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### Home by Another Way

Biblical interpretation is a rational and spiritual process that attempts to understand an ancient inspired writer in such a way that the message from God may be understood and applied in our day. The spiritual process is crucial but difficult to define. It does involve a yieldedness and openness to God. There must be a hunger (1) for Him, (2) to know Him, and (3) to serve Him. This process involves prayer, confession, and the willingness for lifestyle change. The Spirit is crucial in the interpretive process, but why sincere, godly Christians understand the Bible differently is a mystery. The rational process is easier to describe. We must be consistent and fair to the text and not be influenced by our personal, cultural, or denominational biases. We are all historically conditioned. None of us are objective, neutral interpreters. This commentary offers a careful rational process containing four interpretive principles structured to help us attempt to overcome our biases.

**First Principle** The first principle is to note the historical setting in which a biblical book was written and the particular historical occasion for its authorship (or when it was edited). The original author had a purpose and a message to communicate. The text cannot mean something to us that it never meant to the original, ancient, inspired author. His intent-not our historical, emotional, cultural, personal, or denominational need-is the key. Application is an integral partner to interpretation, but proper interpretation must always precede application. It must be reiterated that every biblical text has one and only one meaning. This meaning is what the original biblical author intended through the Spirit's leadership to communicate to his day. This one meaning may have many possible applications to different cultures and situations. These applications must be linked to the central truth of the original author. For this reason, this study guide commentary is designed to provide a brief introduction to each book of the Bible.

**Second Principle** The second principle is to identify the literary units. Every biblical book is a unified document. Interpreters have no right to isolate one aspect of truth by excluding others. Therefore, we must strive to understand the purpose

of the whole biblical book before we interpret the individual literary units. The individual parts—chapters, paragraphs, or verses—cannot mean what the whole unit does not mean. Interpretation must move from a deductive approach of the whole to an inductive approach to the parts. Therefore, this study guide commentary is designed to help the student analyze the structure of each literary unit by paragraphs. Paragraph and chapter divisions are not inspired, but they do aid us in identifying thought units.

**Third Principle** The third principle is to read the Bible in different translations in order to grasp the widest possible range of meaning (semantic field) that biblical words or phrases may have. Often a phrase or word can be understood in several ways. These different translations bring out these options and help to identify and explain the manuscript variations. These do not affect doctrine, but they do help us to try to get back to the original text penned by an inspired ancient writer.

**Fourth Principle** The fourth principle is to note the literary genre. Original inspired authors chose to record their messages in different forms (e.g., historical narrative, historical drama, poetry, prophecy, gospel [parable], letter, apocalyptic). These different forms have special keys to interpretation. This Textbook offers a quick way for the student to check his interpretations. It is not meant to be definitive, but rather informative and thought-provoking. These principles have helped me to overcome much of my historical conditioning by forcing me to struggle with the ancient text. My hope is that it will be a blessing to you as well. Dr. Bob Utley

## **A Guide to Bible Study**

Who was Peter and what was his true stature in the early church? For Protestants at least, Peter seems caught between two caricatures: the rustic fisherman of Galilee and the author of two lesser New Testament letters. And in both cases he is overshadowed by Paul. In *The Life and Witness of Peter*, Larry Helyer seeks to reinstate this neglected and underestimated apostle to his rightful stature as an early Christian leader and faithful witness to Christ. Reconstructing Peter's life, theology and legacy from evidence in 1 and 2 Peter, the Gospels, Acts, Paul's letters, and texts from the early church, Helyer renders a great service for students of the New Testament. We are introduced to Peter the eyewitness who stands behind much of Mark's Gospel, Peter the preacher who lends deep credibility to the account of Acts, and Peter the letter-writer whose words glow with spiritual intelligence. Along the way we are rewarded with a careful analysis of prominent theological themes in Peter's letters. And we learn much about the traditions, legends and legacy of Peter in the post-apostolic era

## **Adorning the Word**

With an uninterrupted printing history since it was first published in 1939, this classic interpretation of the book of Revelation has served as a solid resource and source of inspiration for generations. Using sound principles of interpretation, William Hendriksen unfolds the mysteries of the apocalypse gradually, always with the purpose of showing that "we are more than conquerors through Christ." Both beginning and advanced students of the Scriptures will find here the inspiration to face a restless and confusing world with a joyful, confident spirit, secure in the knowledge that God reigns and is coming again soon. This edition features a newly designed interior layout.

