

Luke 1 68 79 Commentary By Elizabeth Webb Working

Delve Deeper into God's Word In this verse-by-verse commentary, Robert Gundry offers a fresh, literal translation and a reliable exposition of Scripture for today's readers. The Gospel of Luke portrays Jesus preeminently as a model of religious piety, moral purity, and political innocence--and thus as an attractive, sympathetic, and beneficent Savior of others. Pastors, Sunday school teachers, small group leaders, and laypeople will welcome Gundry's nontechnical explanations and clarifications. And Bible students at all levels will appreciate his sparkling interpretations. This selection is from Gundry's *Commentary on the New Testament*.

Pastors and other preachers have long turned to *The Abingdon Preaching Annual* for help with one of the central tasks of their ministry: sermon preparation. The 2012 edition of the Annual continues and, in response to our faithful readers, improves this fine tradition. Sermon helps include: lectionary-based sermons for each Sunday and special liturgical event of the year; lectionary commentary; and 15 topical sermon series on diverse themes like missions, modern families, life in the Holy Spirit, stewardship, and more. Worship planning aids include a four-year liturgical event calendar *Guide to liturgical colors*; 2012 lectionary readings in one, easy-to-read table; and related worship aids following each lectionary sermon, and each sermon series. Searchable CD-Rom included with every book that includes: full text of the print edition with a hyperlinked table of contents; pre-sermon, offertory, and pastoral prayers; classical and contemporary prayers and affirmations; classic sermon Annotated bibliography hyperlinked to the sermon titles; and full text of every lectionary passage used with hyperlinks to the weekly readings. *The Abingdon Preaching Annual*, always a trusted resource, is now the most comprehensive and useful aid for sermon preparation you will find.

Written in a verse-by-verse style, Bullinger devotes major discussion to key problems contained in Revelation.

Preaching pastors, ministers, and priests know how quickly Sundays come and go. "The *Lectionary Commentary*" will not slow the pace of the weekly calendar, but it will help

assure that sermon preparation begins with a solid engagement with Scripture. Designed to "jump start" the difficult task of sermon preparation, this indispensable three-volume work gathers exegetical essays on biblical texts from the Revised Common Lectionary. Covering every Sunday of the three-year liturgical cycle, as well as Christmas Day, Epiphany, and Ascension Day, the readings are arranged in canonical order so as to be of use to all preachers. Seventy-eight pastors, priests, and teachers from a variety of Christian traditions have contributed their insights to "The Lectionary Commentary." Designed to answer the question "What does the preacher need to know about this text in order to preach a faithful sermon from it?," each of their essays closely considers its specific biblical text, all the while remaining alert to the contemporary context in which the sermon will be spoken and heard. The result is an invaluable resource that will aid in the difficult task of facilitating a meaningful encounter between Holy Scripture and our modern world. This volume, "The Third Readings: The Gospels," provides exegetical commentary on the lectionary readings for the witnesses to Jesus Christ written by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Also unique to this volume is an excellent essay by C. Clifton Black on Augustinian preaching and the nurture of Christians. Consulting Editors: Richard A. Burrige Thomas W. Gillespie Colin E. Gunton Robert W. Jenson James F. Kay Hughes Oliphant Old Fleming Rutledge Marguerite Shuster

Luke (Understanding the Bible Commentary Series)

A Monthly Publication for the Clergy

Periodical Articles on Religion, 1890-1899

Year C, Volume 1, Advent through Epiphany

Commentary on Luke

Commentary on Revelation

The authors build on their earlier social-scientific works and enhance the highly successful commentary model they developed in their social-scientific commentaries. This volume is a thoroughly revised edition of this popular commentary. They include an introduction that lays the foundation for their interpretation, followed by an examination of each unit in the Synoptics, employing methodologies of cultural anthropology, macro-sociology, and social psychology.

Each chapter is summed up in its contents, each paragraph reduced to its proper heads, the sense given, and largely illustrated with practical remarks and observations.

The Bible Knowledge Commentary from Dallas Seminary will be welcomed by a wide spectrum of Bible students, from the beginner, who will find it easy to understand and easy to use, to the advanced, who will find it consistently thorough and reliable.

