

**Jack R. Lundbom**, *The Hebrew Prophets: An Introduction*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press ([www.fortresspress.com](http://www.fortresspress.com)), 2010. Pages, xiii + 258. Paper, \$18.00.

Lundbom wrote a rhetorical commentary on Jeremiah 1–20 in 1999. In this Introduction he leads the student through aspects of the rhetoric of the Hebrew prophets (pp. 159–218). He discusses what being a prophet meant in Israel, highlighting authoritative mediation of the word of God and especially prayer. Chapter 2, the longest (pp. 32–137), reports briefly on the messages of the prophets, from Samuel to Malachi, according to a reconstructed historical order. Interesting is the question of authenticity (pp. 138–56). To be authentic, each word or deed of a prophet must proceed from a specific inspiration (p. 140), though authentic messages of yesterday can become inauthentic messages of today (p. 142). Though written as a textbook, this book is accessible to the average reader.