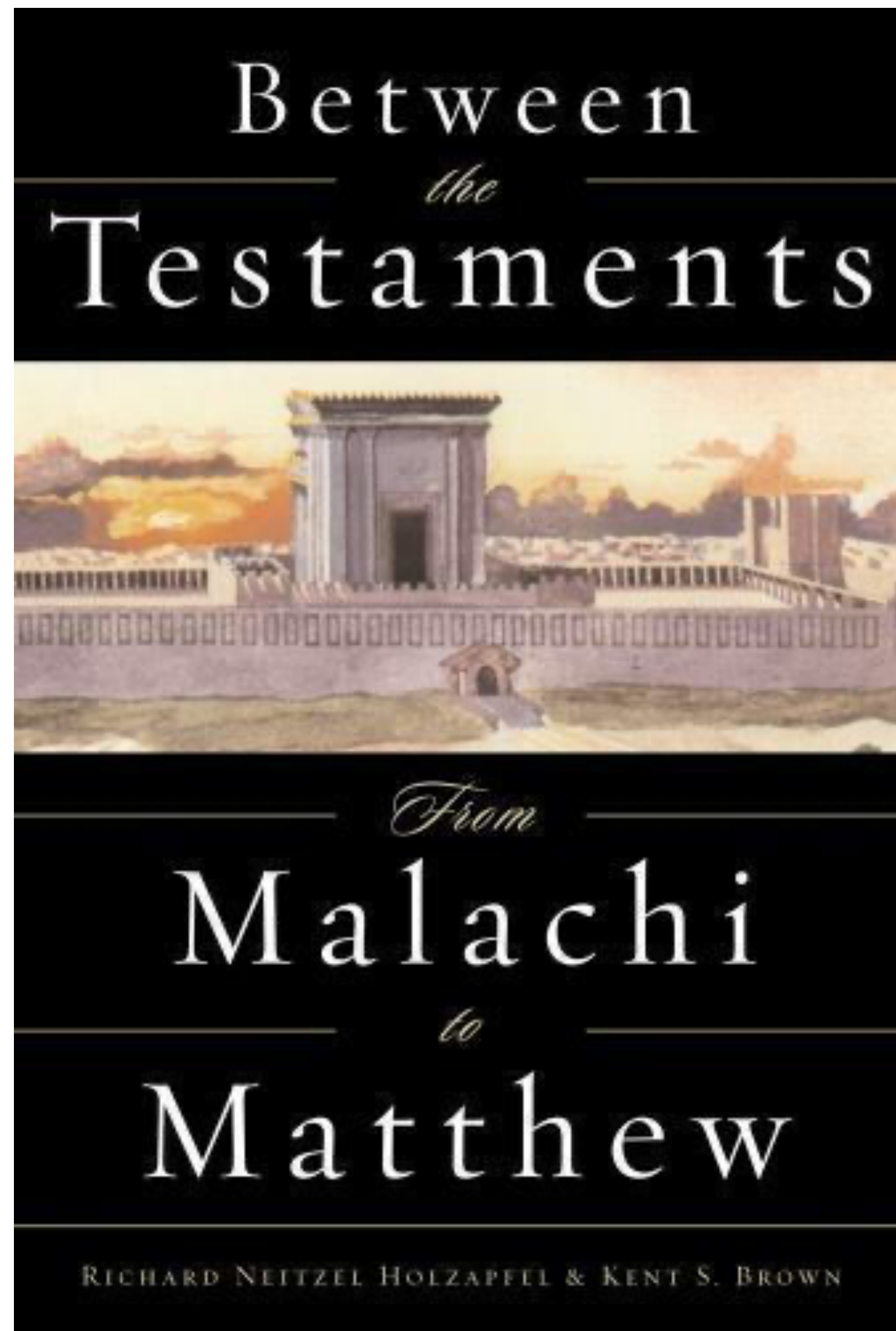


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Herod Rules - 2

- Family history
 - *Herod's mother, Cypros, a Nabatean (Aretas?/Obodas?/a Jew?)*
 - *Possibly a 3rd gen Jew (his siblings had Jewish names)*
 - *Beliefs - did not accept prophetic Scripture (Samaritans/Sadducees)*
- Government
 - *Father Antipater supported Hyrcanus, Rome*
 - *Antipater provide troops/supplies out of his own pocket*
 - *Hyrcanus' influence waned/Antipater's increased*
 - *Antipater delcared a Roman citizen > Herod thus a Roman citizen*
 - *Antipater became procurator/governor 47 BC*
 - *Herod enlisted by Antipater to govern in Galilee*
 - *Herod admired by Galilean Jews and Roman/Syrian officials*

