

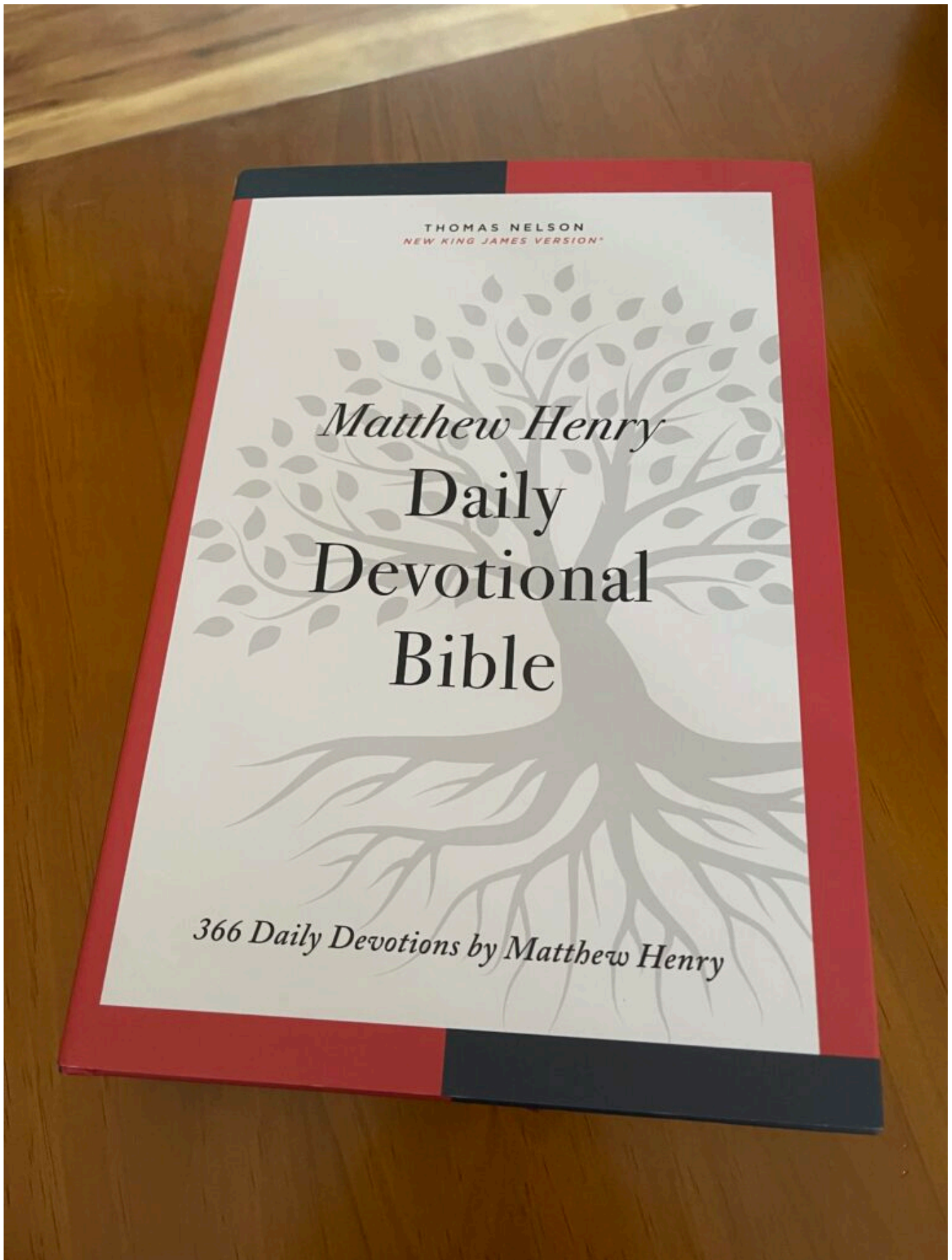
Review: Matthew Henry Daily Devotional Bible

I am a member of the Bible Gateway Blogger Grid (BG²). As a #BibleGatewayPartner, I have received a copy of the [“Matthew Henry Daily Devotional Bible – NKJV Translation”](#) published by Thomas Nelson Publishers at no cost to me in exchange for an honest review here on the Adonai Shalom USA blog. #BG²

[“Matthew Henry Daily Devotional Bible” \(NKJV Translation\)](#)

Book Review and Description

The [Matthew Henry Daily Devotional Bible – NKJV](#) contains the entirety of the Scriptural text in the New King James Version Bible translation along with devotional passages drawn from Matthew Henry’s commentaries, which are interspersed throughout the text.