Preaching pastors, ministers, and priests know how quickly Sundays come and go. Protecting time for study and theological reflection is an art not easily mastered. The fast pace of church life collides with the need to ground sermons in careful exegesis and extensive dialogue with biblical texts. "The Lectionary Commentary" will not slow the pace of the weekly calendar, but it will help assure that sermon preparation begins with a solid engagement with Scripture. This superb three-volume work offers exegetical essays on the biblical texts from the Revised Common Lectionary, Years A, B, and C. All the Sundays of the three-year cycle are included, as well as the texts for Christmas Day, Epiphany, and Ascension Day. This volume, "The First Readings: Old Testament and Acts," provides exegetical commentary on the lectionary readings from Genesis to Malachi, and from the first seventeen chapters of Acts. Also unique to this volume is an excellent essay on "Preaching as Worship" by Hughes Oliphant Old. The authors of "The Lectionary Commentary" are an ecumenical mix of respected pastors, priests, ministers, and teachers for whom exegesis for preaching is a vocational and personal interest. Some are preachers who value exegesis; others are exegetes who value preaching. All value the Revised Common Lectionary as a guide for good preaching. Designed to answer the question "What does the preacher need to know about this text in order to preach a faithful sermon from it?," the essay in each chapter closely considers its specific biblical text and provides theological reflection, all the while remaining alert to the contemporary context in which the sermon will be spoken and heard. These are not books of sermons. They leave homiletical work to the preacher, who is called to contextualize the gospel from biblical texts. Rather, these essays are meant to serve as exegetical "jump starts," giving preachers a firm place to stand in the text while at the same time stimulating the concerns they bring to sermon preparation. The result is an invaluable resource intended to aid in the difficult task of facilitating a meaningful encounter between Holy Scripture and our modern world. Consulting Editors: Richard A. Burridge Thomas W. Gillespie Colin E. Gunton Robert W. Jenson James F. Kay Hughes Oliphant Old Fleming Rutledge Marguerite Shuster

Fortress Commentary on the Bible

Motivational and Inspirational Real Life Stories

On the Whole Bible

New Perspectives on the Nativity

Abingdon New Testament Commentaries | Luke

The American Ecclesiastical Review;

This NIV Value Outreach Bible is a low-cost softcover Bible perfect for churches and ministries buying in bulk to present to first-time Bible readers.

The Abingdon New Testament Commentaries series offers compact, critical commentaries on the writings of the New Testament. These commentaries are written with special attention to the needs and interests of theology students, but they will also be useful for students in upper-level college or university settings, as well as for pastors and other church leaders. In addition to providing basic information about the New Testament texts and insights into their meanings, these commentaries exemplify the tasks and procedures of careful, critical exegesis. In this volume, Robert C. Tannehill focuses on the significance of the Gospel of Luke in its final form for its original audience. Drawing on his own extensive previous work on Luke as a literary narrative as well as on recent studies of the ancient Mediterranean social world, Tannehill suggests that modern readers will find that certain features of Luke's Gospel only take on significance—or deeper significance—when matched with an appropriate historical and cultural context in the first century. “ This commentary is designed to meet the needs of sophisticated nonspecialist students of the Bible. The evangelist's literary genius, frequently displayed in multivalent diction and imagery, finds in Robert Tannehill a faithful and sensitive interpreter. Social-scientific criticism, use of cultural anthropology, and frequent correction of renderings in the New Revised Standard Version appear without undue intrusiveness. This is a work well done. ” –Frederick W. Danker, Christ Seminary-Seminex/ Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

This updated second edition of the Catechism of the Catholic Church incorporates all the final modifications made in the complete, official Latin text, accompanied by line-by-line explanations of orthodox Catholicism, summaries of each section, a detailed index, extensive cross-references, and helpful footnotes.

