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The New Testament in Antiquity, 2nd Edition

A Survey of the New Testament within Its Cultural Contexts

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Interpreting Scripture across Cultures

An Introduction to Cross-Cultural Hermeneutics

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not to read can interpret Scripture faithfully.

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Hebrews - Teacher's Manual PDF

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Pillars of Faith - Teacher's Manual PDF

Zion Christian Publishers In his thought-provoking book Pillars of Faith, Dr. Bailey opens up our understanding of God's principles of faith. As we journey with him on the path to a more perfect way of faith, we are challenged afresh to enter into new realms of the Spirit where mountains are moved and faith becomes action!

The Comforter - Teacher's Manual PDF

The Holy Spirit

Zion Christian Publishers The Comforter is not simply another book on theology, but a very practical and useful guide for finding a pathway into the Spirit-filled and Spirit-led life. Those who desire to intimately know and experience the Holy Spirit will be blessed as they read Dr. Bailey's discussion of seven aspects of the Holy Spirit: The Person of the Holy Spirit The Ministry of the Holy Spirit The Seven Spirits of the Lord The Baptism of the Holy Spirit The Nine Gifts of the Spirit The Nine Fruits of the Spirit The Spirit-filled and Spirit-led Life

More Than Conquerors - Teacher's Manual PDF

Romans

Zion Christian Publishers For those who long to be more than a conqueror, there is contained within the pages of this thought-provoking study a precious hope and assurance of what God is able to do in the lives of those who yield to Him. Dr. Bailey's commentary on the book of Romans will enable readers to discover the richness of this masterpiece of Biblical literature and deposit within our hearts a hope and assurance that this same gospel of Christ can be established within our lives in order to achieve the ultimate goal - Christ in us, the hope of glory.

Life of Christ - Teacher's Manual PDF

Zion Christian Publishers Book Description Inspired by a series of visions given by the Holy Spirit, Dr. Bailey examines the pre-existence, birth and early years, ministry, crucifixion, and resurrection of Christ as seen in the four gospels. Throughout this work runs the sense of awesome love of the Father in Heaven for His only Son, who took upon Himself the form of a man, fully obeying the will of His Father, even unto the death of the cross. You will be encouraged as you see the fervency with which Christ lived so that we might have abundant life by living according to the pattern He set before us in His own life upon this earth.

Colossians and Philemon - Teacher's Manual PDF

Zion Christian Publishers Colossians and Philemon is an easy reading verse by verse commentary on those most blessed New Testament letters of the Apostle Paul. Dr. Bailey emphasizes the vital message of following the way to holiness as seen in the epistle to the Colossians, as well as the message of restoration in that a slave becomes a brother in the epistle to Philemon. This book will be enjoyed by those who seek to find the true pathway to the presence of God and the place of restoration whereby we can be called the sons and daughters of God.

Soldiers for Christ - Teacher's Manual PDF

Ephesians

Zion Christian Publishers Dr. Brian Bailey presents this commentary on the epistle to the Ephesians, which beautifully portrays Christ as the warrior King, clothed with the armor of God. This same armor is available to us by His grace so that we too may be victorious over the enemy. It is the author's prayer that the readers might enter into these beautiful truths that we might be raised up to "sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." (2:6)

Genesis - Teacher's Manual PDF

Zion Christian Publishers When Christ was asked questions He would often refer people back to the beginning, to the origin of the plan of our Heavenly Father for His creation. In his commentary on the book of Genesis, Dr. Bailey shows how it is vital to understand God's intentions from the beginning in order to understand God's plan for mankind as well as the many spiritual truths that relate to the life of the believer today.

David and Solomon - Teacher's Manual PDF

Zion Christian Publishers Studies in the Lives of David and Solomon is an insightful and illuminating journey through and important and critical era of Israel's history, the lives and reigns of the two great kings, David and Solomon. As you read through this exceptional composition of twelve sermons based on the lives and times of these two men, you will find on every page the Holy Spirit's power to convict, wash, and prepare God's people to rule and reign with Him as kings and priests.

