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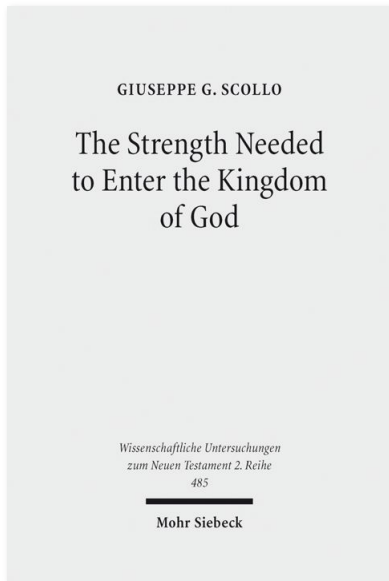
An Exegetical and Theological Study of Luke 16,16 in Context

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By means of an in-depth study of Luke 16:16 and its context, Giuseppe G. Scollo intends to draw its readers into new scholarly appreciation of one of the most ambiguous and discussed NT sayings, an authentic *crux interpretum* in modern scholarship, that of the so-called »violence passage,« as recorded in the Gospel of Luke: »The law and the prophets lasted until John; but from then on the kingdom of God is proclaimed, and everyone who enters does so with violence« (NAB 2011). While issues that still demand an explanation by modern-day exegetes are addressed (see the meaning of »violence« contained in the verb *biazomai*, the identity of the alleged »violent« agents, and the nature of their action with regard to the *basileia* of God), evidence warrants a new look at the teachings surrounding the Lucan verse and its narrative setting in the light of the love commandment and its Targumic interpretation.

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