In the Lord's recovery during the past five hundred years the church's knowledge of the Lord and His truth has been continually progressing. This monumental and classical work by Brother Witness Lee builds upon and is a further development of all that the Lord has revealed to His church in the past centuries. It is filled with the revelation concerning the processed Triune God, the living Christ, the life-giving Spirit, the experience of life, and the definition and practice of the church. In this set Brother Lee has kept three basic principles that should rule and govern every believer in their interpretation, development, and expounding of the truths contained in the Scriptures. The first principle is that of the Triune God dispensing Himself into His chosen and redeemed people; the second principle is that we should interpret, develop, and expound the truths contained in the Bible with Christ for the church; and the third governing principle is Christ, the Spirit, life, and the church. No other study or exposition of the New Testament conveys the life nourishment or ushers the reader into the divine revelation of God's holy

Word according to His New Testament economy as this one does.
Hosea-Micah (Baker Commentary on the Old Testament: Prophetic Books)
Life-Study of John
Jon Courson's Application Commentary
The Wiersbe Bible Commentary: Old Testament
Commentary on the New Testament Use of the Old Testament
The Abingdon Preaching Annual 2012

Designed to empower preachers as they lead their congregations to connect their lives to Scripture, Connections features a broad set of interpretive tools that provide commentary and worship aids on the Revised Common Lectionary. For each worship day within the three-year lectionary cycle, the commentaries in Connections link the individual lection reading with Scripture as a whole as well as to the larger world. In addition, Connections places each Psalm reading in conversation with the other lections for the day to highlight the themes of the liturgical season. Finally, sidebars offer additional connections to Scripture for each Sunday or worship day. This nine-volume series is a practical, constructive, and valuable resource for preachers who seek to help congregations connect more closely with Scripture. This volume covers Year C for the season after Pentecost.

This commentary uses extreme detail to take the reader right into New Testament settings, not through theology or word study, but through the sights and sounds of the world where Christ and His disciples walked!

This book helps you dig deeper into the Christian life and discover the essentials of the faith -- essentials that enable you to experience Christian discipleship at a richer and more mature level.

With this final installment in this six-volume set, Dr. Wiersbe has covered the entire Bible!

Commentary on Luke (Commentary on the New Testament Book #3)

My Favorite Christmas

Commentary on the New Testament

Connections: A Lectionary Commentary for Preaching and Worship

Returning to Our Roots

Text, Thought, and Practice in Qumran and Early Christianity

Verse-by-verse explanations with a literal translation Shouldn't a Bible commentary clarify what God's Word actually says? Going beyond questions of authorship, date, sources, and historicity, respected linguist and teacher Gundry offers a one-volume exposition of the New Testament that focuses on what is most useful for preaching, teaching, and individual study--what the biblical text really means. Providing interpretive observations in a "breezy" style that's easy to read and adaptable for oral use in pulpit or classroom presentations, Gundry directs his book to an evangelical audience. His crisp translation of the New Testament inserts various phrasings of passages in brackets, allowing for smooth transition from original text to alternative and contemporary readings. SAMPLE TEXT OF TRANSLATION JOHN'S PREDICTING A MORE POWERFUL BAPTIZER THAN HE (Mark 1:1-8)
1:1-3: The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, God's Son, according as it's written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I'm sending

my messenger before your face [= ahead of you], who'll pave your way [= the road you'll travel], [the messenger who is] the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way of the Lord. Make his paths straight.'" Pastors, Sunday school teachers, small-group leaders, and laypeople will welcome Gundry's non-technical explanations and clarifications. And Bible students at all levels will appreciate his sparkling interpretations of the NT Scriptures. A trustworthy guide for anybody wanting to delve deeper into God's Word. SAMPLE TEXT OF COMMENTS "Gospel" means "good news." Jews would associate this good news with Isaiah 52:7. Non-Jews would think of the good news of an emperor's accession to power, birthday, visit to a city, military victory, or bringing of prosperity to the empire. But Mark's good news has to do with the salvation and victory brought by Jesus over evil in all its demonic and physical forms. "The gospel of Jesus Christ" therefore means "the gospel about Jesus Christ" and refers to a proclaimed message ("the voice of one crying out"), not a book (though because books like Mark's contain that proclaimed message, the term came to refer to those books in the capitalized form of "Gospels" to distinguish them from the message, kept uncapitalized as "gospel").