The Journey of Israel - Teacher's Manual PDF

Zion Christian Publishers The study of Israel's journey from Egypt to the Promised Land is in reality a picture of the spiritual progression of a believer from new born babes in Christ to becoming mature fathers and mothers in the faith. Dr. Bailey will take you on a journey, where you will be given keys to attaining ever-greater heights in your relationship with Christ, until you come unto spiritual Mount Zion, and can say with the Apostle Paul, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

The Orion Center Bibliography of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Associated Literature (2000-2006)

BRILL This book presents the authoritative print bibliography of current scholarship on the Dead Sea Scrolls, Qumran, and related fields (including New Testament studies); source, subject, and language indices facilitate its use by scholars and students within and outside the field.

Women in the New Testament World

Essentials of Biblical Studies Modern readers of the New Testament often notice its varying ideas about women. Some passages encouraged women to be submissive and remain silent. Yet in others, women characters owned property, headed households, or spoke with approval. Women in the New Testament World helps readers understand this conflicting evidence. It argues that social norms of the time encouraged traditional feminine virtues. However, as Susan Hulen argues, women in the culture enacted these virtues in a variety of ways, including active leadership in households, associations, and cities. In contrast to earlier approaches that divided the evidence into groups that either allowed or forbade women's leadership, this book points to a tension that was pervasive across different groups and regions of the Roman world. Society widely viewed women as inferior to men yet applauded their active pursuit of familial and civic interests. Thus, it was not the case that some women led while others were silent; instead, women were praised for modesty at the same time as they exerted influence in their communities. Elaborating on this rich historical background, Hulen illuminates new possibilities in New Testament texts.

Social World of the New Testament, The

Insights and Models

Baker Academic The Social World of the New Testament: Insights and Models surveys essential contributions made by leading scholars of the social-scientific approach to New Testament studies. Including important essays by Bruce J. Malina and John J. Pilch, among others, this book acts as a comprehensive collection of the most important essays and articles in the field. Included are topics vital to the social scientific interpretation of the New Testament, organized under three headings: INSTITUTIONS • Kinship: All in the Family: Kinship in Agrarian Roman Palestine--K. C. Hanson •

The Patron-Client Institution: God in the Letter of James: Patron or Benefactor?--Alicia Batten • Economics: Jesus and Agrarian Palestine: The Factor of Debt--Douglas E. Oakman CULTURE • Honor and Shame: Loss of Wealth, Loss of Family, Loss of Honor: The Cultural Context of the Original Makarisms in Q--Jerome H. Neyrey, SJ • Purity: The Epistle of James in Rhetorical and Social-Scientific Perspective: Holiness-Wholeness and Patterns of Replication-- John H. Elliott • Social Location: Was Jesus a Peasant: Implications for Reading the Jesus Tradition (Luke 10:30-35)--Douglas E. Oakman • Social Location: The Social Location of the Markan Audience--Richard L. Rohrbaugh • Gender: Who Should Be Called "Father"? Paul of Tarsus between the Jesus Tradition and Patria Potestas--S. Scott Bartchy • Space: "Teaching You in Public and from House to House" (Acts 20:20): Unpacking a Cultural Stereotype--Jerome H. Neyrey, SJ • Healing: Healing in Luke-Acts--John J. Pilch • Evil Eye: Paul, Galatians, and the Evil Eye-- John H. Elliott • Limited Good: "He Must Increase, I Must Decrease"(John 3:30): A Cultural and Social Interpretation--Richard L. Rohrbaugh and Jerome H. Neyrey MODAL PERSONALITY • Modal Personality: Ancient Mediterranean Persons in Cultural Perspective: Portrait of Paul--Jerome H. Neyrey, SJ and Bruce J. Malina

The Cultural Context of the Old Testament

Jesus in an Age of Terror

Scholarly Projects for a New American Century

Routledge New Testament and Christian origins scholarship have historically been influenced by their political and social context. 'Jesus in an Age of Terror' applies the work of critical and media theorists to contemporary Christian origins and New Testament scholarship. Part one examines the influence of the mass media on the writing of contemporary biblical scholars, whose political views - as demonstrated in their 'biblio-blogging' - are shown to have striking similarity to the media's depiction of the 'war on terror' and conflict in the Middle East. Part two argues that the Anglo-American cultural mis-representation of Islam as the 'great enemy' has led New Testament and Christian origins scholarship to collude with intellectual defences of the war in Iraq. Part three examines the influence of the media's approach to Palestine and Israel on biblical studies, exploring the shift towards widespread support for Israel in contemporary scholarship.

