

The Message Of 1 Peter Bible Speaks Today

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Identifying the theme of 1 Peter as how the church is to witness responsibly in a non-Christian world, Boring emphasizes the necessity of a sympathetic historical understanding of those parts of the letter that collide with modern cultural values and understandings of what Christian commitment and theology require. He gives special attention, as well, to the narrative world within which this ancient writer operated, and to the strong affirmation of ecumenism implicit in the letter's amalgamation of traditions stemming from Peter and Paul, respectively. "Through the years, Professor Boring has shown himself to be a master of technical exegesis and theology wedded to great pastoral concern. These twin talents are fittingly brought to bear on a New Testament document that shows the same union of rich theology and pastoral care. Indeed, the sober, centrist, yet moving commentary squares perfectly with the sober, centrist, yet moving document that is 1 Peter. If this commentary is a popularization, then it is a popularization of very high caliber; a tremendous amount of research and insight is made available and intelligible to a wide public. This commentary is not just a rehash of what everyone else has said on 1 Peter. The innovative

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appendix detailing the narrative world of 1 Peter is alone worth the price of admission. All in all, an excellent contribution to present-day literature on an often neglected book of the New Testament." --John P. Meier, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Temple, Exile and Identity in 1 Peter will generate a fresh and perhaps even a new understanding of the main themes of 1 Peter, which include questions of identity, suffering, hope, holiness, and judgment. Mbuvi explores the temple imagery in the epistle of 1 Peter and focuses on the use of cultic language in constituting the new identity of the Petrine community. He contends that temple imagery in 1 Peter undergirds the entire epistle. 1 Peter directly connects the community's identity with the temple by describing it in terms reminiscent of the temple structure. He calls the members of the community "living stones", formulating an image that has been categorized as a "Temple-Community." This concern with the temple characterizes the restoration eschatology in the Second Temple period with its focus on the establishment of the eschatological temple. Restoration of Israel was also to be characterized by hope for the re-gathering of the scattered of Israel, the conversion or destruction of the Gentiles, and the establishment of God's universal reign, all of which are reflected in the discourse of the epistle. Even though the letter of 1 Peter has sometimes been overshadowed by Paul's many New Testament letters, it is nonetheless distinctive for the clarity with which it presents the Christian message. In this volume Joel Green offers a clear paragraph-by-paragraph analysis of 1 Peter and, even more, unpacks the letter's

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theology in ways that go beyond the typical modern commentary. Following Green's paragraph-by-paragraph commentary is an extended discussion of the "theological horizons" of 1 Peter. Throughout his study Green brings the message of 1 Peter into conversation with Christian theologians ? ancient and contemporary ? so that the challenge of this letter for Christian faithfulness can be heard more clearly today.

The book of 1 Peter was written to believers scattered throughout Asia Minor. It addresses the sufferings that come to faithful Christians. As such, it speaks to believers today who are facing trials. For years now, John MacArthur has been helping Christians in their study of the New Testament, with verse-by-verse commentary on the theological ramifications of the passages.

First published as Word Biblical Themes: 1 Peter (Word Publishing, 1989), this volume explores Peter's effort to build a sense of identity and responsibility among the Christians to whom he wrote, scattered through several Roman provinces in Asia Minor. Their past is a biblical past, he tells them, rooted in the history of the Jews as the people of God. Consequently, they are called to live as strangers in a strange land, never fully at home in Roman society. Their present journey is a journey in the footsteps of Jesus, in paths of servanthood, and undeserved suffering. Their future is the completion of this journey to heaven, wrapped in a hope of victory over death and the devil and issuing at last in "joy unspeakable and full of glory" when their Lord Jesus Christ is revealed. Because these distant Gentile

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Christians are not personally known to Peter in Rome (which he calls "Babylon," reminding them that he is as much a stranger as they are), he deals in the great universals of Christian experience: faith, baptism, and doing good; love, suffering and the hope of salvation. These universals make 1 Peter a letter for twentieth (or twenty-first) century American Christians no less than for his first century readers. The concluding chapter, "The Message of 1 Peter Today," begins to explore certain parallels between Peter's readers in the Roman Empire and Christians in America, where we, no less than they in the provinces and Peter himself in "Babylon" are not fully at home either. This is even more the case now than it was in 1989 when the book first appeared, so that we need to listen ever more closely to "The News from Babylon" that 1 Peter sent so long ago. To this end a postscript has been added, addressing candidly the difficulties of being Christian in America in a new millennium.

The Word Biblical Commentary delivers the best in biblical scholarship, from the leading scholars of our day who share a commitment to Scripture as divine revelation. This series emphasizes a thorough analysis of textual, linguistic, structural, and theological evidence. The result is judicious and balanced insight into the meanings of the text in the framework of biblical theology. These widely acclaimed commentaries serve as exceptional resources for the professional theologian and instructor, the seminary or university student, the working minister, and everyone concerned with building theological understanding from a solid base of biblical

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scholarship. Overview of Commentary Organization Introduction—covers issues pertaining to the whole book, including context, date, authorship, composition, interpretive issues, purpose, and theology. Each section of the commentary includes: Pericope Bibliography—a helpful resource containing the most important works that pertain to each particular pericope. Translation—the author’s own translation of the biblical text, reflecting the end result of exegesis and attending to Hebrew and Greek idiomatic usage of words, phrases, and tenses, yet in reasonably good English. Notes—the author’s notes to the translation that address any textual variants, grammatical forms, syntactical constructions, basic meanings of words, and problems of translation. Form/Structure/Setting—a discussion of redaction, genre, sources, and tradition as they concern the origin of the pericope, its canonical form, and its relation to the biblical and extra-biblical contexts in order to illuminate the structure and character of the pericope. Rhetorical or compositional features important to understanding the passage are also introduced here. Comment—verse-by-verse interpretation of the text and dialogue with other interpreters, engaging with current opinion and scholarly research. Explanation—brings together all the results of the discussion in previous sections to expose the meaning and intention of the text at several levels: (1) within the context of the book itself; (2) its meaning in the OT or NT; (3) its place in the entire canon; (4) theological relevance to broader OT or NT issues. General Bibliography—occurring at the end of each volume, this extensive bibliography contains all sources used

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anywhere in the commentary.