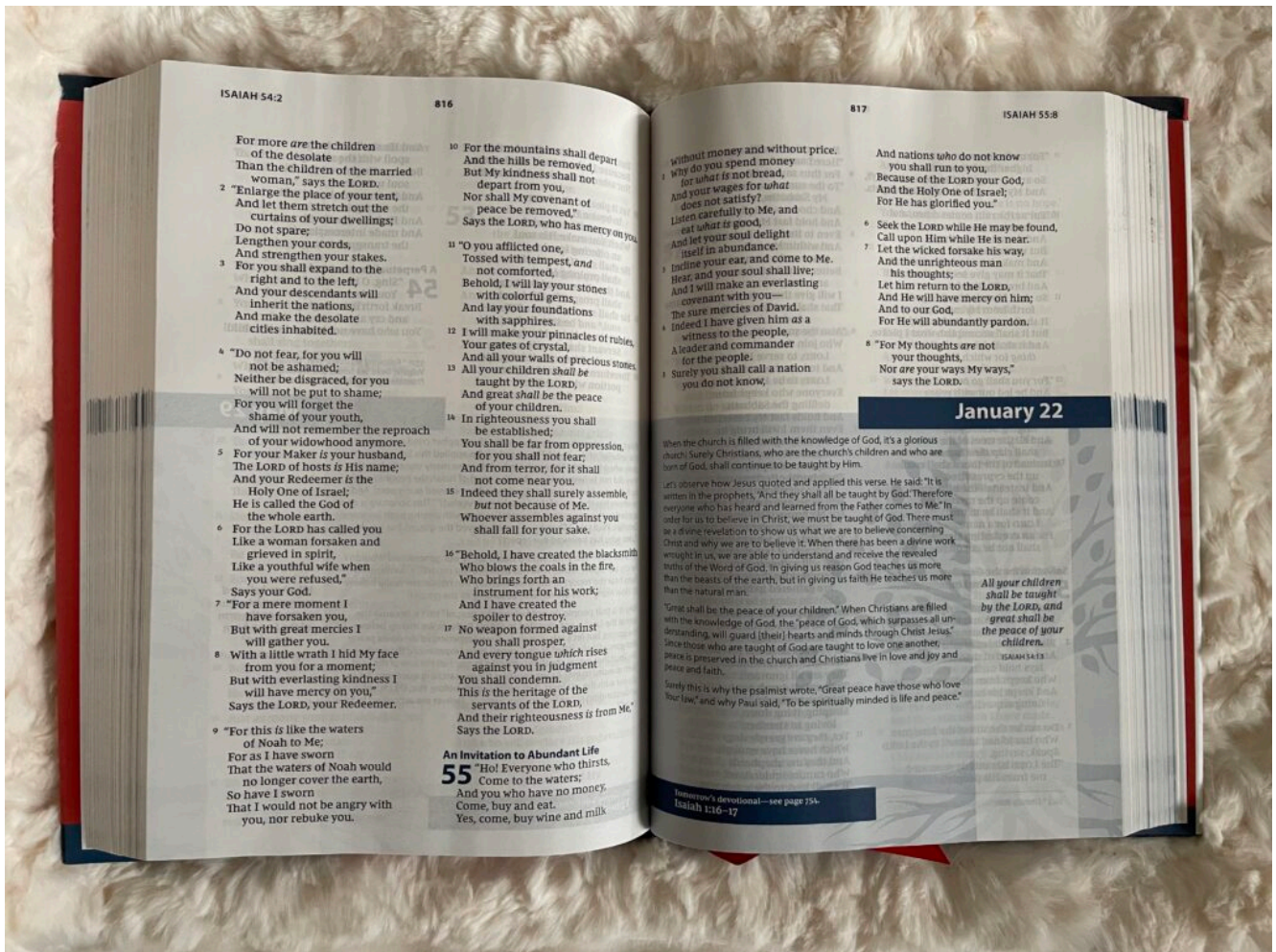
Matthew Henry Daily Devotional Bible: 366 Daily Devotions by Matthew Henry

The introduction to this devotional Bible gives detail about Matthew Henry's life. According to the introduction written by

Philip Nation, Henry was a 17th century Presbyterian pastor in England. Nation shares background about some of Henry's struggles, such as frequent childhood illness, loss of his wife and four of his infant children. Henry consistently turned to God's Word as a source of comfort, making this devotional appropriate to any who likewise seek to draw encouragement and comfort from the Holy Scriptures.

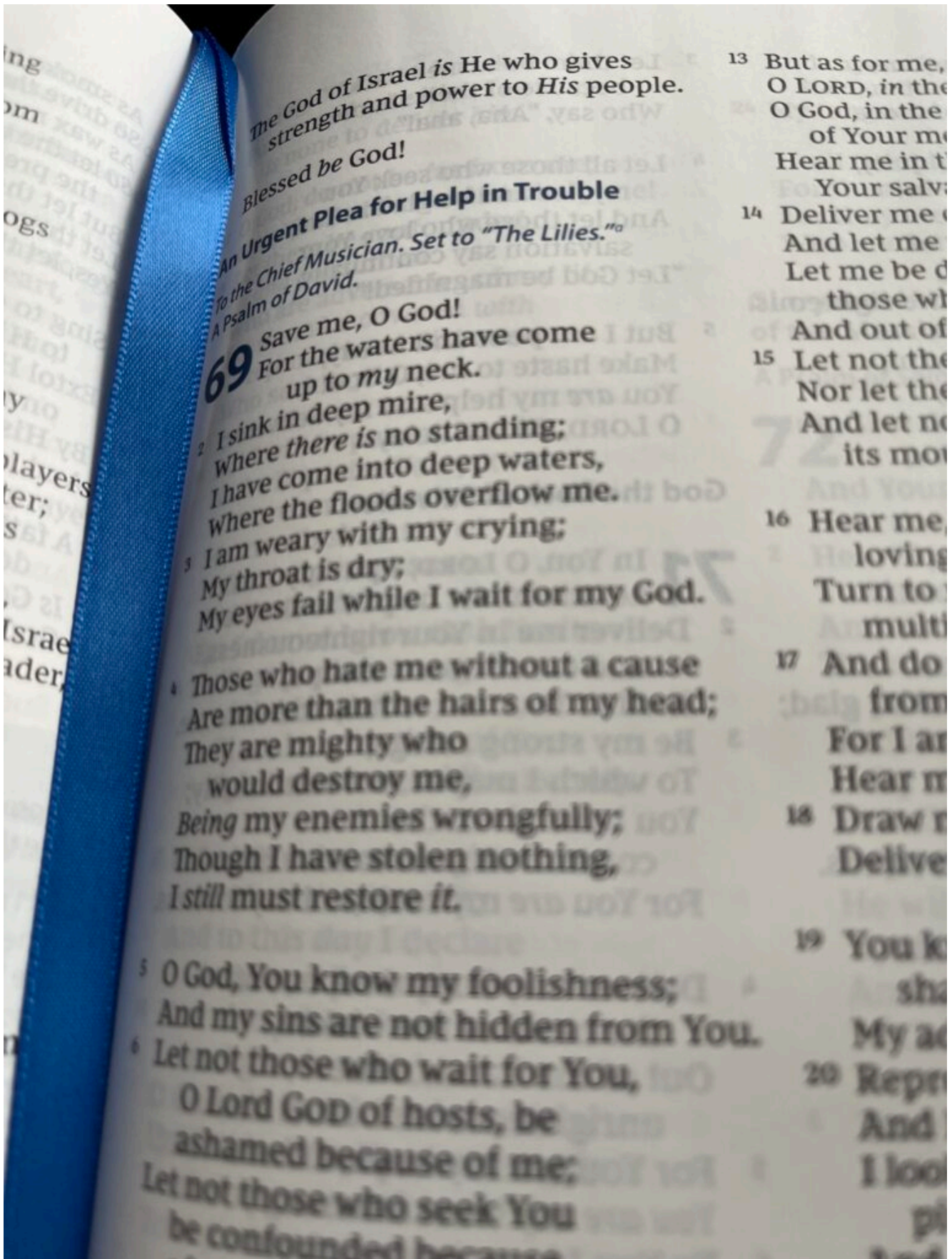
Matthew Henry is well known to many for his numerous and thoughtful commentaries on Scripture. Many of us have relied on his thoughtful analysis of Scripture whether as students or as pastors. Because of my familiarity with Matthew Henry's commentaries, I assumed this Bible would contain *commentary*, rather than devotional material – more of a “study Bible.”

