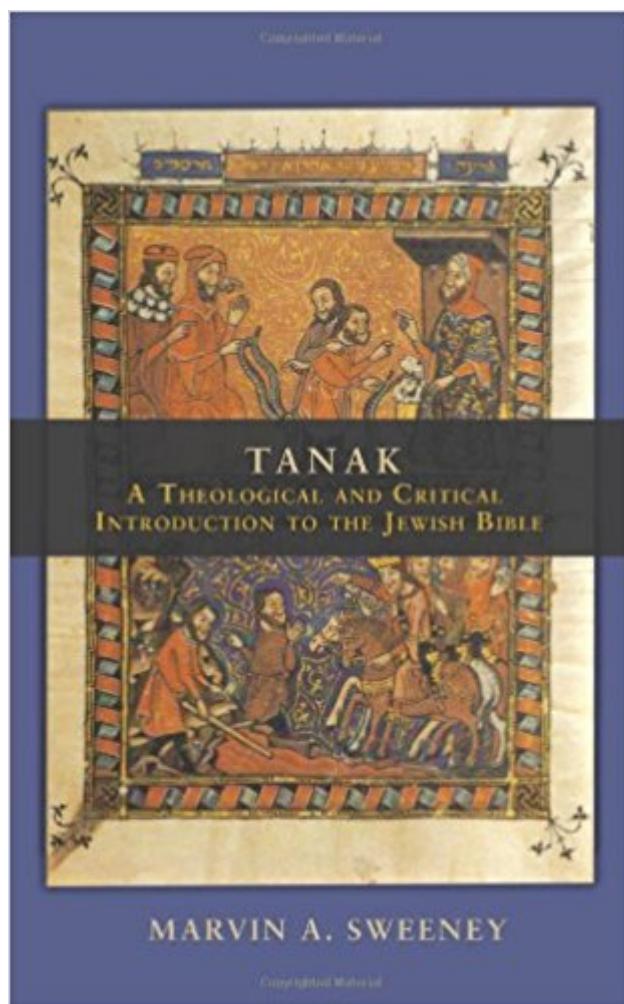


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# Tanak: A Theological And Critical Introduction To The Jewish Bible



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I'm using this book for a seminary class. It's well written, and easy to follow and understand. It is also well researched and documented. I highly recommend it.

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