

Understanding Christian Mission

Participation in Suffering and Glory

Scott W. Sunquist

This comprehensive introduction helps students understand contemporary Christian mission historically, biblically, and theologically. Scott Sunquist traces the mission of the church throughout history in order to address the global church, recovering missiological thinking from the early church for the twenty-first century. He presents Christian mission as our participation in the suffering and glory of Jesus Christ for the redemption of the nations and offers a constructive theology and practice for missionary work today.

Sunquist explores mission from a primarily theological—rather than sociological—perspective, showing that the whole of Christian theology depends on and feeds into mission. He emphasizes the trinitarian nature of mission and highlights the role of the Holy Spirit. Sunquist views spirituality as the foundation for all mission involvement, for mission practice springs from spiritual formation. *Understanding Christian Mission* will be useful to seminary-level students as well as pastors and mission committees.

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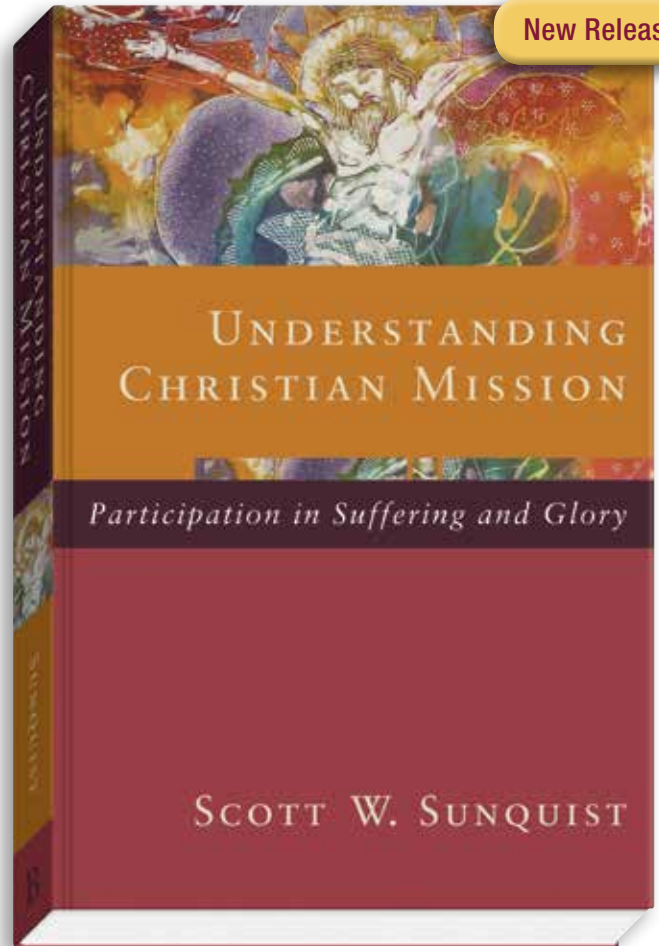
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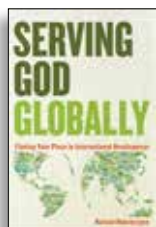
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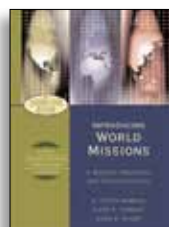
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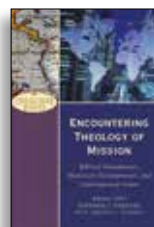
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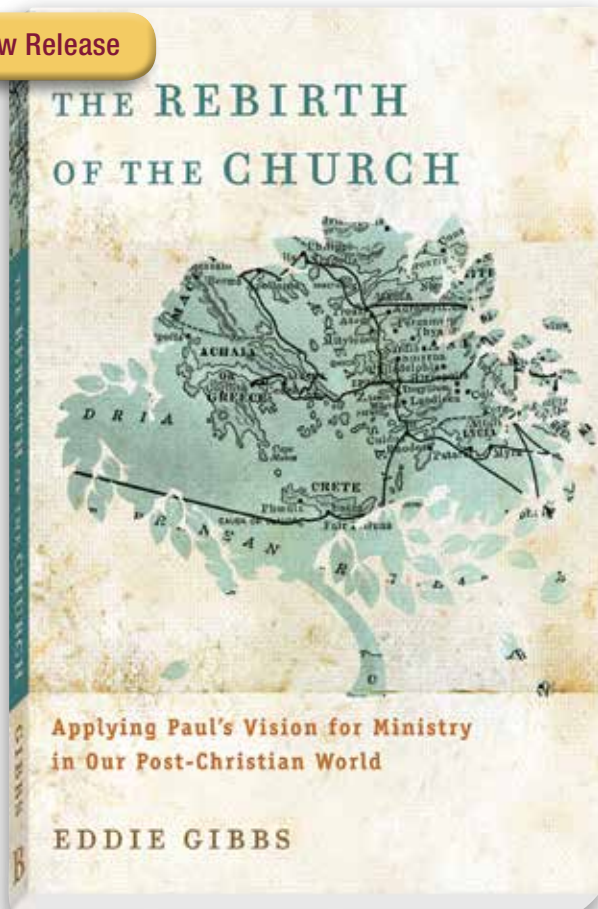