The devotions in the [Matthew Henry Daily Devotional Bible](#) relate to the passage on the corresponding page, and they are dated for anyone who would enjoy following a devotional reading plan.



Matthew Henry Daily Devotional Bible

You will find the next day's devotion listed at the bottom of the page, so you can place one of the two satin bookmarks there, ready for the next day, if you would like.



The God of Israel is He who gives strength and power to His people.
Blessed be God!

An Urgent Plea for Help in Trouble
To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Lilies."^a
A Psalm of David.

69 Save me, O God!
For the waters have come up to my neck.

2 I sink in deep mire,
Where there is no standing;
I have come into deep waters,
Where the floods overflow me.

3 I am weary with my crying;
My throat is dry;
My eyes fail while I wait for my God.

4 Those who hate me without a cause
Are more than the hairs of my head;
They are mighty who would destroy me,
Being my enemies wrongfully;
Though I have stolen nothing,
I still must restore it.

5 O God, You know my foolishness;
And my sins are not hidden from You.

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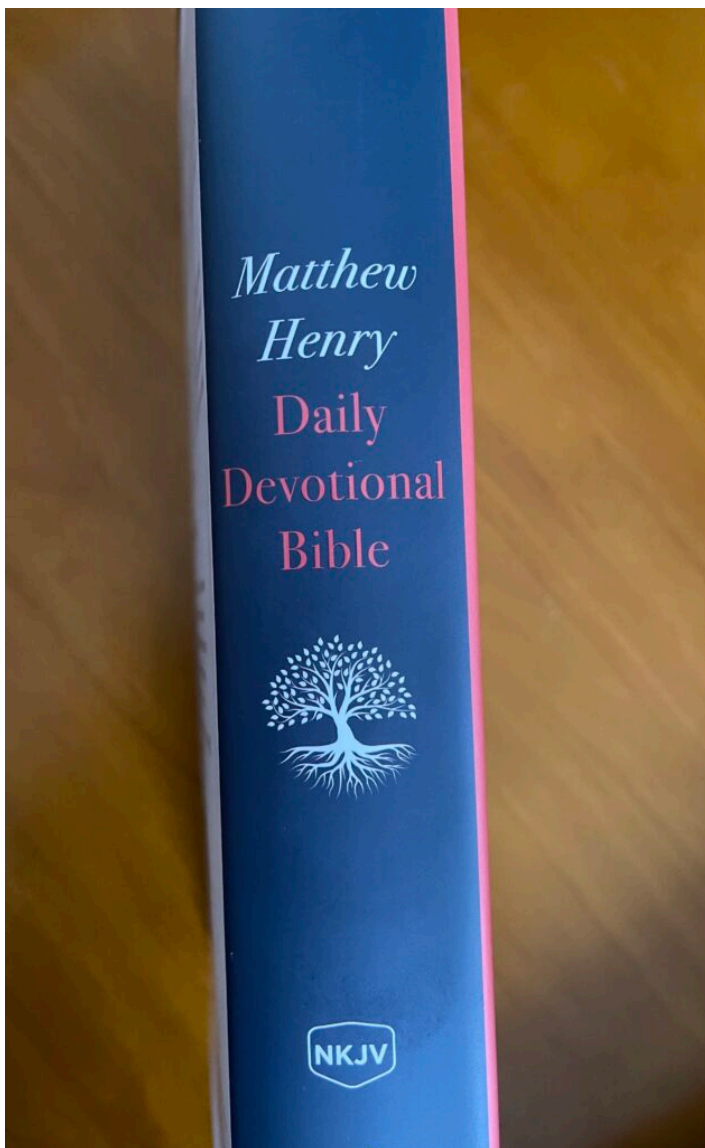
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With this format, one could easily find another interesting

passage to read along with the day's devotional, so I actually like the fact the devotions are spread throughout the Bible rather than arranged in a more traditional format. This allows the reader to spend time prayerfully in the Word and invite the Ruach haKodesh (the Holy Spirit) to truly guide one's reading and devotional time.