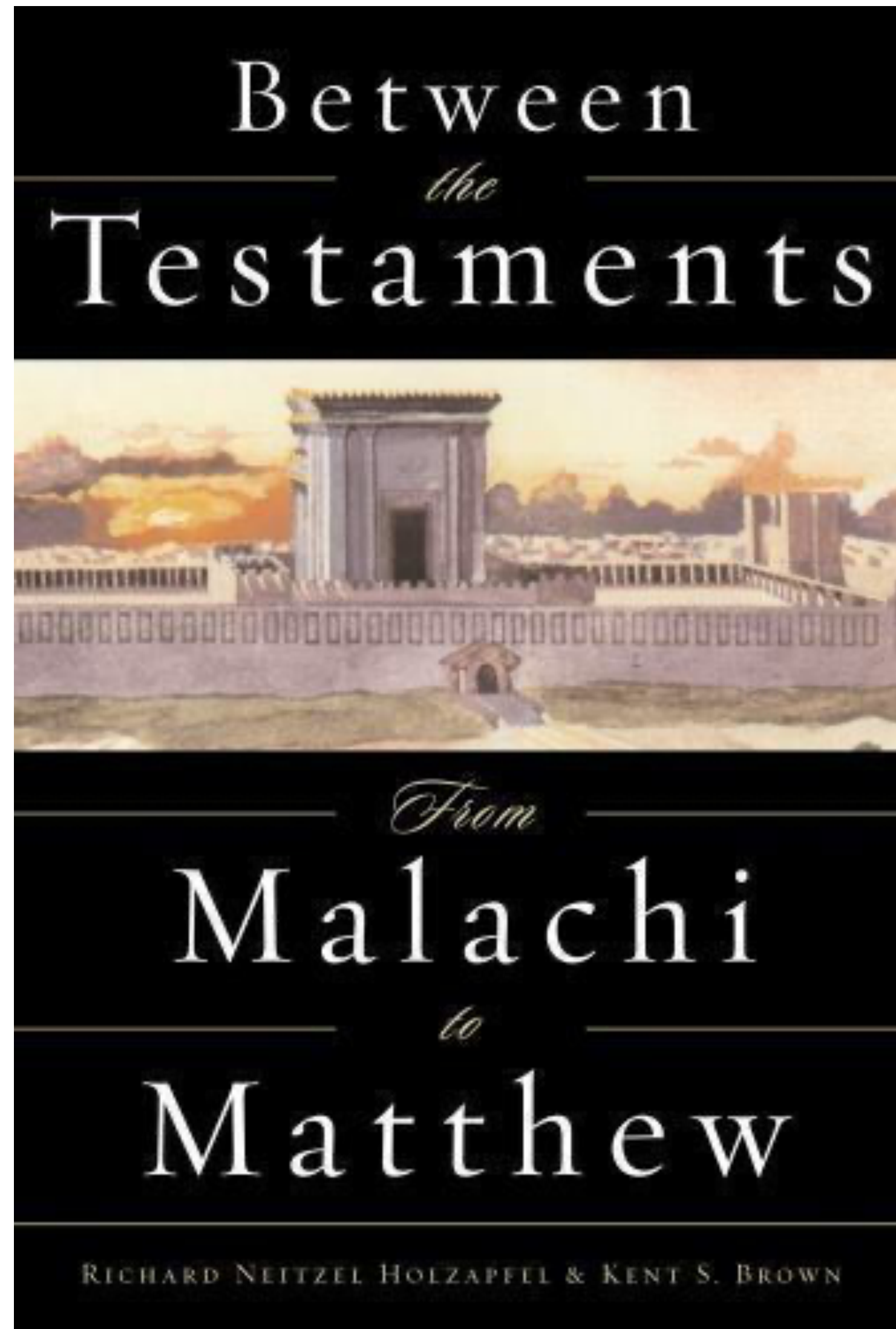


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Herod Rules - 3

- Government
 - *Father Antipater was poisoned, Herod killed his murderer*
 - *He endeared himself to Hyrcanus and assured his future role in Judea*
 - *Loyal to Rome, he was appointed governor by Sextus 46 BC*
 - *Reappointed governor of Coele Syria (Damascus area) by Cassius 42 BC*
- Family Dynamics
 - *Had 10 wives, divorced 3 in one year (including a niece & a cousin)*
 - *Married Mariamne I (Hasmonean princess/granddaughter of Hyr/Arist.)*
 - *Later married the daughter of a Jewish temple priest*
 - *Herod and others often married to gain political/economic influence*