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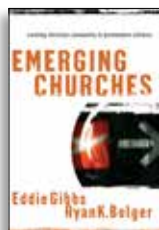
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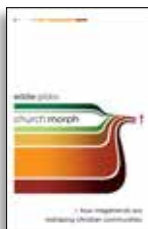
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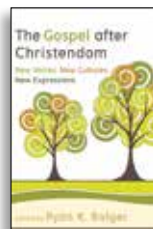
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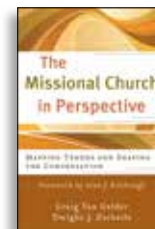
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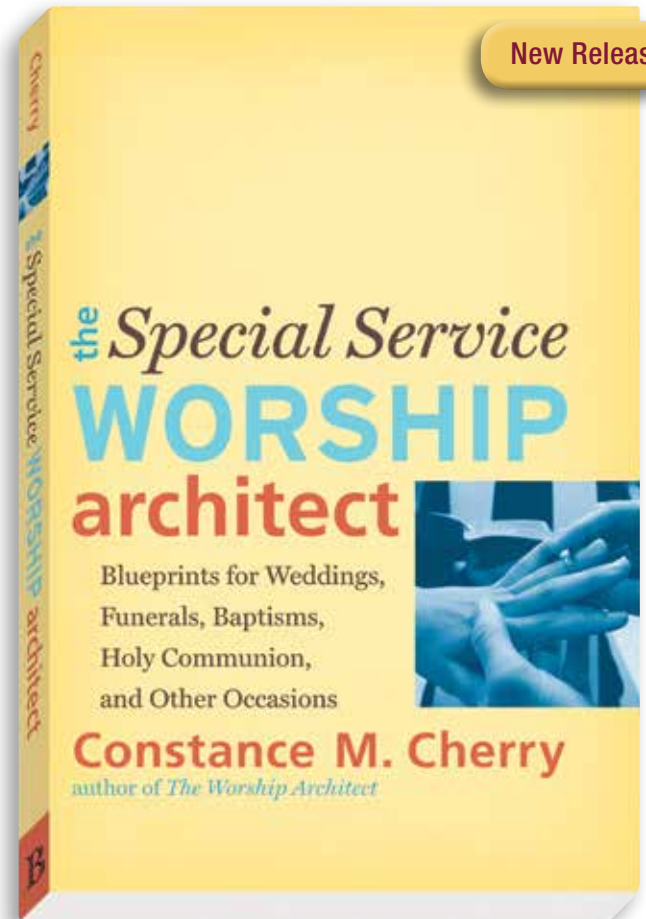
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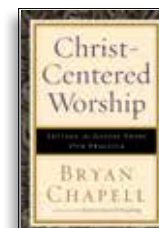
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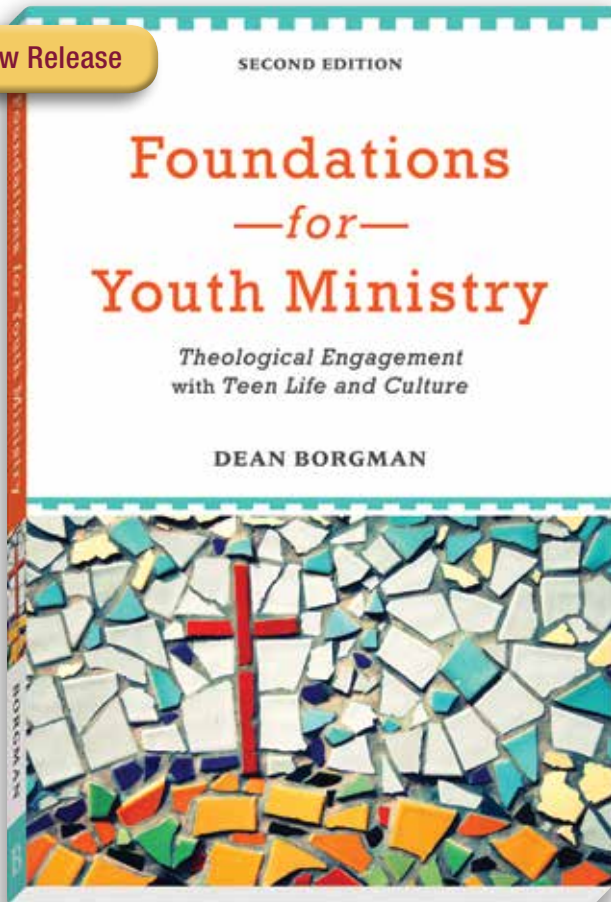