Christianity and Depression

SCM Press It is now universally accepted that we are experiencing a profound mental health epidemic, and too often Christians have struggled to know how to respond. The need for the church to take mental health issues more seriously is urgent, and this is perhaps especially true when it comes to understanding depression. Offering a theological and biblical account of depression, this book considers how depression has been understood and interpreted by Christians and how plausible and pastorally helpful these understandings are. It offers an important and well-informed resource for those with, or preparing for, positions of pastoral responsibility within the Christian Church With a foreword by John Swinton.

Reading the Bible across Contexts

Luke's Gospel, Socio-Economic Marginality, and Latin American Biblical Hermeneutics

BRILL In *Reading the Bible Across Contexts* Esa Autero offers a fresh perspective on Luke's poverty texts. This is done through a critical dialogue between an historical reading and empirical readings by two Latin American Bible reading groups.

Themelios, Volume 34, Issue 1

Wipf and Stock Publishers Themelios is an international, evangelical, peer-reviewed theological journal that expounds and defends the historic Christian faith. Themelios is published three times a year online at The Gospel Coalition (<http://thegospelcoalition.org/themelios/>) and in print by Wipf and Stock. Its primary audience is theological students and pastors, though scholars read it as well. Themelios began in 1975 and was operated by RTSF/UCCF in the UK, and it became a digital journal operated by The Gospel Coalition in 2008. The editorial team draws participants from across the globe as editors, essayists, and reviewers. General Editor: D. A. Carson, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Managing Editor: Brian Tabb, Bethlehem College and Seminary Consulting Editor: Michael J. Ovey, Oak Hill Theological College Administrator: Andrew David Naselli, Bethlehem College and Seminary Book Review Editors: Jerry Hwang, Singapore Bible College; Alan Thompson, Sydney Missionary & Bible College; Nathan A. Finn, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; Hans Madueme, Covenant College; Dane Ortlund, Crossway; Jason Sexton, Golden Gate Baptist Seminary Editorial Board: Gerald Bray, Beeson Divinity School Lee Gatiss, Wales Evangelical School of Theology Paul Helseth, University of Northwestern, St. Paul Paul House, Beeson Divinity School Ken Magnuson, The Southern Baptist

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Ancient Worlds in Digital Culture

BRILL The volume presents a selection of research projects in Digital Humanities applied to the “Biblical Studies” in the widest sense and context. Taken as a whole, the volume restitutes the merging Digital Culture at the beginning of the 21st century.

Miracles

The Credibility of the New Testament Accounts

Baker Books Most modern prejudice against biblical miracle reports depends on David Hume's argument that uniform human experience precluded miracles. Yet current research shows that human experience is far from uniform. In fact, hundreds of millions of people today claim to have experienced miracles. New Testament scholar Craig Keener argues that it is time to rethink Hume's argument in light of the contemporary evidence available to us. This wide-ranging and meticulously researched two-volume study presents the most thorough current defense of the credibility of the miracle reports in the Gospels and Acts. Drawing on claims from a range of global cultures and taking a multidisciplinary approach to the topic, Keener suggests that many miracle accounts throughout history and from contemporary times are best explained as genuine divine acts, lending credence to the biblical miracle reports.