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The Fortress Commentary on the Bible: The Old Testament and Apocrypha and Fortress Commentary on the Bible: The New Testament present a balanced synthesis of current scholarship on the Bible, enabling readers to interpret Scripture for a complex and pluralistic world. Introductory articles in each volume discuss the dramatic challenges that have shaped contemporary interpretation of the Bible. Commentary articles set each book of the Old and New Testaments and the Apocrypha in its historical and cultural context, discuss the themes in each book that have proven most important for the Christian interpretive tradition, and introduce the most pressing questions facing the responsible use of the Bible today. The writers are renowned authorities in the historical interpretation of the Old and New Testaments, sensitive to theological and cultural issues arising in our encounter with the text, richly diverse in social locations and vantage points, representing a broad array of theological commitment—Protestants, Catholics, Jews, and others, and alive to the ethical consequences of interpretation today. A team of six scholar editors and seventy contributors provide clear and concise commentary on key sense units in each book of the Old Testament, Apocrypha, and New Testament. Each unit is explored through the lenses of three levels of commentary based on these critical questions. The result is a commentary that is comprehensive and useful for gaining insights on the texts for preaching, teaching, and research. In addition to the commentary essays on each book, the volumes also contain major essays that introduce each section of Scripture

and explore critical questions as well as up-to-date and comprehensive bibliographies for each book and essay. The Understanding the Bible Commentary Series helps readers navigate the strange and sometimes intimidating literary terrain of the Bible. These accessible volumes break down the barriers between the ancient and modern worlds so that the power and meaning of the biblical texts become transparent to contemporary readers. The contributors tackle the task of interpretation using the full range of critical methodologies and practices, yet they do so as people of faith who hold the text in the highest regard. Pastors, teachers, and lay people alike will cherish the truth found in this commentary series.

Bible Knowledge Commentary

The Lectionary Commentary: Theological Exegesis for Sunday's Texts, The First Readings:

My First Hands-On Bible

Genesis to Revelation

Zondervan King James Version Commentary

Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God

Motivational and Inspirational Real-Life Stories – Equipping Christians for Business and Kingdom Effectiveness in the Marketplace is a book written to raise Business effectiveness and kingdom mindedness for Christians in the marketplace. What is my motivation for writing this book and why would you want to read it? Jesus, during His pilgrimage here on earth, spent a healthy dose of His time with marketplace people than in the synagogue. His disciples were also selected from the marketplace. Jesus engaged the marketplace with stories, parables, illustrations to communicate kingdom truth to the market using everyday business concepts. We, His followers spend more of our time in the marketplaces than in worship centers. We need to develop ways of reaching the lost in the marketplace. We also need to learn some fundamental principles that we can deploy into the market that is founded on the Holy scriptures. After more than 27 years' operating actively in the marketplace, with constant ups and downs, booms and burst, losses and gains scenarios, there is no doubt that businesses require a healthy dose of tips, tricks, motivational and inspirational stories at those crucial moments that can make a difference between winning and losing. Our goal is to help you make good success as the holy books says and provide consultancy /counsel where and when needed through our writings, email engagements and other channels of communications as the need arise. You will learn how to communicate kingdom truths in business settings and win some souls for the kingdom of God. You will also receive the following motivational and inspirational quotes from great minds within the business world for excellent productivity to cover you for the week. Stories from the Holy Books that depict

excellent business principles and practices for your business and much, much more! Proven Business Productivity tools to help you succeed in your online and offline business 40 Messianic Prophecies and their fulfilments Closing with Sharing the gospel We developed this through eleven series into 11 chapters. This is a compilation from those series to help our kinesthetic audience or others who prefer this medium of communication. We hope you like it and we pray it will make you an effective kingdom disciple-maker in Jesus name, Amen

The 13 papers comprising this volume treat afresh the connections between the Dead Sea and early Christian texts. Topics covered include exegetical issues; prophecy, demonology, messianism; canon and the rise of commentary; the Fourth Gospel and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

What makes this commentary on Luke stand apart from others is that, from beginning to end, this is a literary analysis. Because it focuses solely on the Gospel as it appears and not on its source or origin, this commentary richly and thoroughly explores just what Luke is saying and how he says it.

Let one of the most beloved and respected Bible teachers of our time guide you verse-by-verse through the Scriptures with The Wiersbe Bible Commentary Old Testament, the trusted reference you'll love to read.