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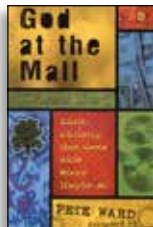
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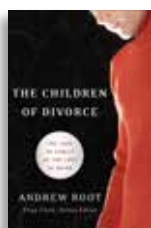
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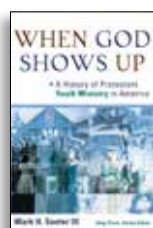
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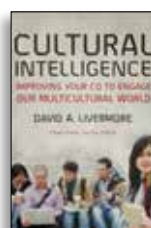
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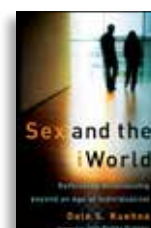
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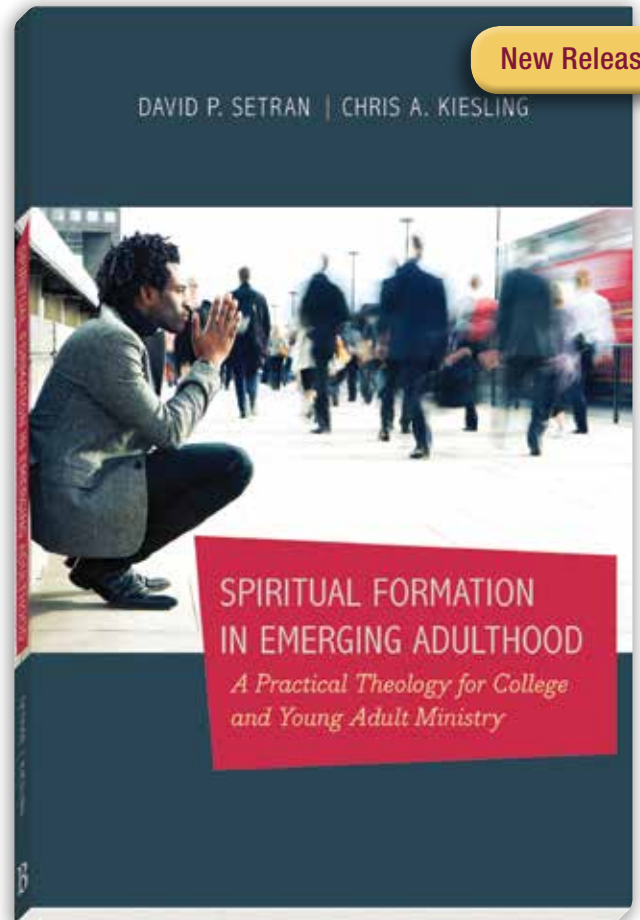
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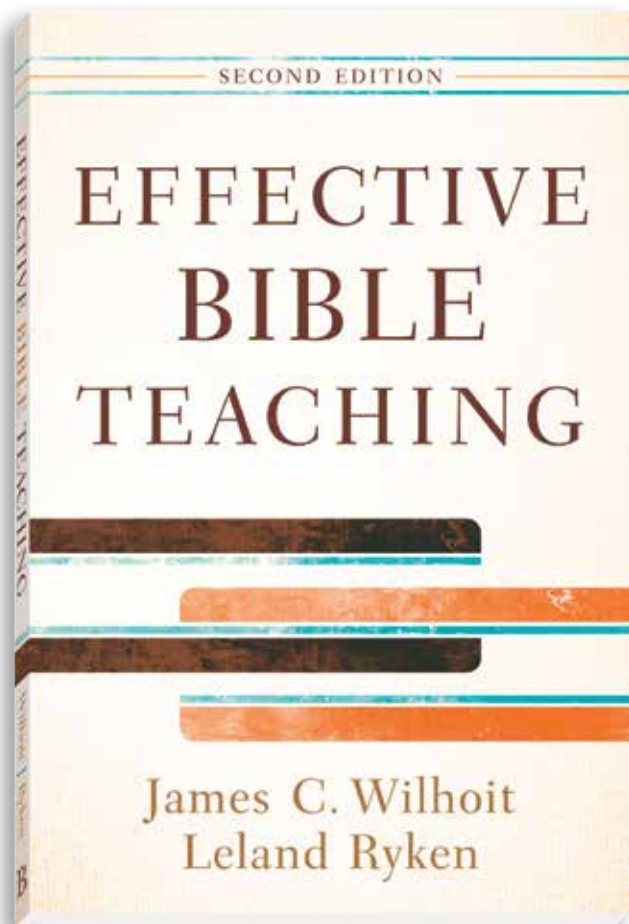
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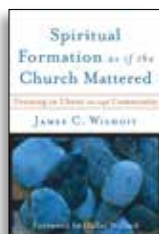


