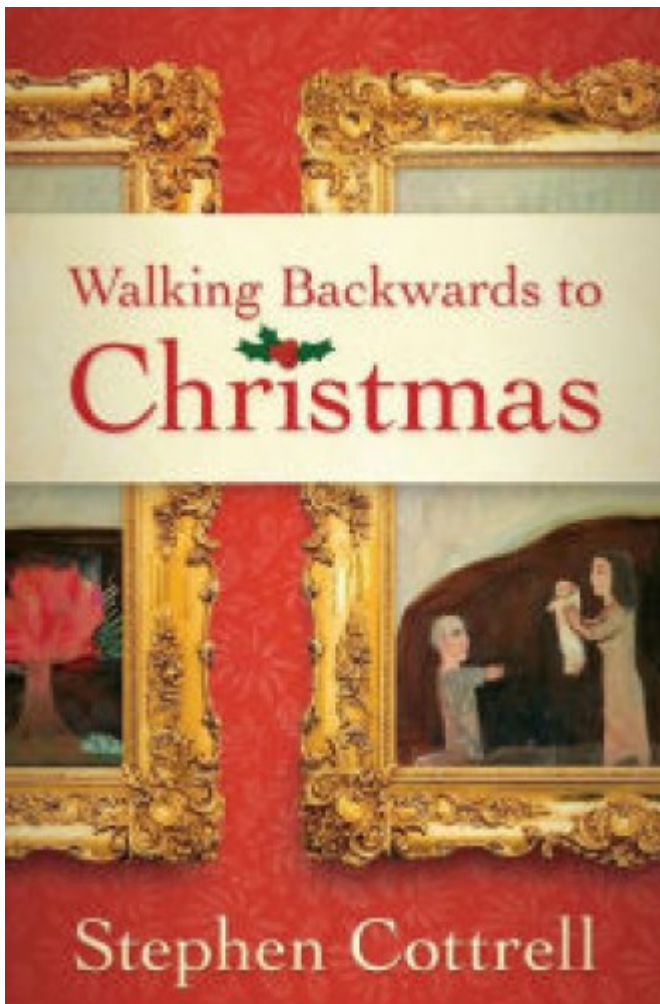


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In Review



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By Stephen Cottrell

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Cottrell tells the Christmas story in reverse, starting with Anna and going back to the hopes of Isaiah and Moses. Each episode is imaginatively told. Cottrell notes that women have a key role to play in this drama, and he gives them preference (for

example, beginning with Anna instead of Simeon).