A Devotional Bible



Matthew Henry Daily Devotional Bible (NKJV)

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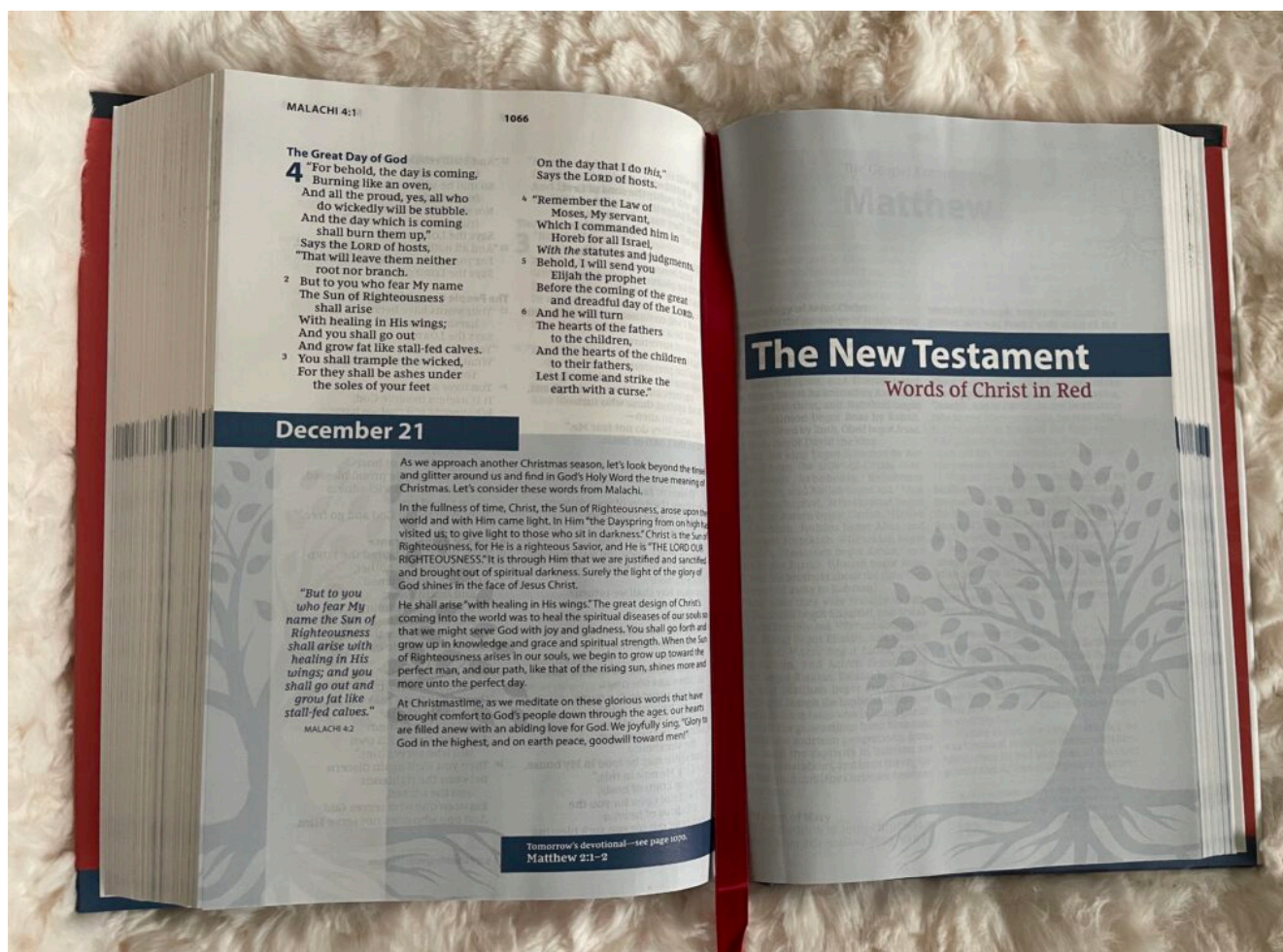
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For anyone interested in a “devotional” *introduction* to Matthew Henry, this Bible will be very appropriate. It is less scholarly than jumping straight into his Bible commentaries. I could see this being an excellent gift for a young person going off to college or someone considering vocational ministry.

It is important to note that the [Matthew Henry Daily Devotional Bible](#) is aptly named and is not a Bible commentary nor a Study Bible. It is strictly intended as a devotional Bible.

The [Matthew Henry Daily Devotional Bible](#) can encourage any of

us to put away the study Bibles for a moment and just focus our attention in a devotional format. With all the apps and electronic means of accessing the Scripture, having an actual book to hold and look through can help us slow down and focus on our personal devotional life with our Heavenly Father rather than studying all the time! The devotions in this Bible are Scripturally-based and free of distraction.



My recommendation:

★★★★★

Rating: 5 out of 5.

My initial reaction was to give the [Matthew Henry Daily Devotional Bible](#) 4 out of 5 stars, but the more I thought about the **purpose** of this non-study Bible, I decided it is worth **5 out of 5**.

This Bible does not purport to give commentary nor to serve as a study Bible. It is intended as a devotional Bible, and it serves that purpose very well. I highly recommend this Devotional Bible to anyone seeking a devotional that can be used all year, and reused every year if desired.

Pastora Jennifer Mieliulis Fuentes, *M.Div., Duke University*

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Review: “Eternity Now: The New Testament Series” (NET)

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[“Eternity Now: The New Testament Series” \(New English Translation](#)

The [“Eternity Now: New Testament Series”](#) comes as a boxed set of five books. Each cover is appealing and each title captures the essence of the New Testament books contained within them. The titles are creative but remain theologically appropriate. I was particularly struck by the [“Now but not Yet”](#) title for John’s writings because it reminded me of one of my seminary professors who always reminded us of this aspect of John’s record. To me, this suggests **accuracy and faithfulness to the original texts** while tastefully displaying the creativity of those who compiled this series.



“Eternity Now: The New Testament Series” set of 5 books

The New English Translation (NET)

Of note, the Bible version used here is the *NET*, the *New English Translation*. This is a fairly recent translation, completed in 2019. The translators’ aim according to the series’ note to the reader was to “creat[e] an English Bible translation that could overcome old challenges and boldly open the door for new possibilities.”

I’m assuming the “challenges” may refer to moving beyond the archaic language of the *King James Version*, but I am unsure as to of what exactly consistent the “new possibilities” hoped for by the translators. It seems to me that the *New English Translation* seeks a more vernacular tone making it easier for modern readers to understand without losing accuracy.