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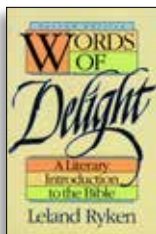
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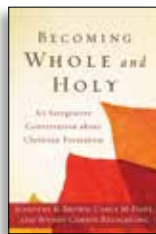
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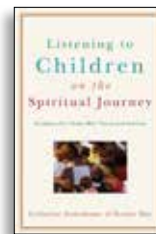
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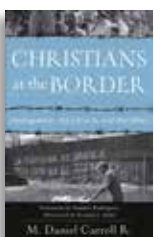
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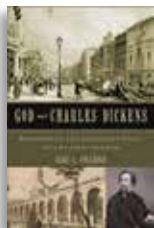


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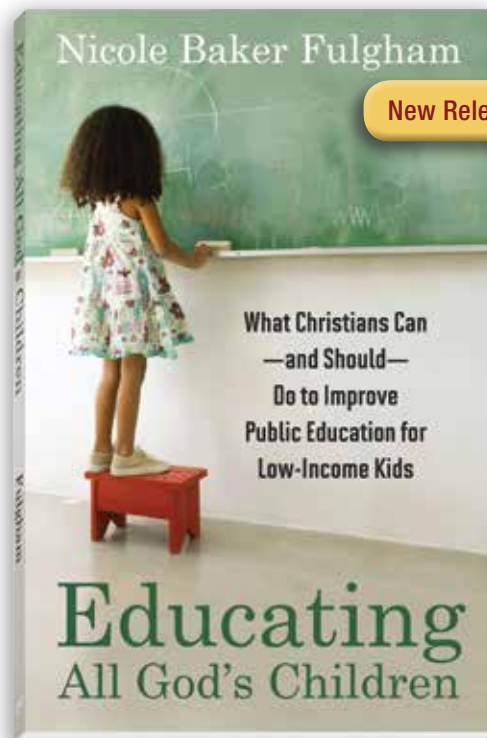
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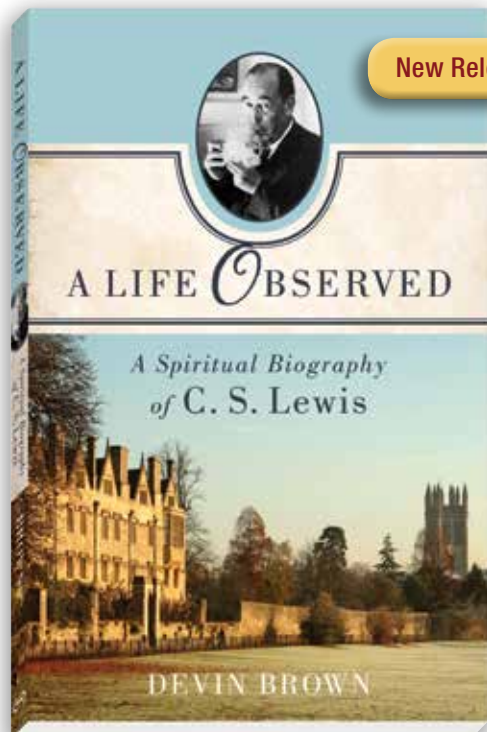