Commentary on the Whole Bible

The Old Testament and Acts

Two Volume Set

Abingdon New Testament Commentaries: Luke

The Bible Exposition Commentary

Volume 3, New Testament (Matthew - Revelation)

Few Bible commentators simultaneously articulate both insightful spiritual truths and memorable life applications for readers who want to be relevant witnesses for Jesus Christ. Gifted Bible preacher and inspiring teacher Jon Courson effortlessly combines both in this easy-to-read, verse-based devotional commentary on the New Testament. Pastor Jon's years of immersion in God's Word, as he regularly preached from the Bible, produced faithful, valuable teaching that is both a scholarly work and an encouragement for living the Christian life. His application commentaries combine the following elements in a unique blend of pertinent information and needed inspiration: Deep love for God's word Colorful cultural insights Insightful historical information Applicable topical studies Vivid illustrations and stories Humorous, practical, and inspiring life lessons Jon Courson's devotional commentaries offer thorough and comprehensive teaching along with practical, in-depth topical studies in a very readable and comfortable expositional style.

Readers of the New Testament often encounter quotes or allusions to Old Testament stories and prophecies that are unfamiliar or obscure. In order to fully understand the teachings of Jesus and his followers, it is important to understand the large body of Scripture that preceded and informed their thinking. Leading evangelical scholars G. K. Beale and D. A. Carson have brought together a distinguished team to provide readers with a comprehensive commentary on Old Testament quotations, allusions, and echoes that appear from Matthew through Revelation. College and seminary students, pastors, scholars, and interested lay readers will want to add this unique commentary to their reference libraries. Contributors Craig L. Blomberg (Denver Seminary) on Matthew Rikk E. Watts (Regent College) on Mark David W. Pao (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) and Eckhard J. Schnabel (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) on Luke Andreas J. Köstenberger (Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary) on John I. Howard Marshall (University of Aberdeen) on Acts Mark A. Seifrid (Southern Baptist Theological Seminary) on Romans Roy E. Ciampa (Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary) and Brian S. Rosner (Moore Theological College) on 1 Corinthians Peter Balla (Károli Gáspár Reformed University, Budapest) on 2 Corinthians Moisés Silva (author of *Philippians in the Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament*) on Galatians and Philippians Frank S. Thielman (Beeson Divinity School) on Ephesians G. K. Beale (Wheaton College Graduate School) on Colossians Jeffrey A. D. Weima (Calvin Theological Seminary) on 1 and 2 Thessalonians Philip H. Towner (United Bible Societies) on 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus George H. Guthrie (Union University) on Hebrews D. A. Carson (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) on the General Epistles G. K. Beale (Wheaton College Graduate School) and Sean M. McDonough (Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary) on Revelation

Readers will look back with fondness to their own favorite moments surrounding the Christmas season as they catch a glimpse into the humorous, lighthearted, and spiritually poignant memories of some of their favorite Christian personalities from all walks of life, including actors, athletes, musicians, politicians, and authors. The stories and anecdotes from contributors like Steven Curtis Chapman, Jimmy Carter, Natalie Grant, Jerry Jenkins, Nicole C. Mullen, Luis Palau, Kurt Warner and many others—will be a Yule time pleasure for readers. Amidst the rush and hustle of the season, *My Favorite Christmas* inspires us with down-to-earth and heavenly heartwarming stories from favorite celebrities—and helps us reflect on our own cherished holiday moments.

Presets eighty-five Bible stories from the Old and New Testament, New Living translation, and includes special prayers and activities for each story.

The Bible Knowledge Background Commentary

A Commentary on the New Testament

The Proof Texts of the Catechism with a Practical Commentary

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Sacra Pagina: The Gospel of Luke

John's Gospel, Hebrews-Revelation

Preached at Enfield, Connecticut on July 8, 1741, this is perhaps the greatest sermon ever preached in America—and is certainly among the most well known. Owing to its forthright dealing with God's wrath and His intense hatred of sin and the sinner, it is also one of the most controversial. Indeed, for more than three-quarters of the sermon Edwards lays down a relentless stream of the most vivid and horrifying descriptions of the danger facing unregenerate men. While it is difficult to read such graphic language, there is abundant hope in the sermon's conclusion. Edwards puts it this way, "And now you have an extraordinary opportunity, a day wherein Christ has thrown the door of mercy wide open and stands calling and crying with a loud voice to poor sinners." While those who would rather ignore God's justice in favor of His mercy condemn Edwards and his sermon, those who were present and actually heard him preach that day reacted in a decidedly different manner. According to the diary of Reverend Stephen Williams who attended the sermon, "Before the sermon was done there was a great moaning and crying through the whole House, 'what shall I do to be saved; oh, I am going to hell, etc.'" The diary goes on to indicate that Edwards had to interrupt his sermon and come down to minister to those who were under such awful conviction. And so, in spite of what the scoffers might think or say, "the amazing and astonishing power of God" was manifested among the people that day—with many falling not into the hands of an angry God, but into the arms of a mighty Savior.