Translating the Bible Into Action, 2nd Edition

How the Bible Can Be Relevant in All Languages and Cultures

Langham Publishing When Jesus was born to Mary, God “translated” himself into our human world. This act of God’s translation continues today wherever the gospel is expressed, in each language and lived out in each culture that makes up our diverse world. Unfortunately, the church often ignores its cultural and linguistic diversity and, instead, imposes a dominant “language” and “culture” for expressing faith. This textbook seeks to challenge that situation. By identifying common barriers that prevent people from engaging with Scripture, the authors explore the ways churches can maintain unity in Christ and celebrate the diversity of their membership. Addressing a wide-range of relevant issues and using practical applications, this revised and updated edition re-establishes the importance of good, contextual Scripture engagement. A key resource in helping church leaders encourage people to communicate with God in their own language and to discover that Christ wants to make himself at home in their world.

The World of the New Testament

Cultural, Social, and Historical Contexts

Baker Academic This volume addresses the most important issues related to the study of New Testament writings. Two respected senior scholars have brought together a team of distinguished specialists to introduce the Jewish, Hellenistic, and Roman backgrounds necessary for understanding the New Testament and the early church. Contributors include renowned scholars such as Lynn H. Cohick, David A. deSilva, James D. G. Dunn, and Ben Witherington III. The book includes seventy-five photographs, fifteen maps, numerous tables and charts, illustrations, and bibliographies. All students of the New Testament will value this reliable, up-to-date, comprehensive textbook and reference volume on the New Testament world.

Beating the Bounds

A Symphonic Approach to Orthodoxy in the Anglican Communion

Wipf and Stock Publishers Using the form of the classical symphony as an analytical and critical tool, Sidney Green examines the concepts of orthodoxy and heresy and their historical development in the Christian church and applies those to the confessional approach of the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON). Using examples from history of the early church, the Reformation, and the contemporary emerging church, Green examines how the concept of boundaries and the exercise of ecclesiastical authority have been applied. Contemporary attempts to respond to the

postmodern paradigm producing a neo-dynamic view of orthodoxy, including radical ideas in the area of sexuality, are examined. Recognizing a dynamism in Anglican orthodoxy that is still very much alive alongside present attempts of conservative minorities to impose their view on the Communion--sometimes by very devious means--the distinctives of Anglican ecclesiology are discussed in the belief that ecclesiology is the outward expression of what theologically undergirds Anglican orthodoxy. Current attempts to bring harmony and stability in place of fracture and dissonance culminating in the suggestion of an Anglican Covenant are examined. Possible alternate ways forward are suggested centered on the primacy of love.

Essays on Revelation

Appropriating Yesterday's Apocalypse in Today's World

Wipf and Stock Publishers **The book of Revelation perennially provokes outlandish futurist predictions proven patently false over time. Such prophecy failures leave the inquiring mind with a strong sense that the book of Revelation is nothing but a hoax, safely ignored and without contemporary relevance. The inevitable practical result, not only for church members, but for their ministers as well, is a canonical book stripped bare of canonical authority. In this volume, six contributors collectively attempt to provide a path toward recononizing Revelation, reclaiming its authority and relevance through christological foundations. The result is a book not only useful in the collegiate and seminary classroom, but also for serious small-group Bible studies wanting to glean from Revelation something deeper than a fear of being "left behind."**

Pedagogical Theory of Wisdom Literature

An Application of Educational Theory to Biblical Texts

Wipf and Stock Publishers **How do you imagine the unimaginable or touch the untouchable? Through the characteristic use of teaching methods identified in Wisdom Literature, Adrian Hinkle discusses how religious training is described within the Hebrew Bible. Through her vivid discussion of the biblical texts, readers gain insight into teaching methodologies that stimulate new discussions and impact modern church leaders and educators.**

Feminist Expositions of the Old Testament in Africa (Tanzania) in the Context of the Office Held by Deborah in Judges 4 and 5

Logos Verlag Berlin GmbH **Both women and men were leaders since ancient times; however, few female leaders are reported. Deborah is one of the powerful female leaders during the ancient Israel. This work explored the feminist expositions of the Old Testament in Africa, with focus on the context of the offices held by Deborah as narrated in the book of Judges Chapter 4 and 5. The exegetical part shed light onto the role played by the female leaders among the Israelites. The feminist paradigms in Judges 4 and 5 demonstrate how female characters in these chapters construct a way to disagree with what seems to oppress women and deny their leadership capability. The findings of this study determine that gender should not be perceived as having an effect on leadership in general.**

