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The New Interpreter’s Study Bible, following in the tradition of The New Interpreter’s Bible Commentary Series, provides biblical scholarship in service to the church. Over 60 leading Christian and Jewish scholars, such as Elizabeth Huwiler, Douglas Knight, and Ralph Klein, have contributed articles on biblical interpretation and commentaries for each book of the Bible and the Apocrypha. Throughout, the consistent emphasis has been not only to explain the terms and images of the biblical text, but also to highlight its theological meaning for early and contemporary believers.

To this end, the contributors to The New Interpreter’s Study Bible have recognized some biblical texts and themes that have been either problematic or of special spiritual significance to generations of both Jewish and Christian believers—texts that are anti-Semitic, derogatory toward women, or advocate genocide—as well as poetic texts extolling the virtues of human love, texts in praise of wisdom, and early Christian hymns. For such significant biblical texts, the authors have, in addition to their standard commentary, written special notes and excursuses to provide in-depth information and discussion.

Through this consistent emphasis on the theological meaning of the biblical text, the authors and editors of The New Interpreter’s Study Bible hope to make the ancient text alive, fresh, and relevant to today’s readers, students, and interpreters of the Bible.
The New Interpreter’s Study Bible is designed for the use of clergy and teachers in congregations, college and seminary classrooms, and other students and readers of Scripture. Its chief objective is to make biblical and theological scholarship readily available for those engaged in preaching and teaching in the ecumenical church: Anglican, Free Church, Orthodox, Protestant, and Roman Catholic.

—Dr. Walter J. Harrelson, General Editor from the Introduction

The introduction to each biblical book includes details about its scholarship, when and where it was written, and what was happening in the world at the time of its composition. Some introductions include information about how the book has been interpreted throughout the history of the church.

Following the introduction, an outline provides the structure for the commentary. Some commentaries will include additional subdivisions for the sake of clarity.
The contributors to *The New Interpreter’s Study Bible* include scholars representing diverse traditions, academic experience, and deep involvement with the church. They have been guided by an editorial team to develop an entirely new study Bible specifically prepared to meet the needs of all students of the Bible.

The commentary, or study notes, emphasizes the significance of the biblical texts for life and faith—not only for the text’s original readers but for contemporary Christian and interfaith communities as well.

Special notes call attention to texts and ideas that have been important in the history of biblical interpretation.
Excursuses, or brief essays, give more extended treatment to texts, themes, and ideas deserving special attention.

Nineteen full-color original maps have been placed at the end of the text.

The New Interpreter's Study Bible includes many of the features and helps found in study Bibles, such as maps, glossaries, and excursuses. In addition, The New Interpreter's Study Bible devotes considerable space to theological interpretation, concentrating on the texts' significance to life and faith.

The glossary provides the definitions of over 250 terms. Many definitions include the Scripture reference where the term appears.
The New Interpreter’s Study Bible is intended to serve readers who concentrate on the biblical text but who may wish, from time to time, to find help in understanding a particular word or theme or idea.

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