In each book, a letter to the reader explains more about the NET translation. One thing that I found particularly interesting was this claim: “Throughout the NET’s translation process, every working draft was made publicly available on the Internet. Bible scholars, ministers, and laypersons from around the world logged millions of review sessions. No other translation is so openly accountable to the worldwide church

or has been so thoroughly vetted” ([Eternity Now, viii](#)). Additionally, the NET allows ministries to use the translation freely due to “ministry-first copyright innovations” ([Eternity Now, x](#)).

That really is very unique and an awesome use of modern technology for the sake of the Gospel!

Book Review and Description

The [“Eternity Now”](#) series is a compilation of all of the books of the New Testament/*B’rit Chadashah* arranged in a manner making it read more like a novel. This book set would be a wonderful gift idea for a young person in your life who might not otherwise read the Bible.



“Eternity Now: The New Testament Series” New English

Translation

Each book contains the writings of the New Testament, still divided into chapters, but verse number superscripts are left out. Again, this makes the text read more like a novel than a traditional Bible, but the Biblical text remains the same and has not been altered. This series would perhaps not be appropriate for traditional "study" due to the lack of verse number indicators, but would work well for any type of personal devotional.



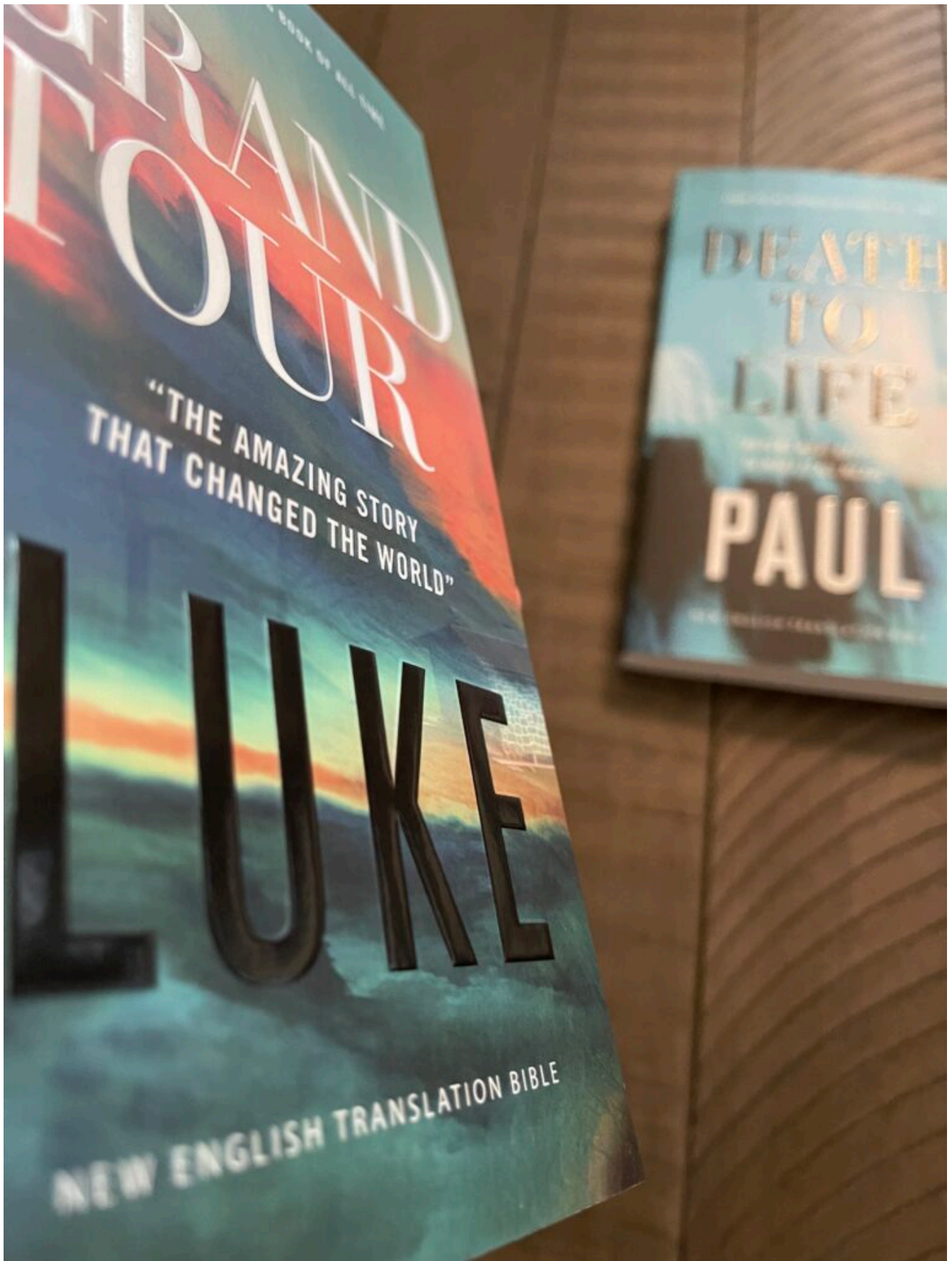
Eternity Now spine

The paperback format makes these books easy to carry. Someone sitting beside another on the metro will not immediately recognize that the person with one of these books is reading

Scripture. It is reader-friendly, eye-catching, and somewhat unconventional.



Eternity Now back cover



"Grand Tour" (Luke) and "Death to Life" (Paul) Eternity Now NET

My recommendation:

Rating: 5 out of 5.

I value anything that gets Scripture out to people, especially to people who might not otherwise read the Bible for themselves. This is a useful evangelical tool that I could see placed on coffee tables at clinics and coffeeshops with the hope that someone might pick it up to read and be surprised by the wonderful Good News it contains.

I recommend the ["Eternity Now: New Testament Series"](#) and hope that you find it to be a blessing either for yourself personally or for someone who you are praying will come to the saving knowledge of and relationship with our LORD.