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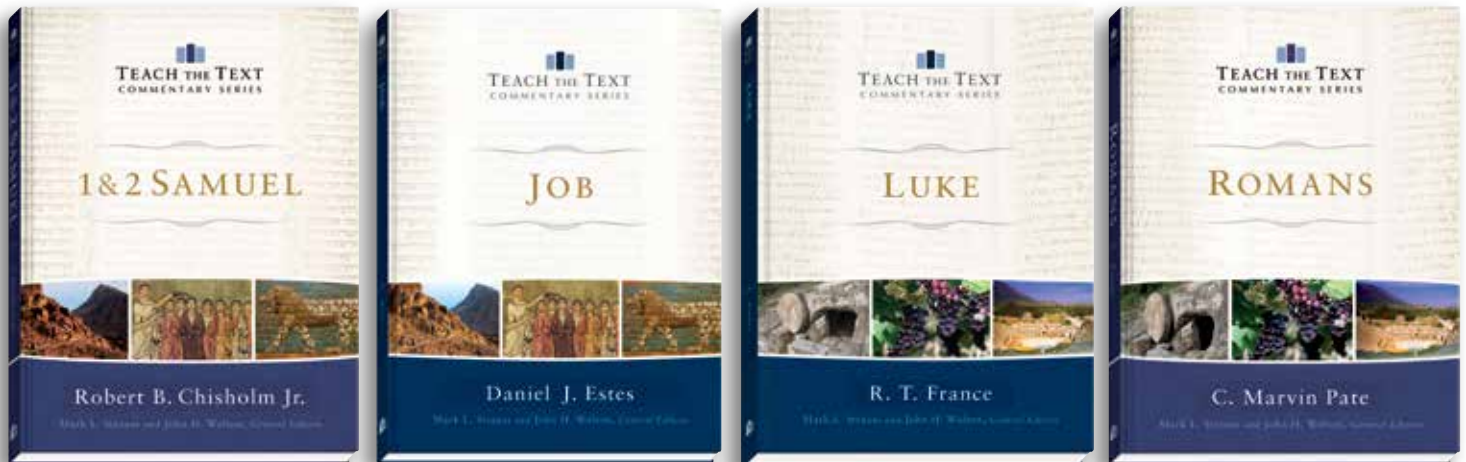
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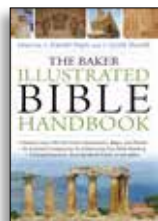
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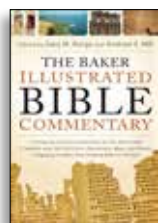
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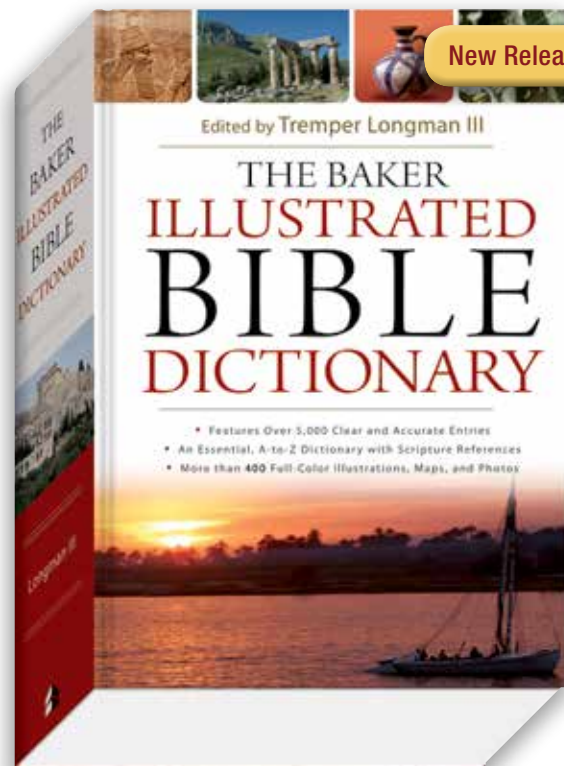
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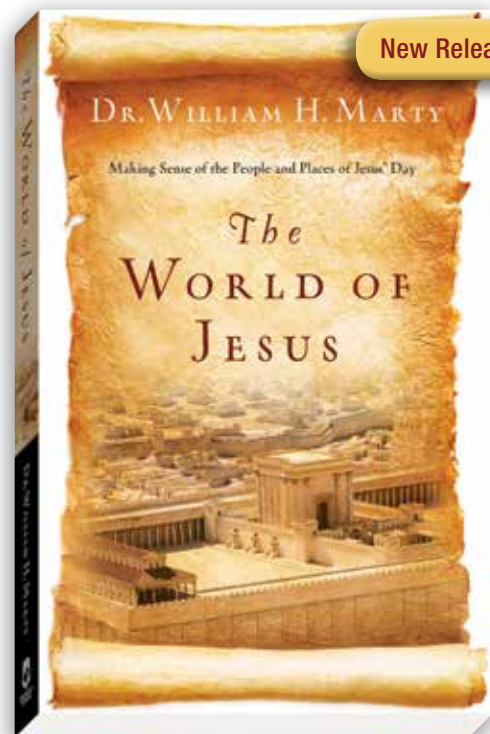


