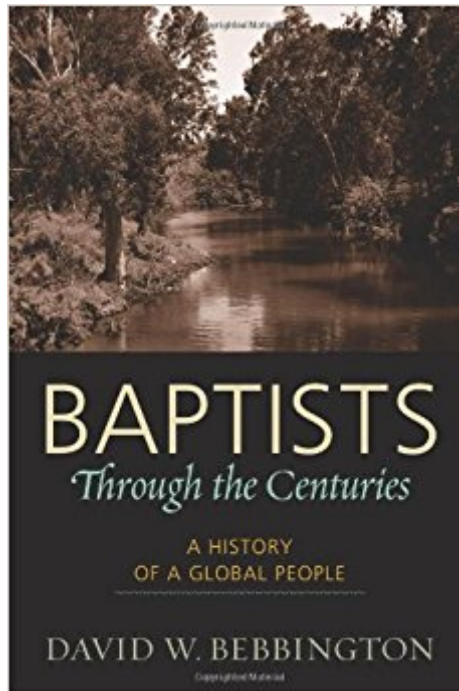




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# Baptists Through The Centuries: A History Of A Global People



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