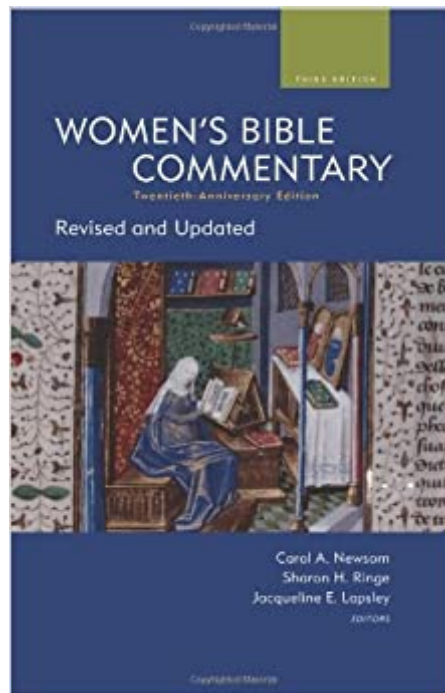


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# Women's Bible Commentary, Third Edition: Revised And Updated



## Synopsis

The Women's Bible Commentary is a trusted, classic resource for biblical scholarship, written by some of the best feminist scholars in the field today. This twentieth anniversary edition features brand new or thoroughly revised essays to reflect newer thinking in feminist interpretation and hermeneutics. It comprises commentaries on every book of the Bible, including the apocryphal books; essays on the reception history of women in the Bible; and essays on feminist critical method. The contributors raise important questions and explore the implications of how women and other marginalized people are portrayed in biblical texts, looking specifically at gender roles, sexuality, political power, and family life, while challenging long-held assumptions. This commentary brings modern critical methods to bear on the history, sociology, anthropology, and literature of the relevant time periods to illuminate the context of these biblical portrayals and challenges readers to new understandings.

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"With this edition of the Women's Bible Commentary, the blessings of feminist mothers and their offspring are visited upon readers unto the third generation. Interpretive essays in reception history alongside reliable introductions to canonical and deuterio-canonical texts provide varieties of voices, views, and values that can serve well lay groups and the academic community."Phyllis Trible, Baldwin Professor of Sacred Literature Emerita, Union Theological Seminary"The Women's Bible Commentary has established itself as an important reference point in the on-going work of

hermeneutics. This new, greatly expanded edition is most welcome, as it takes seriously the noticeable changes that have occurred in scholarship generally and in interpretation more specifically. As feminism has moved into new questions and perspectives, taking post-colonial issues into account, this volume reflects more recent interpretive practices. Readers will be glad for the added material concerning specific women in the text. This volume will let us all become more aware of our interpretive commitments that are, from time to time, assets and/or liabilities." Walter Brueggemann, Professor Emeritus of Old Testament, Columbia Theological Seminary

"This third edition of the widely known and used Women's Bible Commentary makes a classic work even better. Some articles were retained and revised. Others were replaced in order to give voice to younger women scholars. The new edition also recognizes and demonstrates the hermeneutical significance of sexual identity, the analysis of masculinity, and post-colonial positioning. Another important new feature is the inclusion of essays reflecting the rise of reception history. Thirteen essays sketch the interpretation of significant female figures from the Bible and one discusses women as interpreters in the pre-twentieth century period. This book should be recommended, if not required, in all courses on the Bible." Adela Yarbro Collins, Buckingham Professor of New Testament Criticism and Interpretation, Yale Divinity School

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The Women's Bible Commentary has been on recommended and required reading lists for all the bible work I've done in seminary so far. I have read only a few entries so far but I think this is one of the best bible commentaries I've come across and would highly recommend it to all theological students as well as anyone who takes modern interpretation seriously. If you are a literalist who thinks the King James Version is without error, this is probably not the one for you. But if you (whether woman or man) believe that the Bible is the living word that speaks to all of us, and that scholarship by womanist and feminist scholars deserves to be heard loud and clear, you'd be doing

yourself a favor to by this one. These are simply some of the best scholars working today. They are not only historically and theologically sound, but their responses to these texts capture the richness of these texts in both creative and practical ways. There is nothing intentionally dark about this commentary. The Bible is meant to be challenging, and not merely a book to make us feel good about ourselves. If we are to take it seriously, and with respect to the rich contexts in it, we can't whitewash it. So far I am very impressed with the Kindle version, and would highly recommend it to those that prefer e-books.

Good feminine commentary from a contemporary context. I wish it were more comprehensive and covered more individual passages rather than summarize chapters in some areas of the text. Still glad I purchased it and I consult it and my most favorite commentary source (New Interpreter's Bible Commentaries 10 Volume set) for almost every sermon I craft.

Of course, this isn't the kind of book one reads in a single setting. I have graduate corticated women's studies. To receive a Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies, students are required to compete a bibliography of 30 books. My choice was Feminist Theology. The professors in the Women's Studies were clueless in this field of study. They weren't interested in Christianity, because they had been soured by Paul's writings about women's place in the church. I also completed a course in Teaching for Social Justice, and again my choice was Feminist Theology. In my research I learned much about this subject, but not as much as I would have liked. The editors if this Bible collected writings from many, many experts of feminism and theologians that makes this Bible an all-embracing version of the Bible. I highly recommend the Women's Bible Commentary for women searching women's the historical role of women in the Bible and church, and the place of women in Christianity today.

As a male minister, this book stays on my desk. It is one of the first places I do when I set off to prepare a sermon, lecture, talk, paper, or bible study.

A great resource for anyone who takes their biblical study seriously. This resource gives the reader a perspective that is often lost in a field that is primarily dominated by males.

I really appreciate the added dimension this commentary provides in viewing scripture through a different lens. Scripture study is not only the study what is written but what is omitted as well.

Great for a different perspective.

Awesome

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