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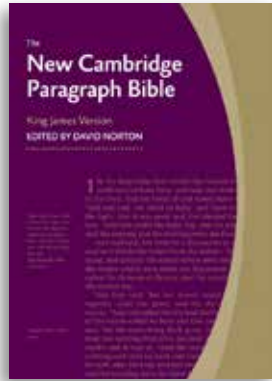
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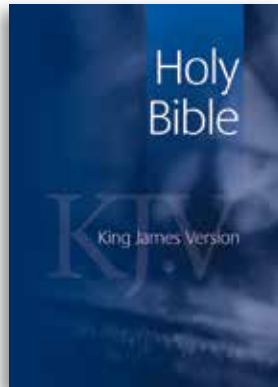
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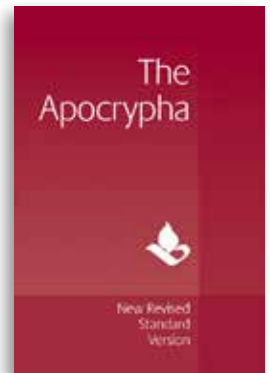
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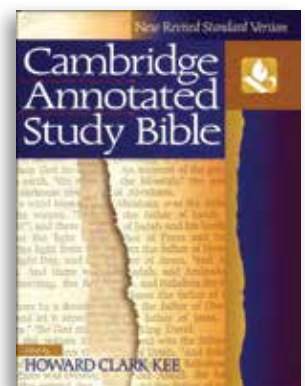
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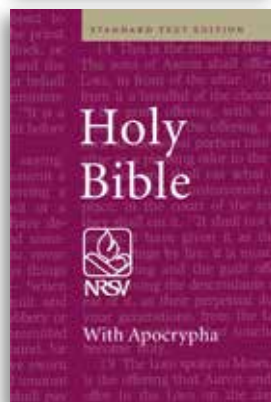


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