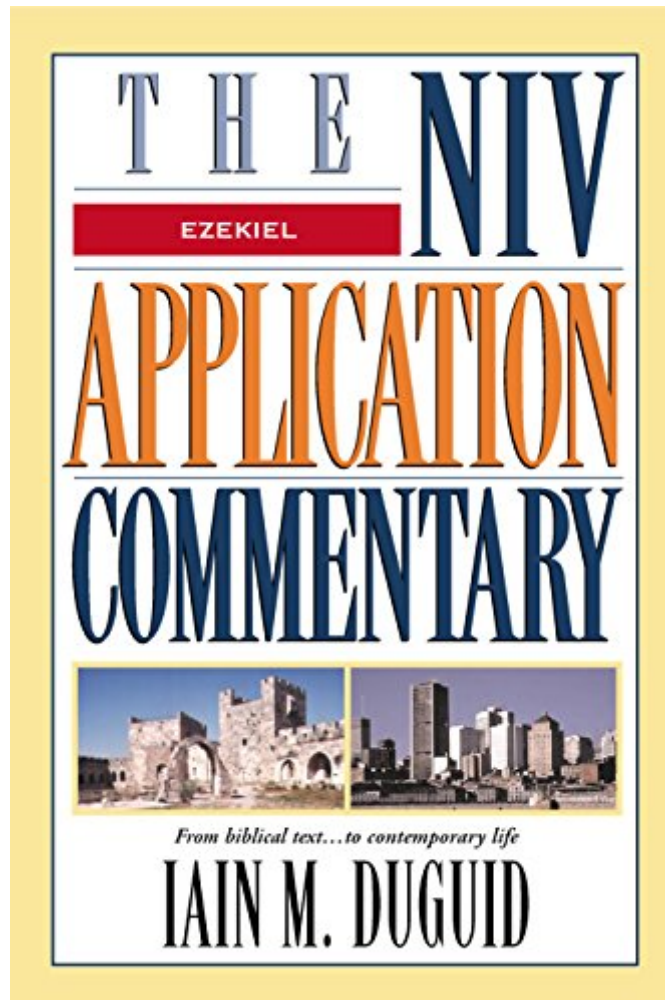




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Good resource

Excellent

So far so good!

none

Dr. Duguid's commentary is a book I would highly recommend to anyone interested in teaching, preaching or studying the Prophecies of Ezekiel. His writing is expository and does not cover every verse of every chapter. However, this commentary is not simplistic by any means as he spends over 450 pages to cover the 48 chapters of Ezekiel. Each chapter is divided into 4 sections: 1. The Text 2. The Original Meaning(of the passage) 3. A "Bridging Contexts" section (which shows the relationship between what was relevant at the time of the prophecy and how it is relevant today) 4. Contemporary Significance (how it applies to the church and world we live in today). He writes in a manner which is clear and concise, and makes this book very practical for today's readers. Ezekiel is not an easy book to understand and good commentaries on it are few and far between. This one is a gem, but don't expect to just sit down and read it like you would a devotional. If you read it a chapter at a time and take notes, you will be greatly blessed.

Duguid is an excellent and knowledgeable OT scholar with the simultaneous ability to make the text accessible to general readers. This commentary in itself is something of a standard among lighter, less technical commentaries for the book of Ezekiel (from an Evangelical perspective). But what some have said about the Kindle version of other commentaries in this series does in fact apply here. The TOC does not allow navigation of the commentary section itself except for the link "Text and Commentary on Ezekiel." That's it--no subheadings--that one huge, bulky category to cover what is more or less the entire book. It is possible to jump back and forth between commentary sections using the arrows on the 5-way controller, which at least makes it possible to use without going insane, but it's far from ideal. It really makes one scratch his head over how a professional, major publishing company could put out a Kindle book without a truly navigable TOC. I mean, it's so basic. Partly due to this, I was skeptical of reviews on the series' other commentaries that made this claim; that and the fact that I recently bought the Deuteronomy commentary by Block and it does have a genuinely navigable TOC, complete with the whole long list of subheadings covering the whole commentary section itself (though it, too, has some Kindle problems). Why the inconsistency, I don't know. I really like my Kindle, but the publishing standards for Kindle books--even coming from major publishing companies--are far too often far below the standards for print books, such that

sometimes the whole thing just feels somewhat cheap. Anyway, in short, I didn't want to give the fine commentary itself a low rating, but to give potential Kindle-version purchasers a heads up. Update 11/21/2014: The Kindle version has actually been reformatted so that it now has a full, active TOC, and fortunately allowed me to "update" to the reformatted version. Props to both Zondervan for reformatting the the book and for allowing me to get the latest version.

It is as the title says. It is a commentary of Ezekiel and along with each chapter or portion of commentary there is an application, which makes it very helpful for personal as well as corporate growth.

Iain Duguid's Commentary on Ezekiel has been perfect for me. When I look to other commentaries on Ezekiel I can obviously find more technically focused contributions but The NIV Application gives enough technical information to communicate the particular pertinent points to one such as me who is not versed in Hebrew. I'm using this commentary for homiletical purposes for mid week messages and it has proved to be invaluable to me, a bi-vocational pastor. I've just finished chapter 24 and I continue to be impressed at how Duguid is able to consistently and appropriately follow the format of Original Meaning, Bridging Contexts, and Contemporary Significance without redundancy. I state this because Ezekiel's 47 chapters have much the same motifs and thus messages yet Duguid is able to bring new nuances of "bridges" and application to bear. Duguid's commentary offers the perfect balance of scholarly insight, theological understanding, and pertinent illustrations for the believer today. Excellent Work! Chris Hall

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