## **More Than Conquerors**

### **Book of Ezra and Nehemiah**

B. B. Warfield, Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, learned and lucid as ever, presents the reformed understanding of the inspiration and authority of scripture. This edition contains an Introduction by Cornelius Van Til and appendices.

### **Christian Higher Education**

Torrey's New Topical Textbook is a reference book or concordance for topics found in the Holy Bible. It contains subject index guides to topics found throughout the scriptures. The work contains some 620 entries and over 20,000 scripture references. It was published long enough ago that the original edition is believed to be out of copyright, but the exact year of publication is not known from sources cited here. This compilation contains 621 words and has 151,049 cross-references. The reason for the high number of cross-references is that each word within a given definition is further linked to its own definition in this ebook, Torrey's New Topical Textbook, if such a definition exists. We have also included the King James Bible and linked the Bible references from the dictionary to the Bible and vice versa, through and through. What makes this publication stand out is the way we have added the cross-references, making it a great tool for you to enjoy.

### **New Testament Survey**

The Walking in Grace Commentary Series (WGCS) is specifically designed to serve all those seeking clear, concise biblical exposition. The teacher, preacher, student, and layman alike will appreciate its brevity and clarity-getting to the heart of the text without wasting words. The outlines and insightful applications are suggestive for both the pulpit and personal Bible study. Based on the conviction that the Bible is the inerrant Word of God, and absolutely sufficient for all that is needed to live to the glory of Christ, these expositions will encourage and exhort those who have set their heart to study, apply, and proclaim the truth.

### **New Covenant of Reconciliation: Reformed Theology Modified Through Covenant Understanding**

Step by Step Through the New Testament - Member Guide by Rick Mitchell provides a framework for understanding and interpreting the New Testament, and teaches biblical background material.

### **The Africans who Wrote the Bible**

### **Demolishing Supposed Bible Contradictions**

Most Christians in the Church in the West do not know about Ancient Near Eastern

(ANE) covenants, nor do they understand that the covenants God has made with mankind are based in form and function on ANE covenants and their governing principles of operation. Scholars and theologians know that the greater understanding we have of the historical and cultural roots of Christianity, the more accurately we can interpret the New Testament Scriptures. This work brings to the forefront of Christian theology some discoveries within theological fields of research and study that affects honest interpretation of the NT Scriptures. Such information demands dissemination throughout the grassroots levels of the Church, particularly for pastors, preachers, Bible teachers, and Christian academia. Understanding ANE covenants and their operating principles helps us to develop a more accurate and complete Biblical Hermeneutic and, more importantly, a more precisely tuned theology.

## **2-3 John & Jude**

"In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." --Matthew 2:1-2 This enchanting Christmas story by beloved author and preacher Barbara Brown Taylor follows the three wise men on their world-changing journey to Bethlehem. In this beautiful retelling of their adventure, Taylor captures the power of one very special star and gives readers a new perspective on the three wise men and their encounters with King Herod, Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus. Home by Another Way: A Christmas Story features breathtaking artwork from illustrator Melanie Cataldo and is perfect for gift-giving. Ideal for children ages 8-10.

## **The God Delusion. 10th Anniversary Edition**

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## **The People's New Testament Commentary**

The Old Testament prophets spoke to Israel in times of historical and moral crisis. They saw themselves as being a part of a story that God was weaving throughout history--a story of repentance, encouragement, and a coming Messiah. In this updated introductory book, each major and minor prophet and his writing are clustered with the major historical events of their time. Our generational distance from the age of the prophets might seem to be a measureless chasm. Yet we dare not make the mistake of assuming that passing years have rendered irrelevant not only the Old Testament prophets, but also the God who comprehends, spans, and transcends all time. In these pages, C. Hassell Bullock presents a clear picture of some of history's most profound spokesmen--the Old Testament prophets--and the God who shaped them.

## **The Fourfold Gospel or a Harmony of the Four Gospels**

In this volume the late Dr. Henry C. Thiessen ably sets forth the conservative view of the New Testament. "The author believes that the plenary inspiration of the

autographs of the New Testament is the only logical view that can be held by those who accept the true deity as well as the perfect humanity of Christ. He, therefore, approached his task with the reverence of one who accepts the Scriptures as the very Word of God." As a text, the volume has been widely accepted in seminaries and Bible institutes as an outstanding conservative introduction to the New Testament.