Women in the New Testament

Questions and Commentary

Wipf and Stock Publishers **Bonnie Thurston examines the personalities, place, and power of women in the New Testament. She provides a cultural and religious context for them by briefly outlining the position of women in the Greco-Roman world. The aim is to reveal the ways in which early Christianity attempted to liberate people from oppression (particularly patriarchy), as well as to point out the places and ways in which the early Christian community compromised with the dominant society.**

New Testament Interpretation

SCM Press **The SCM Study Guide to "New Testament Interpretation", together with its companion volume on "New Testament Books", offers an up-to-date, accessible introduction to this fast-changing area of theological study. Aimed at level one students, it encourages interaction with the New Testament texts and provides pointers for further reading and learning. It covers the main areas tackled in introductory New Testament courses, such as the contents and diversity of the New Testament, how the texts came to be written and collected, their relationship to Jesus of Nazareth, and the nature of the canon. In particular, it introduces the main interpretative approaches used by scholars**

in an accessible way, avoiding unnecessary jargon, and helping the student apply them to specific New Testament passages, so is full of practical examples and accessible learning techniques for the beginner.

Revelation

Zondervan Academic Most Bible commentaries take us on a one-way trip from our world to the world of the Bible. But they leave us there, assuming that we can somehow make the return journey on our own. In other words, they focus on the original meaning of the passage but don't discuss its contemporary application. The information they offer is valuable -- but the job is only half done! The NIV Application Commentary Series helps us with both halves of the interpretive task. This new and unique series shows readers how to bring an ancient message into a modern context. It explains not only what the Bible meant but also how it can speak powerfully today.

Pillars in the History of Biblical Interpretation, Volume 2

Prevailing Methods after 1980

Wipf and Stock Publishers This two-volume set is part of a growing body of literature concerned with the history of biblical interpretation. The ample introduction first situates key players in the story of the development of the major strands of biblical interpretation since the Enlightenment, identifying how different theoretical and methodological approaches are related to each other and describing the academic environment in which they emerged and developed. Volume 1 contains fourteen essays on twenty-two interpreters who were principally active before 1980, and volume 2 has nineteen essays on twenty-seven of those who were active primarily after this date. Each chapter provides a brief biography of one or more scholars, as well as a detailed description of their major contributions to the field. This is followed by an (often new) application of the scholar's theory. By focusing on the individual scholars and their work, the book recognizes that interpretive approaches arise out of certain circumstances, and that scholars are influenced by, and have influences upon, both other interpreters and the times in which they live. This set is ideal for any class on the history of biblical interpretation and for those who want a greater understanding of how the current field of biblical studies developed.

Luke (Teach the Text Commentary Series)

Baker Books The Teach the Text Commentary Series utilizes the best of biblical scholarship to provide the information a pastor needs to communicate the text effectively. The carefully selected preaching units and focused commentary allow pastors to quickly grasp the big idea and key themes of each passage of Scripture. Each unit of the commentary includes the big idea and key themes of the passage and sections dedicated to understanding, teaching, and illustrating the text.

Truth in a Culture of Doubt

Engaging Skeptical Challenges to the Bible

B&H Publishing Group Truth in a Culture of Doubt takes readers on a journey to explain topics such as the Bible's origins, the copying of the Bible, alleged contradictions in Scripture, and the relationship between God and evil. Responding to skeptical scholars such as Bart Ehrman —professor at UNC-Chapel Hill and author of four New York Times bestsellers—this book is written for all serious students of Scripture and will enable you to know how to respond to a wide variety of critical arguments raised against the reliability of Scripture and the truthfulness of Christianity.

Ancient Israelite Literature in Its Cultural Context

A Survey of Parallels Between Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Texts

Zondervan This book surveys within the various literary genres (cosmologies, personal archives and epics, hymns, and prayers) parallels between the Bible and Ancient Near Eastern literature.