Furnishing information no one-volume commentary can provide without the clutter or expense of a multi-volume set, this two-volume commentary expands on the critically acclaimed study notes of the Zondervan KJV Study Bible. Verse-by-verse expositions unlock the meaning of the King James Bible. Born the son of a clergyman on October 18, 1662, Matthew Henry was ordained into the British Presbyterian Church where he held the pastorate in Chester from 1687 to 1712. He was widowed, married again and had 10 children, three whom died in infancy. Henry died in 1714. Henry began work on his commentary as "Notes On The New Testament" in 1704 and the monumental work was completed shortly before his death in 1714. Remembered as a caring pastor, a passionate lover of the Word of God, and a man of great personal integrity, Matthew Henry has left his mark on the hearts of countless Christians who seek a deeper understanding of the riches that Scripture contains. This edition of Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible uses the King James text and is abridged from the original six volumes while faithfully retaining all of the vibrant themes of that classic work. Everything here is in Matthew

Henry's own words and nothing relevant to today's reader has been omitted.

Highly regarded Old Testament scholar John Goldingay offers a substantive and useful commentary on Hosea through Micah and explores the contemporary significance of these prophetic books. This volume, the first in a new series on the Prophets, complements the successful series Baker Commentary on the Old Testament: Wisdom and Psalms (series volumes have sold over 55,000 copies). Each series volume is both critically engaged and sensitive to the theological contributions of the text. Series editors are Mark J. Boda and J. Gordon McConville.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Hermeneia

Growing Deep in the Christian Life

NIV, Value Outreach Bible, Paperback

Social-science Commentary on the Synoptic Gospels

The Gospels

The infancy narratives represent some of the most beautiful and intriguing passages in the Gospels. The stories they relate are also arguably the most well-known in the Christian tradition, from the child in the manger to the Magi pay homage to the infant Jesus. However there have been relatively few attempts to consider the stories of the Nativity from modern academic perspectives, examining them from feminist perspectives, political standpoints, in cinematic representations as well as more standard but up-to-date academic approaches. *New Perspectives on the Nativity* attempts to redress this providing a fresh insights on these crucial Christian texts from a cast of distinguished contributors. At the outset, Henry Wansbrough surveys scholarship on the infancy narratives since Raymond Brown's landmark study, *The Birth of the Messiah* (2nd edition, 1993). Thereafter, four chapters deal with Luke's infancy story. Boxall demonstrates how the narrative offers subtle foreshadowings of the passion and resurrection. Barbara Reid surveys Luke's portrayal of three female prophets (Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna), who prepare for the later presentation of Jesus as a prophet. Leonard Maluf suggests a new understanding of Zechariah's canticle (the Benedictus), by situating it firmly in its Jewish background. Finally, Nicholas King indicates how the "inn" of the nativity prefigures the later journey of the gospel message. The next four contributions are concerned with Matthew's narrative. Warren Carter shows how the conflict between the infant Jesus and the ruling powers is repeated more dramatically in the life and death of the adult Christ. Benedict Viviano proposes that the three stages in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus belong within a grand scheme of seven ages of salvation history. Bernard Robinson investigates Matthew's nativity story within the context of biblical

and Greco-Roman history-writing. Christopher Fuller highlights the carnivalesque approach to the Magi story in Pasolini's classic film, *The Gospel According to St Matthew*. Three final essays focus on the religious value of the infancy stories. Ann Loades reflects on late-20th-century poems dealing with the nativity. John Kaltner explores the references to Jesus' birth found in Islamic tradition. Finally, Thomas O'Loughlin argues that contemporary preoccupations with historical investigation can blind us to the mystery presented in the nativity stories.

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A Critical and Historical Commentary on the Bible

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The Complete Old Testament in One Volume

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New Testament