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Book Reviews



Patterson, K. P., Kelley, R. H., & Hotten, A. G. (Eds.). (2017). *Biblia de estudio para mujeres*. Nashville: Holman Bible Publishers. 1726 pp. \$39.99. ISBN 9781433613999

This study Bible presents the text of the Reina-Valera 1960 Bible, the most widely used Spanish version, and adds an extensive collection of study aids written by and for women. All of the editors and contributors hold advanced degrees from prominent Baptist seminaries and are well qualified for the task. Editors Patterson and Kelley also edited *The Women's Study Bible*, and while this book is not a translation of the English version, much of the material was adapted from that earlier work.

The study aids are well-organized and easy to use. Each book of the Bible begins with an introduction presenting its context, including a key verse, chronology, outline, and a brief explanation of the book's importance for women. Each book ends with a short devotional intended to help the reader to apply the text to her daily life. Throughout the rest of the text are the study notes, tables, maps, and concordance that would be expected in a study Bible, as well as explanations of doctrines such as spiritual gifts and the Trinity; discussions of difficult questions such as whether the Bible tolerates slavery and whether the wrath of God contradicts His love; word studies from the original Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic; profiles of women in the Bible, from major characters like Eve and Ruth to the unnamed servants of Caiphas; and essays on Biblical womanhood, covering topics like hospitality and beauty. Each of the special topics is presented alongside a related Bible passage, but an index also allows the reader to locate the topics independently.

While many of the special topics and devotionals are intended especially for women, many more of the study materials are gender-neutral and applicable to everyone. This would be an excellent resource for all Spanish-speaking Bible students, both male and female.

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