## **You Can Understand the Bible**

The world of Christendom is full of different churches and beliefs. Who are all of these groups? Where did they come from? What do they teach? Are they consistent with what God intended through Jesus Christ? A STUDY OF DENOMINATIONS is a handy guide for Christians as they strive to talk to people in their lives about matters of faith. It accomplishes this by exploring the doctrines of various Christian denominations and movements compared with the teachings of the Scriptures. It is divided into four parts: Part I - Discussions of denominations Part II - Various movements within Christianity Part III - Frequently discussed doctrines Part IV - Early movements in Christianity

## **New Testament Survey**

Before coming to grips with an individual verse or passage in the New Testament, Bible students and expositors must understand how it relates to the theme of the book. This nontechnical survey offers readers a working understanding of the New Testament by providing the theological tools necessary to synthesize biblical passages into themes. It incorporates historical and cultural backgrounds without becoming a book on manners and customs and deals with the actual text of Scripture without becoming a verse-by-verse commentary. Pictures, charts, and outlines aid comprehension. This classic text, which has served students well for many years, is now available in paperback.

## **An Introduction to the Old Testament Prophetic Books**

M. Eugene Boring and Fred B. Craddock present this new one-volume commentary on the New Testament. Writing from the fundamental conviction that the New Testament is the people's book, Boring and Craddock examine the theological themes and messages of Scripture that speak to the life of discipleship. Their work clarifies matters of history, culture, geography, literature, and translation, enabling people to listen more carefully to the text. This unique commentary is the perfect resource for clergy and church school teachers who seek a reference tool midway between a study Bible and a multivolume commentary on the Bible.

## **A Study of Denominations**

## **The Gospel According to ANE Covenant Understanding**

When hard times come and it seems God is deviating from the plan we assume our life should follow, we're more likely to want to tame God, not trust Him. It's then

that we begin to press into our ways and our own timing. No human can carry the weight of being their own god, but so many of us try. In this 6-session study of 1 & 2 Kings, join Lysa TerKeurst in Israel as she honestly reveals the places of distrust in her own heart while exploring the deeply applicable Scriptures that will teach us how to truly trust God. Features: Leader helps to guide questions and discussions within small groups Personal study segments with homework to complete between 6 weeks of group sessions Interactive teaching videos, approximately 15-25 minutes per session, available for purchase or rent Benefits: Identify and challenge doubts in the one true God. Explore how the Old Testament applies to our lives today. Learn to trust in the goodness and faithfulness of God.

## **Faith and the Faith**

This best-selling tale is based on the biblical figures of David, Saul, and Absalom. For the many Christians who have experienced pain, loss, and heartache at the hands of other believers, this compelling story offers comfort, healing, and hope. Christian leaders and directors of religious movements throughout the world have recommended this simple, powerful, and beautiful story to their members and staff. You will want to join the thousands who have been profoundly touched by this incomparable story.

## **Samuel**

This book is the printed form of a Doctoral Dissertation, the focus of the Paper is the application of Ancient Near East covenant principles to exegesis of New Testament Scriptures. This is an important work, for such application demonstrates many fallacies within currently held to Reformed Theology. Application of covenant principles to interpretation of New Testament Scripture is a more complete hermeneutic than what the Reformers had, and must be incorporated into the modern codified set of Biblical Hermeneutics. Because the New Testament is not a testament but a covenant modeled after ANE covenants, understanding what a covenant is and how a covenant operates is paramount to a more complete and accurate set of interpretative rules for comprehending ancient documents. This work is no less important to preachers, teachers, scholars and theologians than is Mendenhall and Trumbull's seminal work on covenants, Kline's work on covenant law, or Sander's work on the law.

