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Book Review



Longman III, T. (2022). *Revelation through Old Testament eyes: A background and application commentary*. Grand Rapids, MI. Kregel Academic. 351 pp. \$29.99. ISBN 9780825444739

The commentary is an application style exposition of the New Testament Book of Revelation. It is part of the commentary series *Through Old Testament Eyes*, which seeks to connect New Testament concepts to their Old Testament and/or 1st Century background and history. The structure of the commentary includes an introduction and outline of Revelation, a verse-by-verse exposition of the text, end notes, tables of analyses, and an index. Interspersed throughout the commentary are in-depth analyses of Old Testament themes (Through Old Testament Eyes), structural analyses (What the Structure Means), and detailed historical background (Going Deeper) that enlightens the reader's understanding of a concept presented in the text.

As an application commentary, Longman III focuses on providing insights into the text while providing limited critical analyses when he deems it necessary to help the reader understand a concept. Longman III's writing style is very accessible to the layman; however, sufficiently robust for scholarly application. Textual criticism (background, history, author, and date) is minimal, covering the basic facts without exploring alternate viewpoints. Longman III is very faithful to the commentary's main goal, which is assisting the reader with connecting the challenging imagery presented in Revelation to the historical context that Old Testament and 1st Century readers would have readily known. This connectivity helps remove much of the uncertainty and ambiguity that today's readers face when trying to understand this apocalyptic text. This commentary would be an excellent resource for the local pastor and the scholar alike. Tremper Longman III is a Distinguished Scholar and Professor Emeritus of Biblical Studies of Westmont College. He has written many commentaries for several prestigious commentary series.

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