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Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company September 2002, 2002. Paper Back. Condition: New. As a primer on eschatology and the end times, Hill's book has much to recommend it: it's quite readable, genuinely funny at times, and comprehensive in scope (there's much more here than yet another spin on Revelation). Faced with two contradictory modern trends--one would sever Christianity from eschatology altogether, while the other searches for ominous signs in every fateful development and disaster--the author stakes out a broad middle ground that most Christians will find credible and convincing. Especially helpful are 'The History of the Future' and succeeding chapters that examine the apocalyptic tradition in the Old Testament, including Isaiah, Ezekiel, Joel, Zechariah, and especially the Book of Daniel. A detailed survey of extra-canonical literature starts with 1 Enoch, the earliest and most important of the Jewish apocalypses, followed by a comparison of Baruch, Ezra, the Qumran manuscripts, and Jubilees that yields some familiar themes: tribulations, battles, judgment, a Messiah, and a New Age. This groundwork enables Hill to set Revelation in context, unpacking its imagery in half a chapter before turning his full attention to the New Testament and eschatological themes in the Gospels (especially the sayings of Jesus) and other books. The shift back and forth between eschatology (which Hill considers essential to Christian faith) and apocalypse is confusing at times, but alleviated by the solid grounding in Scripture and theology. An appendix briefly addresses the modern idea of the rapture.

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