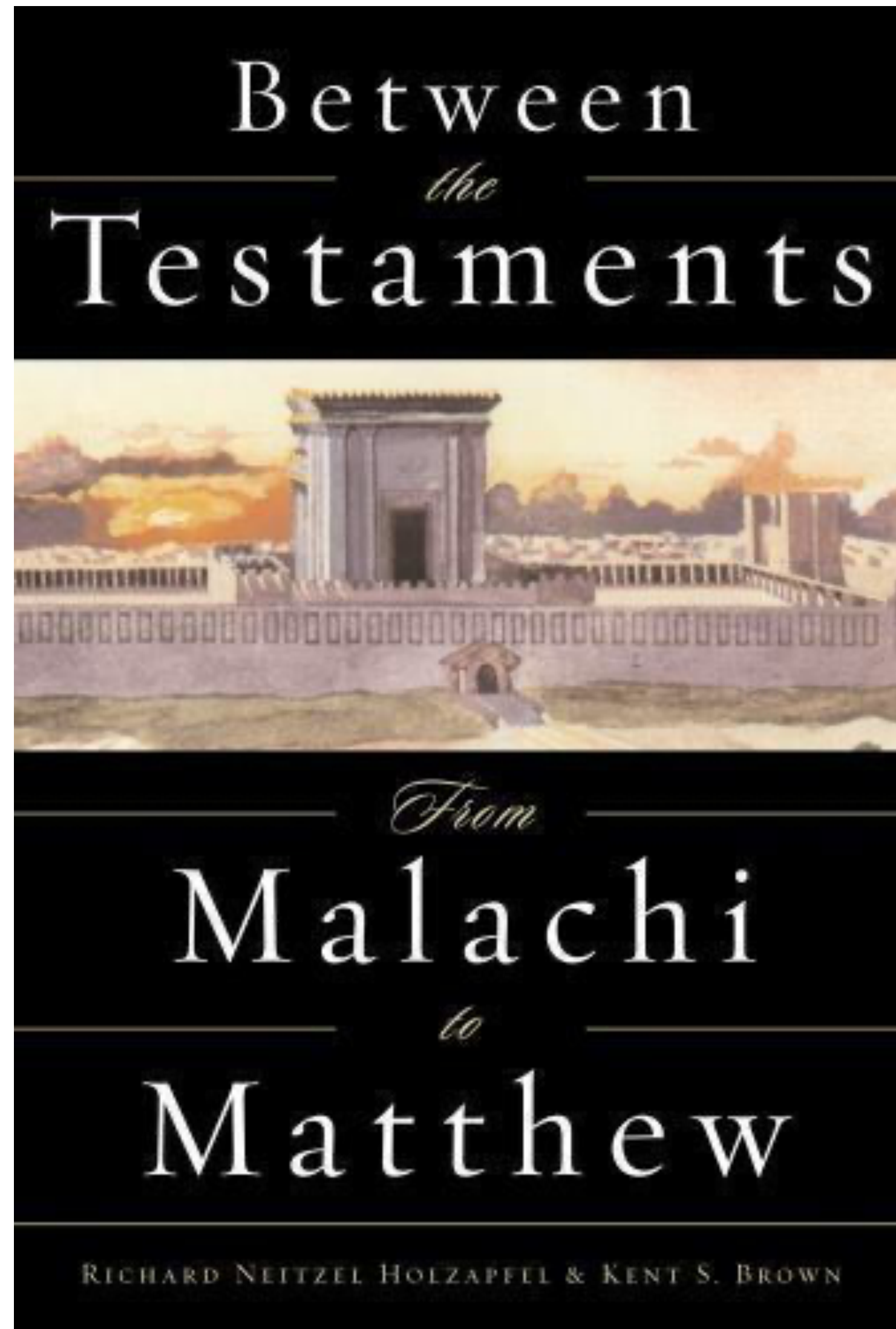


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Herod Rules - 4

- Government
 - *During later turmoil Herod fled to Rome 40 BC*
 - *Nominated by Mark Anthony to become king in Judea*
 - *Rome needed a strong influence to buffer against Parthians*
 - *Herod did just that*
 - *He established law and order*
 - *Created a state that rivaled David/Solomon in size (geographic area)*
 - *Eliminated local/domestic challenges*
 - *Including by ruthlessly killing many of his own family*
 - *His reason: betrayal by family = shame*
 - *Dominated/controlled religious councils (Sanhedrin)*
 - *Appointed high priests, ending Hasmonean hegemony*