Pastora Jennifer Mieliulis Fuentes, *M.Div., Duke University*



“Eternity Now: The New Testament Series (NET)” New English Translation

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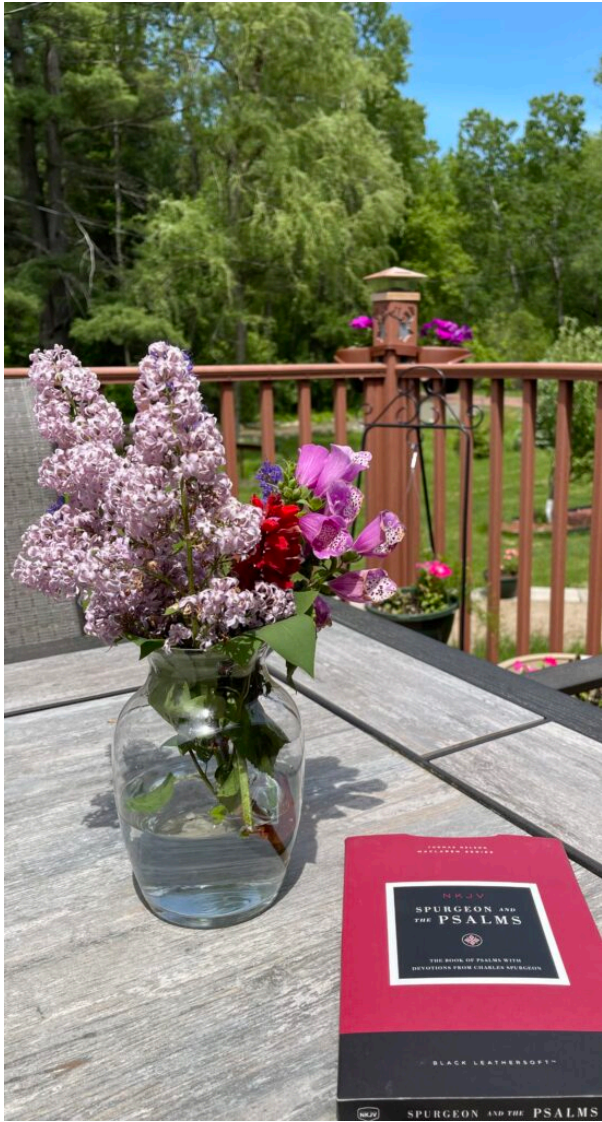
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If you are looking for another wonderful Scripture resource, check out my review of ["Spurgeon and the Psalms: The Book of Psalms with Devotions from Charles Spurgeon"](#) also published by Thomas Nelson.

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[“Spurgeon and the Psalms”](#) **Leathersoft Edition**

Few devotionals truly captivate my attention. I find that many of them are full of overly simplistic stories and cutesy platitudes. Certainly, for a new believer or a young person, these types of devotional books may be suitable, but for the serious and mature believer, I often recommend simply turning to the Scriptures themselves because everything else falls short.

That is why **this devotional resource is WONDERFUL!** [“Spurgeon and the Psalms”](#) will get you straight into the Scriptures and focusing on the LORD. That’s the point of having a devotional time, isn’t it!?

It is essentially a “Psalter”: the [Book of Psalms](#) published in a lightweight edition. Each [Psalm](#) is appropriately prefaced with words written by Charles Spurgeon, a well-known and beloved Christian pastor who lived in England and preached during the 1800’s. His timeless commentary and exhortation will bless you.

Book Review and description

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Like any high quality Bible, ["Spurgeon and the Psalms"](#) has gold page-edge gilding.

Interestingly, near the back of the book, you will find a note on the selection of type/font. I found it to be such a nice touch that the explanation was included, as I had noticed the unique font used in this Psalter.

This definitely seems like a book that the publishers want you to treasure. I'm quite certain of that because there is a guarantee printed on the back of the book jacket: Thomas Nelson guarantees their Leathersoft ["Spurgeon and the Psalms"](#) for *life!*

The book contains all 150 [Psalms](#) with unobtrusive devotional commentary preceding each [Psalms](#). There are also blank "notes" pages at the back.

The selections from Spurgeon's own writings help connect the Psalms to the Gospel narrative. If you are unfamiliar with Spurgeon, you will find his writing to be eloquent, detailed, yet exceptionally applicable. There is no doubt he sought the LORD because his writing reflects that type of close relationship with the Father.

My recommendation:

★★★★★

Rating: 5 out of 5.

If you are looking for a Psalter, this is your book. As Spurgeon laments in the Preface, God's people don't know the [Psalms](#) the way they used to – and he was saying that well over 100 years ago! I encourage you to take the opportunity to truly meditate on and learn the [Psalms](#), and this book will

truly help you to do that.

If you are looking for high-quality devotional material for yourself or as a gift, you will very likely enjoy the newly published

I wholeheartedly recommend the newly published [“Spurgeon and the Psalms”](#) book to everyone! It is appropriate for believers at all stages in life, and quite honestly, is the type of book every follower of our Messiah should own.

This would make a wonderful gift for anyone you love and care about.

Pastora Jennifer Mieliulis Fuentes, *M.Div., Duke University*

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I am always a fan of books that primarily use the Scriptures! Check out my review of the [Word for Word Bible Comic’s Gospel of Mark!](#) There are so many wonderful resources that directly refer us back to God’s Word, and I love to recommend them so you can grow closer to the LORD each and every day!

[I have treasured Your word in my heart, so I might not sin against You. Psalm 119:11, TLV](#)

Do you read the [Psalms](#) as a daily devotional? Let us know! Leave a comment below!

Book Reviews

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Review: "Witness at the

Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday" by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine



Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday by Amy-Jill Levine

Abington Press has generously provided me with a copy of Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School in exchange for my honest review. Thank you both to Abington Press and to Audra Jennings for the arrangement.

Last September, I had the privilege of being asked to review Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's book, [The Difficult Words of Jesus](#) (here is a [link](#) to that review, if you are interested).

Now, as of December 2021, Dr. Levine has released a new book titled, Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday and once again, I have the privilege of reviewing it for you! It is timely with Passover and the celebration of Messiah's resurrection coming up so soon.

