

1529. [2 Kgs 2:19–25:30] PEDRO ZAMORA GARCÍA, *Reyes II. La fuerza de la interpretación* (Comentarios Theologicos y Literarios del Antiguo Testamento; Estella [Navarra, Spain]: Editorial Verbo Divino, 2023). Pp. 743. €57.96. ISBN 978-84-9073-915-0.

This major commentary on 2 Kgs 2:19–25:30 complements Z. G.’s 2011 commentary on 1 Kgs 1:1–2 Kgs 2:18 in the same series. For purposes of the present commentary, Z. G. divides up 2 Kgs 2:19–25:30 into three “cycles”: (1) The cycle of the prophet Elisha (2 Kgs 2:19–13:25 with 12 subdivisions); (2) the cycle of the kings down to the fall of Samaria (2 Kings 14–17); and (3) the cycle of the surviving kingdom of Judah (2 Kgs 18–25 with six sub-divisions). For each of the subdivisions distinguished by him within the three cycles, Z. G. makes use of a standardized format organized under five headings: (1) translation of the passage; (2) commentary (this focusing on the passage’s storyline and exegesis of its component verses); (3) historical and theological background; (4) “text and word” (here Z. G. offers reflections on the passage’s message regarding a variety of issues facing the church today and also calls attention to the theological difficulties the passage’s message may occasion readers and how these might be addressed); and (5) extensive, multi-language bibliography. Z. G.’s exegesis segment is remarkably detailed, covering as it does textual and terminological questions and engaging with the views of other scholars on many particular points.—C.T.B.