## **Baker's Pictorial Introduction to the Bible**

Be Transformed this Advent Season! His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh. In *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*, best-selling author Adam Hamilton examines the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth. This Advent season church families will come together to remember what's important. In the face of uncertainty and conflict, Christians reclaim the Christ Child who brings us together, heals our hearts, and calls us to bring light into the darkness. Now more than ever, we invite you to reflect upon the significance of the Christ-child for our

lives and world today! Incarnation is a standalone book, but works beautifully as a four-week Bible study experience perfect for all age groups during the Advent season. Additional components include a comprehensive Leader Guide, a DVD with short teaching videos featuring Adam Hamilton, as well as resources for children and youth.

## **The Pilgrim Church**

E.H. Broadbent's book "The Pilgrim Church", originally published in 1931, is considered a modern classic. It provides a comprehensive history of the church from the apostolic age to the twentieth century through the prism of the New Testament church model. A must read for all students of church history, generalist and specialist alike.

## **What Did Jesus Look Like?**

## **Your Brain Has a Bent (not a Dent!)**

## **Introduction to the New Testament**

Ever wonder why you find some tasks exhausting and others energizing? Or why you procrastinate certain activities - or would if you thought you could get away with it? Or why your brain learns some skills easily and struggles with others? Or why you are singing from the same song sheet with some individuals and always out of tune with others? Or if the prevailing wisdom that your brain really does differ from all of the previous or current brains is not a myth? Brain-function research is shedding light on these conundrums. The emerging information can help you purposefully use your brain to enhance success, make choices about work or career that match better with your own uniqueness, effectively manage your brain's energy for brain longevity, and enhance your understanding of yourself and others. And all with delight and by design!

## **Dear and Glorious Physician**

A lot of time and money is spent by Christians who have a passion to spread the gospel. Across the globe, this effort is paying off as seekers find Christ, the source of truth and peace. In many cultures, though, appeals made on behalf of the Christian faith are met with blank stares, indifference, even mocking hostility. Ken Ham, one of Christendom's most astute observers of evangelism, is convinced that compromise with evolutionary world views has virtually crippled preaching and teaching efforts, especially in Western societies. In this truly bold book, Ham presents an ambitious plan to fulfill the Great Commission. A compelling writer and speaker, Ham deftly exposes the great flaws of Darwinism, and shows how compromise with this philosophy of death is killing the Church. By the jungle of tangled views of reality, and helps committed Christians see the path to effective evangelism.

## **The Life and Witness of Peter**

Our world is growing increasingly complex and confused—a unique and urgent context that calls for a grounded and fresh approach to Christian higher education. Christian higher education involves a distinctive way of thinking about teaching, learning, scholarship, curriculum, student life, administration, and governance that is rooted in the historic Christian faith. In this volume, twenty-nine experts from a variety of fields, including theology, the humanities, science, mathematics, social science, philosophy, the arts, and professional programs, explore how the foundational beliefs of Christianity influence higher education and its disciplines. Aimed at equipping the next generation to better engage the shifting cultural context, this book calls students, professors, trustees, administrators, and church leaders to a renewed commitment to the distinctive work of Christian higher education—for the good of the society, the good of the church, and the glory of God.

## **The Inspiration and Authority of Bible**

One in a series of twelve books by Gene Getz examining role models of the Old and New Testaments in situations relevant to modern times.

## **Why Won't They Listen?**

## **Trustworthy - Bible Study Book**

W. E. Vine's profound commentaries on the person and work of Christ in one volume. William Edwy Vine, author of the celebrated Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, was one of the great evangelical Bible scholars of the twentieth century. He brought to all his writings a level of exegetical care and precision that is rare in any age, ensuring his writings still speak to this generation and future ones. This volume of Vine's Topical Commentaries presents Vine's writings on the life and teachings of Christ.

## **Grace**

## **Christ**

Friede Taylor has lived a life that legends spring from. Born in Czechoslovakia during WWII, she was left to die as a child because of the deprivations of the war. A nurse took her family into her home and saved Friede's life by giving her transfusions of her own blood. A member of the dreaded Waffen-SS and a prisoner of war, Friede's father took his own life after the war, having never told her he loved her. She married a serviceman and moved to Georgia at 19. Following the suicide of her oldest son, she had an "open-heaven" experience that assured her that God would provide for and protect her. She was widowed after 30 years. God continued to move in Friede's life, eventually leading her to marry Jack Taylor after a brief courtship. She now travels and ministers with her husband around the