Global Bible Commentary

Abingdon Press The Global Bible Commentary invites its users to expand their horizon by reading the Bible with scholars from all over the world and from different religious persuasions. These scholars have approaches and concerns that often are poles apart. Yet they share two basic convictions: biblical interpretation always matters; and reading the Bible "with others" is highly rewarding. Each of the short commentaries of the Global Bible Commentary is a readily accessible guide for reading a biblical book. Written for undergraduate and seminary students and their teachers, as

well as for pastors, priests, and Adult Sunday School classes, it introduces the users to the main features of the biblical book and its content. Yet each short commentary does more. It also brings us a precious gift, namely the opportunity of reading this biblical book as if for the first time. By making explicit the specific context and the concerns from which she/he reads the Bible, the scholar points out to us the significance of aspects of the biblical text that we simply took for granted or overlooked. Need more info? Download Global Bible Commentary Marketing Brochure PDF Free Adobe Acrobat Reader! If any book demonstrates the value of cultural criticism and the importance of particularity in interpretation, this is it! Scholars from diverse social locations in every continent bring their distinctive context to bear on the act of interpreting. In so doing, they shed eye-opening light on the biblical texts. The resulting critical dialogue with the Bible exposes the oppressive as well as the liberating dynamics of the texts while at the same time showing how the Bible might address the social, political, cultural, and economic dynamics of our world today. This collection can change the way you read the Bible—scholars and students, clergy and laity alike. -David Rhoads, Professor of New Testament, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, IL Contributors: Daniel Patte, Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, USA. A French Huguenot (Église Réformée de France), he taught two years in Congo-Brazzaville, and “read the Bible with” people in France, Switzerland, South Africa, Botswana, the Philippines, as well as in the USA. 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A contributor to *Revista de Interpretación Bíblica Latinoamericana* (= RIBLA) and the *Movement of Popular Reading of the Bible*, he published 22 books, including three volumes on hermeneutics, *Exodus, A Hermeneutics of Freedom* (1981); *Biblical Hermeneutics. Toward a Theory of Reading as the Production of Meaning* (1987); *Hermenéutica Práctica. Los principios de la hermenéutica bíblica en ejemplos* (2002); three volumes on *Génesis 1-11* (1974; 1986; 1997), the last one, *Exilio y sobrevivencia. Tradiciones contraculturales en el Pentateuco*; three volumes on the book of *Isaiah* (1988; 1994; 2001), the last one, *Imaginar el futuro. Estructura retórica y querigma del Tercer Isaías* (Isaías 56-66); two volumes on *Religious Studies* (1994; 2002), the last one, *Experiencia de lo sagrado y tradiciones religiosas. Estudio de fenomenología de la religión* (2002). Rev. 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He is the author of several books including *A Commentary on the Book of Koheleth*, (in Chinese 1990), *Doing Theology with Asian Resources: Ten Years in the Formation of Living Theology in Asia* (1993, ed.) and *Interpretation of the Megilloth* (in Chinese 2003) and numerous articles including "Genesis One and the Plagues Tradition in Ps. 105," *Vetus Testamentum*, 40, (1990): 257-263, "Biblical Interpretation in Asian Perspective," *Asia Journal of Theology*, 7, (1993): 35-39, "The Chinese Creation Myth of Nu Kua and the Biblical Narrative in Genesis 1-11," *Biblical Interpretation 2* (1994): 312-324, "Cross-Textual Hermeneutics on Gospel and Culture". *Asia Journal of Theology* 10 (1996): 38-48 and "Biblical Interpretation of the Return in the Postcolonial Hong Kong," *Biblical Interpretation*, 9 (1999): 164-173.

Introducing the New Testament

Lion Books John Drane's 'Introducing the New Testament' has long been recognized as probably the most authoritative and accessible survey of the subject, both for students and for general readers. This classic work has been revised and updated, taking full account of recent scholarly developments and archaeological findings. These include areas such as the historical Jesus, the theologies of the four Gospels, and the role of St Paul in the transformation of Christianity from a first century Jewish sect into a separate movement that was to spread throughout the world. This authoritative text has now been further enhanced by the introduction throughout of full colour illustrations and photographs, maps and diagrams.