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“WJK Press and the editors are to be congratulated for inspiring an impressive list of contributors for this new study Bible. The focused attention given to the ancient contexts of the Bible is a welcome feature that consistently illuminates the significance of the text for today’s readers. The supplementary essays and numerous thematic sidebars are value added to the already rich study notes on the text. This is certainly an important new study Bible for a new generation of readers.”
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“This is the rare study Bible that excels not only in its traditional aspects—discussions of authorship, dates of composition, ancient historical contexts, and exegetical issues—but also in its attention to interpretations across time and in different contemporary contexts. It boldly tackles issues most study Bibles leave unaddressed, exploring how biblical passages and their reception have factored into understandings of gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, science, and justice. It is equally well suited for theological and secular contexts and for private, academic, and congregational usage. Extraordinary in scope, generous in tone, and highly recommended.”
—Mark A. Chancey, Professor of Religious Studies, Southern Methodist University

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Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

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“The Bible is never just one thing or simple, so a study Bible should approach the profusely complex Bible with multiple strategies of its own. *The Westminster Study Bible* does it superbly, featuring study notes about ancient languages, contexts, practices, and ideas; excursuses on relating then and there to now and here; and essays on a wide variety of biblical and interpretive themes, all rendered by an impressive band of expert scholarly contributors and editors. Outstanding!”

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“*The Westminster Study Bible* featuring the new NRSVue is a major achievement. Besides featuring what I believe to be the best current English Bible translation, this work offers the considered commentary of a new generation of biblical scholars both on the text of Scripture and on a variety of important implications and applications for today. This is a state-of-the-art study Bible for the second quarter of the 21st century.”

—David Gushee, Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics, Mercer University

“I am excited to endorse *The Westminster Study Bible* as a preacher/teacher and one who loves to study the Bible. The WSB challenges one to go deeper. It also provides a fresh perspective of the ancient text through resources that illustrate how the Bible provides context and speaks to the social, political, personal and issues that people deal with in everyday life. The WSB is just what I needed in this season of life and ministry.”

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“*The Westminster Study Bible* is an exciting new addition to this ancient genre of tools for reading and understanding Scripture. It is an especially valuable resource for theologians interested in recent developments in Biblical studies and in the Bible’s reception history and an invaluable companion for general readers who want to approach their Bibles in an informed and probing way.”

—Christine Helmer, Peter B. Ritzma Professor of Humanities,
Professor of German and Religious Studies, Northwestern University

“I have been waiting for *The Westminster Study Bible* for a long time. Bringing together important contemporary biblical scholars, the WSB is deeply interdisciplinary and attentive to ancient and modern contexts. It provokes us as readers to build bridges among and between different interpretations and the different worlds that have shaped and been shaped by biblical traditions. A most useful text for an undergraduate classroom.”

—Jacqueline Hidalgo, Professor of Theology and Religious Studies,
University of San Diego

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“*The Westminster Study Bible* is state-of-the-art. Beautifully accessible, with the highest level of biblical scholarship and precision, and with contextual and theological sophistication unmatched by any other study bible, we now have in our hands a fabulous tool in the constant quest for biblical literacy among people of faith. This is exactly what we need in the hands of every student whether in church or the academy.”

—Willie James Jennings, Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Theology and Africana Studies, Yale Divinity School

“*The Westminster Study Bible* distinguishes itself by providing not only helpful study notes of the biblical texts but also examples of how contemporary readers are reading the Bible in particular contexts. It also has a global orientation not seen in many study Bibles. I enthusiastically recommend this study Bible and would use it in my own teaching.”

—Kah-Jin Jeffrey Kuan, President Emeritus and Professor of Hebrew Bible, Claremont School of Theology

“*The Westminster Study Bible* contains a wealth of useful reference materials written by specialists with exceptional clarity, including study notes; overviews of the biblical books; thematic essays; and tables, charts, and diagrams. These materials provide a comprehensive introduction to the biblical books and highlight their relevance to the contemporary world. This volume will be an essential resource for teaching and research at all levels and is appropriate for readers from different religious backgrounds.”

—Jodi Magness, Kenan Distinguished Professor for Teaching Excellence
in Early Judaism, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

“The Westminster Study Bible upholds the highest standards of biblical scholarship. It offers readers a blend of academic rigor and faithfulness to the original text intentionally including diversity and representation in editors and contributors. For teachers and pastors, the WSB serves as an invaluable aid in lesson preparation, sermon writing, and theological discussions. Students can benefit from its clarity and depth. Christian educators can use it to enlighten and inspire their audience and church members will find it to be an excellent companion in their personal study and devotional life. For anyone seeking a comprehensive, reliable, and enlightening resource for studying and teaching the Word of God, *The Westminster Study Bible* is sure to enrich their biblical knowledge and deepen their spiritual growth.”

— Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, President & General Secretary,
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA (NCC)

“This remarkable work offers extraordinary insights into the ancient contexts and contemporary interpretations of the biblical text by the world’s leading scholars. The combination of intellectual rigor and accessibility makes this an invaluable resource for both academic and religious settings, enriching our understanding of the Bible and its relevance for people of faith everywhere. Its comprehensive study notes, thematic excursuses, and illuminating essays make it an essential tool for anyone seeking a deeper understanding of the Bible’s enduring impact.”

—Jonathan Lee Walton,
President, Princeton Theological Seminary

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—Adele Reinhartz, Distinguished University Professor,
Classics and Religious Studies, University of Ottawa

“Utilizing the latest scholarly research and textual analysis of the Updated Edition of the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible while respecting its reception as sacred Scripture in ecumenical and interfaith settings, *The Westminster Study Bible* presents this most up to date English-language translation of the Hebrew Bible, the Deuterocanonical/Apocryphal books, and the Christian New Testament. Suited for personal devotion and study as well as for use in academic settings, the WSB provides thematic essays by leading scholars that help the reader explore the ancient cultures that produced these texts while making the texts relevant for contemporary readers. The WSB also includes detailed study notes throughout that help unpack the linguistic and historical complexities for the reader, including thorough introductions to the traditional divisions of the Jewish and Christian biblical canons. I can think of no better resource for introducing my students to the fascinating world of the Bible!”

—Rubén Rosario Rodríguez, Clarence Louis and Helen Steber Professor
of Theological Studies, Saint Louis University

“The diverse general editors, Drs. Emerson Powery, Stacy Davis, Mary Foskett and Brent Strawn, are to be applauded for shepherding this brilliant project that takes seriously the use of the Bible in contemporary culture and societies, as well its historical contexts. This opus on the Bible is front-loaded with essays that address intersectionality and the Bible and the Bible in, for example, visual art, social justice, museums, and music. The volume reflects the multiplicity, complexity, and possibilities of biblical interpretation. The excellent contributions reflect the skills, range, and commitments of the excellent scholar-teacher contributors. This is a wonderful expansive resource for teachers and students.”

—Mitzi J. Smith, J. Davison Philips Professor of New Testament,
Columbia Theological Seminary