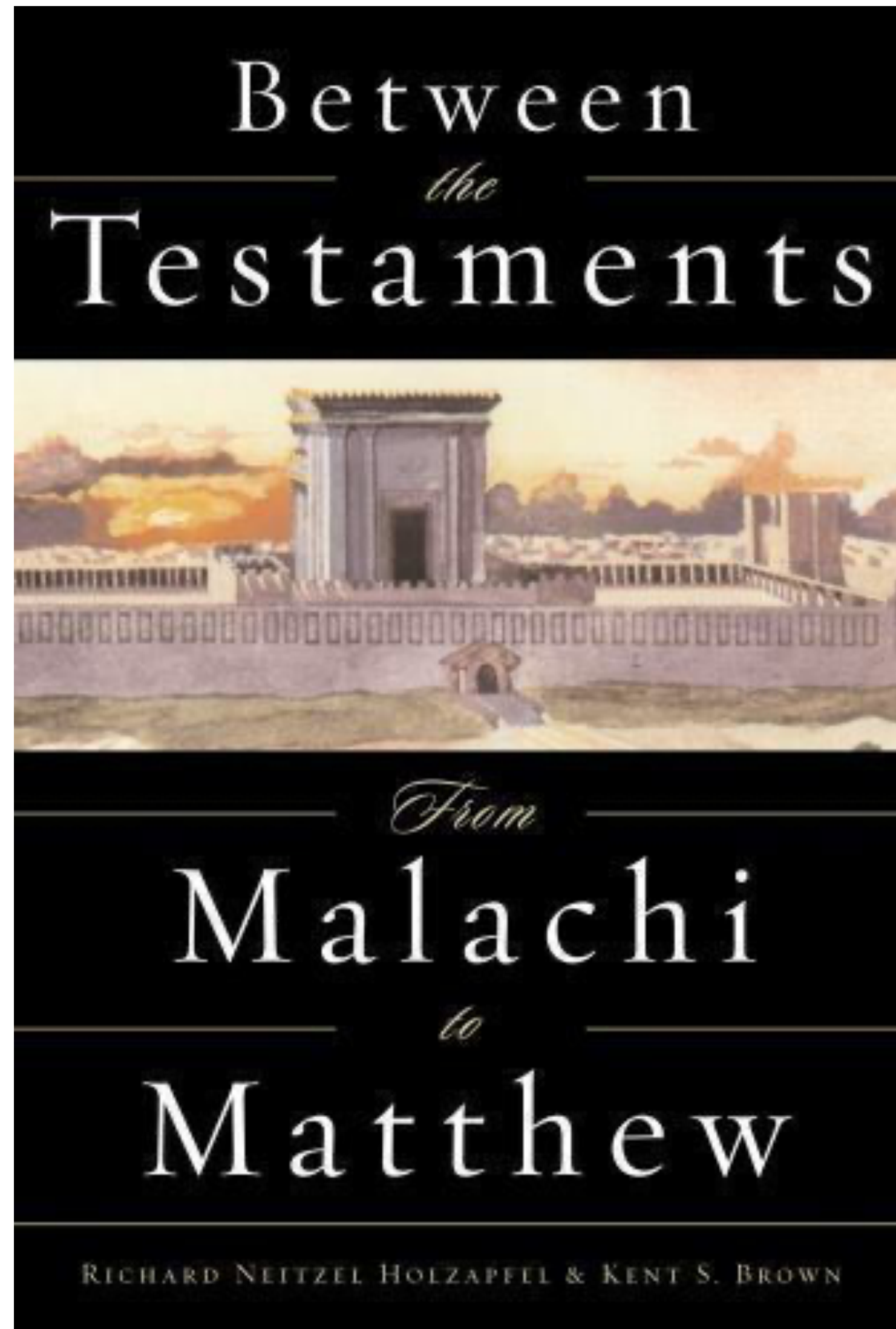


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Herod Rules - 5

- Government
 - *Increased favor with Rome > Herod designated officials/successors*
 - *Augustus gifted him with copper mines*
 - *Rebuilt harbor city Caesarea to honor Augustus*
 - *Increased favor with Jews > returned taxes to people*
 - *Used his wealth to support building programs (eg., temple)*
 - *Protected the Jews in and outside of Judea (worship freedoms)*
 - *Alleged to have built/financed a Roman synagogue*
 - *Avoided images on coinage consistent with Jewish mindset*
 - *Respected constraints of Mosaic law*