world. This is Friede's first book and it chronicles a life of purpose protected by God. Read Friede's story to be inspired to thrive, not just survive. God has a plan for you. Her testimony declares that a life lived by faith always overcomes! "Friede Taylor is a force to be reckoned with! If you have had the privilege to know her, you know what I mean. Once you read her story, you will know why. Sounding more like a Hollywood screenplay, this book shares the candid and personal account of how "one solitary woman" overcame intense rejection and horrendous loss only to survive and thrive, bathed in the glory of the love of God. This is the stuff heroes are made of. Set in one of the most tumultuous places on earth in one of the most horrific times in history, this book is the authentic account of a woman, wife, and daughter who has been watched over by her heavenly Father since she was born. You will be amazed and encouraged as you read how the Father can and will do the same for you." Tim P. Taylor, Author, Publisher, and proud stepson

## **Step by Step Through the New Testament**

The God Delusion caused a sensation when it was published in 2006. Within weeks it became the most hotly debated topic, with Dawkins himself branded as either saint or sinner for presenting his hard-hitting, impassioned rebuttal of religion of all types. His argument could hardly be more topical. While Europe is becoming increasingly secularized, the rise of religious fundamentalism, whether in the Middle East or Middle America, is dramatically and dangerously dividing opinion around the world. In America, and elsewhere, a vigorous dispute between 'intelligent design' and Darwinism is seriously undermining and restricting the teaching of science. In many countries religious dogma from medieval times still serves to abuse basic human rights such as women's and gay rights. And all from a belief in a God whose existence lacks evidence of any kind. Dawkins attacks God in all his forms. He eviscerates the major arguments for religion and demonstrates the supreme improbability of a supreme being. He shows how religion fuels war, foments bigotry and abuses children. The God Delusion is a brilliantly argued, fascinating polemic that will be required reading for anyone interested in this most emotional and important subject.

## **The Prophecy of Daniel**

Jesus Christ is arguably the most famous man who ever lived. His image adorns countless churches, icons, and paintings. He is the subject of millions of statues, sculptures, devotional objects and works of art. Everyone can conjure an image of Jesus: usually as a handsome, white man with flowing locks and pristine linen robes. But what did Jesus really look like? Is our popular image of Jesus overly westernized and untrue to historical reality? This question continues to fascinate. Leading Christian Origins scholar Joan E. Taylor surveys the historical evidence, and the prevalent image of Jesus in art and culture, to suggest an entirely different vision of this most famous of men. He may even have had short hair.

## **From Hitler's Germany to the Cross of Christ and Beyond: One Woman's Adventure**

by David Padfield. Volume 1. 27 lessons, charts included with each.

## **A Tale of Three Kings**

### **Torrey's New Topical Textbook**

The Bible is accurate and without error! Demolishing Supposed Bible Contradictions Volume 2 offers 40 powerful explanations to prove it. Biblical evidence disproves the toughest of critics while bringing to light the indestructible power of God's Word. Tim Chaffey, Ken Ham, and Bodie Hodge of Answers in Genesis highlight the answers to the debates aimed at destroying the authority of the Bible. Demolishing Supposed Bible Contradictions Volume 2 is a must-have reference for every believer who wants to have an answer to give to those who ask a reason for their hope (1 Peter 3:15). Join the battle armed with the sword of Spirit, the truth that will defeat the lies aimed for this generation and those to follow.

### **Revolutionary Bible Study**

#### **Incarnation**

This is one of the few truly inductive Bible studies for women by a woman. Its main focus is on helping the reader understand what the author was saying to the original readers, the starting point for all fruitful study of Scripture. This 10-week study covers all of Ephesians, is ideal for personal or group use, and is one of three such studies from Keri Folmar. These studies are meant to be written in, so they have lots of extra white space and are spiral-bound for ease of use. "With simple clarity, Keri Folmar guides us in learning to study the Bible she encourages us to read God's Word carefully, understand clearly, and apply prayerfully she encourages her readers to listen well to God's inspired Word." - Kathleen Nielson is author of the Living Word Bible Studies; Director of Women's Initiatives, The Gospel Coalition; and wife of Niel, who served as President of Covenant College from 2002 to 2012. "We have no greater need than to hear and obey and love the Word of God. Keri Folmar's Bible studies are specifically designed to help you do just that." - Gloria Furman is a pastor's wife in the Middle East, and an author.

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