Background

Witness at the Cross reads like an advanced Bible Study – something aimed at first or second year seminary students, but accessible to anyone willing to look deeply at the Scriptures.

I found the book's topic intriguing because there are few authors willing to focus specifically on the events of the crucifixion day, since all of us want to jump past that to the magnificent victory of Messiah's Resurrection. Dr. Levine does not avoid discussing the somewhat unpleasant details related to Jesus' (*Yeshua's*) death and subsequent burial. For example, she explains the significance of when Pilate granted the "corpse" released to Joseph of Arimathea rather than the "body" (*Levine, 119*) and the Roman tradition that "corpses of people executed by the state could be returned to friends and family as part of the celebration of the emperor's birthday" (*Levine, 120*).

As I clarified in my review of The Difficult Words of Jesus, Dr. Levine is a Jewish feminist theologian who teaches New Testament at Vanderbilt. I point this out because Witness at the Cross is **aimed at Christian readers, yet Dr. Levine denies the divinity of Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God**. She offers up some certainly unique and interesting considerations, but there are some serious matters that would need to be addressed if this book were being used in a congregational setting.

Book Review

In the introduction to the book, Levine jumps right into some heavy topics like ethnic cleansing, matters of conscience, and credibility. But she does so in her characteristic style that makes it totally accessible. If her classes are anything like her writing, I'm guessing Levine is a very popular professor with her students! She introduces the reader to the idea of looking to each of the witnesses of the crucifixion to gain greater perspective into the Gospel accounts.

Throughout the book, Levine consistently compares the different Gospel accounts and helps clarify some of the differences between the Synoptic Gospels and John. Levine gives voice to those who often get ignored such as the bystanders and the scoffers who witnessed the events on Calvary's hill. She begins chapter 2 describing classes she teaches at a prison in Tennessee and talks about the different perspectives of criminals, victims, and the reality that one person might call someone a terrorist who for another is a freedom fighter. Chapter 3 is focused on the soldiers, 4 on the beloved disciple, and 5 on the women.

Chapter 6 discusses Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Most of what Dr. Levine shares here is very interesting. However, let me quote her so you will get a sense of her own attitude toward discipleship. Dr. Levine writes, "Once again, Nicodemus does the right thing, and once again he does not become a disciple. I am liking him more and more" (Levine, 133).

I have sat in Divinity School classes where a comment like this might make us laugh (albeit uncomfortably) and to the right audience, Dr. Levine's humor and conversational style is attractive. But, as I suggested earlier, a book like this would have to be used with care and in the right context.

My recommendation:

If you are looking to supplement your Bible study time with a book that will get you focused on the witnesses of the crucifixion and their roles in the unfolding of history, you will enjoy this book. I would recommend it to mature, discerning students of the Bible.

Pastora Jennifer Mieliulis Fuentes, *M.Div., Duke University*

About the Author: *Dr. Amy-Jill Levine*



Amy-Jill Levine (“AJ”) is Rabbi Stanley M. Kessler Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford Seminary and University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies Emerita, Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies Emerita, and Professor of New Testament Studies Emerita at Vanderbilt University.

An internationally renowned scholar and teacher, she is the author of numerous books including *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*, *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner’s Guide to Holy Week*, *Light of the World: A Beginner’s Guide to Advent*, *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner’s Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven*, and *The Difficult*

Words of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings. Her latest release is *Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday*. She is also the coeditor of the *Jewish Annotated New Testament*.

Levine is the first Jew to teach New Testament at Rome's Pontifical Biblical Institute. In 2021 she was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. AJ describes herself as an unorthodox member of an Orthodox synagogue and a Yankee Jewish feminist who until 2021 taught New Testament in a Christian divinity school in the buckle of the Bible Belt.

Professor Levine has done more than 500 programs for churches, clergy groups, and seminaries on the Bible, Christian-Jewish relations, and Religion, Gender, and Sexuality across the globe.

Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday by Amy-Jill Levine

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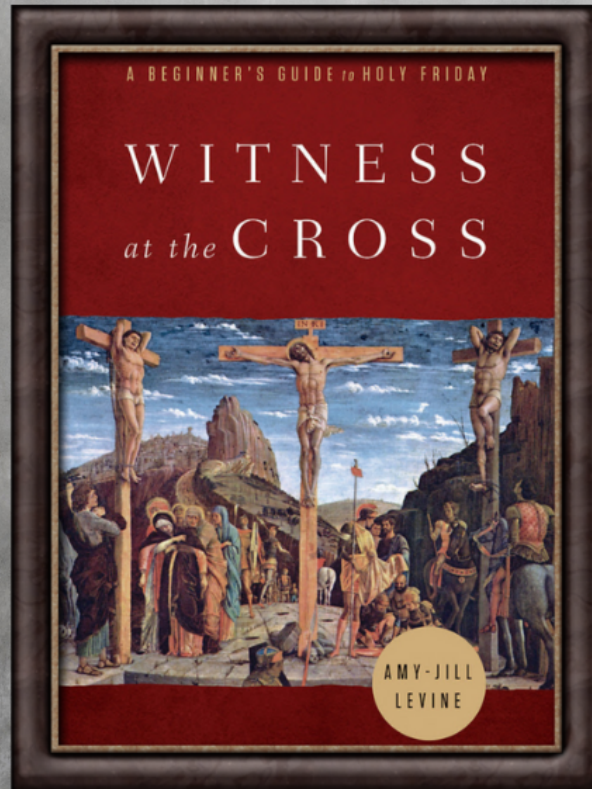
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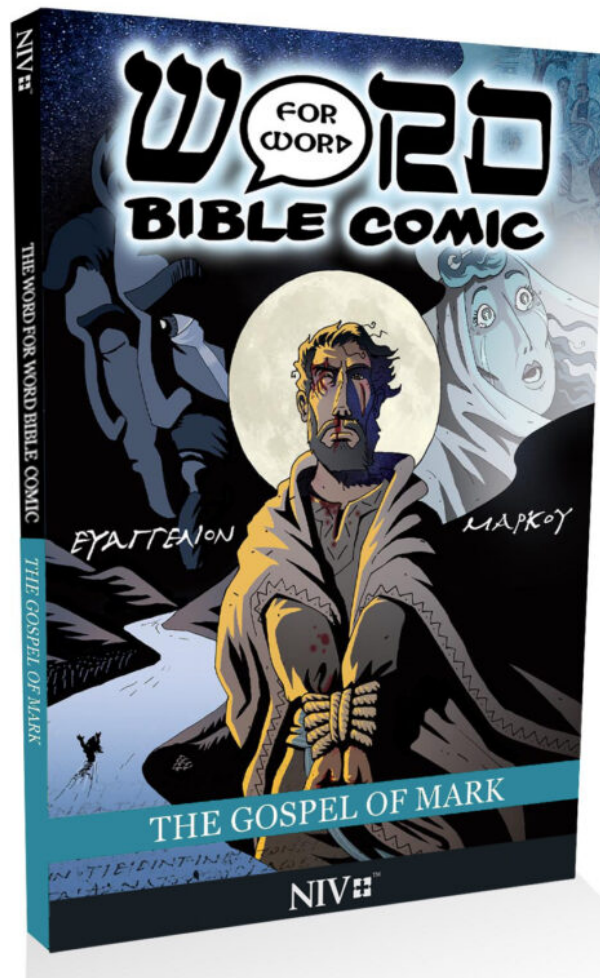
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Book Review