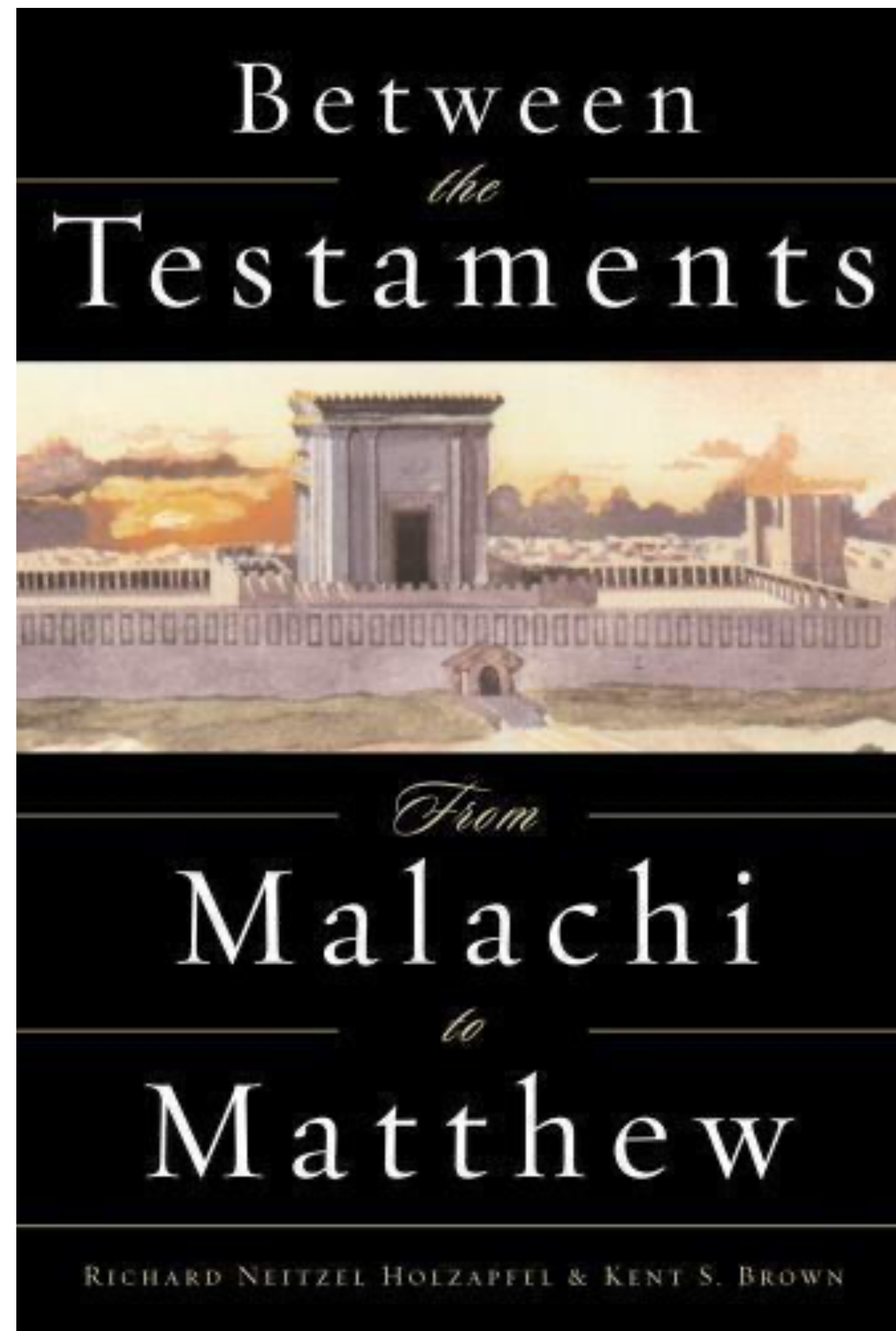


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Roman Influence

- See Bell - Chapter 3 - "The Powers That Be"
- See Bell - Chapter 4 - "Roman Law and The New Testament"



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What Is Scripture?

- *What Is Scripture?*
- *The Dead Sea Scrolls*
- *Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha*
- *Prophecy and Apocalypticism*
- *See material from Dictionary of NT Background*