Word for Word Bible Comic: The Gospel of Mark (NIV) by Simon Amadeus Pillario.

The book is also available in Spanish:

El Evangelio de Marcos: Verso a Verso Bíblica-Cómic : Traducción NVI

The [Gospel of Mark: Word for Word Bible Comic: NIV](#) is available in both in English or Spanish (NVI). Since my husband and I have pastored Spanish language and bilingual congregations, the fact that this is available in both languages right from the start is very appealing. In other words, there's no need to wait for a publisher to finally get around to offering it in Spanish. My first reaction to seeing the cover was, I need to show this to my tweens and see what they think! So I did. And as expected, they said, *"Looks cool, yeah, we'll read it."*

Getting kids that age interested in the Word is a challenge, so that was a win. This looks to be a very appealing format

for many tweens and teens to be introduced to the Gospel of Mark! *iExcelente!*

I love that the [Word for Word Bible Comic](#) series is straight from the Gospel text. I could easily see this book (and others in the series) being used for youth ministry in both English and Spanish language congregational settings.



Cultural accuracy and relevance

I also love the Hebraic-styled font on the cover. Anyone who follows my blog won't be surprised! I love anything that reminds today's believers of the [Jewish roots of our faith](#). The illustrations inside the book are tastefully done and colorful and it seems very apparent that care was taken to ensure cultural accuracy and relevance.

Additionally, the faithfulness by the part of the author to provide teenage readers the **actual Gospel text** should be commended. I personally am not a huge fan of the [NIV \(New International Version\)](#) translation. Nevertheless, I am aware that it is popular, especially for outreach. I would be even more impressed by this effort if a version comes out that uses something like the [TLV \(Tree of Life Version\)](#)! Why the [TLV](#)? It restores the Jewishness of the Scriptures, most obviously the name of Yeshua which is Jesus' Hebrew name. But in the meantime, this graphic novel series is more than adequate to express Gospel Truth.

Age Rating

The *Gospel of Mark* [Word for Word Bible Comic](#) is rated for ages 12+ due to infrequent “bloody violence” and “mild alcohol use.” Given the violent world around us and the images kids are bombarded with every day online and on tv, I don’t think many children would be startled by the illustrations in this book. The author included several pages on how he made his designs which I think would appeal to any young person, especially those with artistic interests!

My recommendation

The [Word for Word Bible Comic](#) has the potential to greatly increase the Biblical literacy of young people, and the young-at-heart. This book makes the Good News accessible to those who might not otherwise pick up a Bible. I wholeheartedly recommend it!

PURCHASE LINK: <https://www.wordforwordbiblecomic.com/buy>

Matthew, Mark, and coming soon: Luke!

Matthew is available, now Mark, and the creators of this Bible comic are currently in the process of crowdfunding \$20,000 for their forthcoming title *The Gospel of Luke* on Kickstarter.

Here is the link if you are interested. Moreover, if you are able to support this important work, you can give here: <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/word4wordbiblecomic/the-gospel-of-luke-word-for-word-bible-comic-niv-and-nvi?ref=424wph>

It is very exciting that there will be another book available for the Gospel of Luke!



**Note: at 45-49 seconds into the promotional video on the Luke project, I do want to alert my readers that I was initially concerned about the use of sacred heart/Marion imagery in the video, though I had not come across anything like that in the Mark volume.*

Mr. Pillario was kind enough to send a picture of the page in question (at right) and personally responded to me, which I also thought was very kind of him. To clarify, Pillario writes: ". . . it is in the context of Mary prophesying that she will be called 'Blessed through generations.' It's an artistic representation to highlight the fact the prophecy is true: you see there's white Mary and black Mary and even Japanese Mary." It is certainly true that regardless of our cultural and denominational backgrounds, the prophecy is indeed true. I find Mr. Pillario's explanation sufficiently reasonable to continue to fully recommend this book.



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Additionally, if you enjoyed this book review, you may want to check out these other reviews. I have reviewed [Rabbi Jason Sobel's, "Mysteries of the Messiah"](#) as well as [Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's "The Difficult Words of Jesus."](#)

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[Review: "The Difficult Words of Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine](#)

Review: “The Difficult Words of Jesus” by Amy-Jill Levine

I enjoyed Dr. Levine’s ability to draw out the characteristics of people described by the Gospel writers. For example, I liked the way she helps the reader imagine the attitude and behaviors of the rich young man in the Gospel of Mark and demonstrates her sense of humor when she truthfully writes, “I’m not sure I’d want my children to date him” (Levine, 14).