"Hope is not a sedative; it is a shot of adrenaline, a blood transfusion." Through clever word pictures like this, best-selling author and former pastor Warren Wiersbe preaches the same message Peter preached so long ago. Turning each enlightening page, believers gain increasing confidence in true Hope, a God in whom they don't just wish for eternal life. In Scripture, hope means the promise of salvation for those who have accepted Him and His Son's death and resurrection. Christians who possess this hope and live as though they possess it will learn godly submission, holy living, and harmony with other believers. These qualities will prepare them for what Peter paints in his epistle as inevitable-suffering and persecution. Though Peter is writing to warn a people who would soon be under the tyranny of a heathen Roman emperor, some level of suffering will always be a part of the believers' journey. A time is soon coming when living the "comfortable" Christian life will be far more costly than the life willing to give up all.

Many refer to 1 Peter as an exegetical stepchild within the New Testament; that is, it does not receive the same attention as the Pauline writings, the Gospels, or the Johannine literature. Yet Martin Luther held the First Letter of Peter to be essential to one's own salvation. In keeping with the tradition of Reformation-inspired New Testament theology, and building on the work of John H. Elliott, Elritia Le Roux highlights an affinity between the theology of Mark and the theology of 1 Peter. Ethics in 1 Peter elaborates particularly the similar ways that Mark and 1 Peter handle Christology and the ethics that flows

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from it. Le Roux argues that both the Gospel of Mark and the First Letter of Peter Christology (specifically Christ's passion) lay a foundation for an ethics of suffering. Leading New Testament scholar Craig Keener, one of the most trusted exegetes working today, is widely respected for his thorough research, sound judgments, and knowledge of ancient sources. His four-volume magnum opus on Acts has received high praise from all quarters. This commentary on 1 Peter features Keener's meticulous and comprehensive research and offers a wealth of fresh insights. It will benefit students, pastors, and church leaders alike.

This addition to the well-received Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible offers a theological exegesis of 1 & 2 Peter. This commentary, like each in the series, is designed to serve the church--through aid in preaching, teaching, study groups, and so forth--and demonstrate the continuing intellectual and practical viability of theological interpretation of the Bible. "The Brazos Theological Commentary exists to provide an accessible authority so that the preacher's application will be a ready bandage for all the hurts of life. The Brazos Commentary offers just the right level of light to make illuminating the word the joy it was meant to be."--Calvin Miller, author of *A Hunger for the Holy and Loving God Up Close*

This book is a different kind of commentary. Rather than being the work of one or two individual scholars, it is the result of the collaboration of twenty-one contributors, and others who assisted at all stages of production. The first letter of Peter itself appears to be the product of

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collaboration of early Christian leaders who sought to encourage those who were suffering for the name of Christ. Christians in today's world are faced with the same challenge, and we trust that this collaborative commentary will encourage them as they seek to follow in the steps of Christ.

Because commentaries are increasingly complex, preachers face the challenge of mastering the results of critical scholarship and merging the horizons between exegesis and a living word for the congregation. In this volume, Thompson offers a guide for preachers, using the results of current scholarship on Hebrews and 1 Peter to enrich the preaching task. He demonstrates that these ancient letters, which speak to believers whose faith has made them aliens and exiles in their own land, offer insights that speak to believers who are aliens and exiles in a post-Christian culture. While the standard commentaries analyze the historical and grammatical issues in detail, this book demonstrates the focus and rhetorical effect of each section, making it accessible for preaching. He focuses on the argument of each letter and its pastoral dimension for the ancient and contemporary audience. Thompson also demonstrates the path from exegetical insight to the focus and function of each pericope for the sermon. Brief sermon sketches demonstrate the relationship between the focus of the text and the focus of the sermon.

Useful for either individual or group studies, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, and Jude includes suggestions for Bible study leaders, an overview of the history of redemption and revelation, and an overview of what

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it means to study Christ in all of Scripture.

This commentary, written from a distinctively Pentecostal perspective is primarily for pastors, lay persons and Bible students. It is based upon the best scholarship, written in popular language, and communicates the meaning of the text with minimal technical distractions. The author offers a running exposition on the text and extended comments on matters of special significance for Pentecostals. She acknowledges and interacts with alternative interpretations of individual passages, and her commentary also provides periodic opportunities for reflection upon and personal response to the biblical text.

Often those with the deepest hurt appreciate grace most. Which may explain why Peter, the apostle who once denied his Savior, wrote a remarkable letter that celebrated the hope and grace found in Christ. Based on Warren Wiersbe's *Be Hopeful*, this eight-week of study of 1 Peter contains fresh insights that help connect God's truth with everyday life.

The significance of the First Letter of Peter for the formation of Christianity stands in sharp contrast to its brevity. John H. Elliott, a leading authority on this letter, brings its significance to life in this magnificent addition to the renowned *Anchor Bible Commentaries*. Elliott sets the letter into context, covering its literary, historical, theological, and linguistic elements. In detailed, accessible

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discussions, he draws on the latest research to illuminate the social and cultural influences on the Church in its initial years. Treating such important Petrine concerns as living honorably in a hostile society, finding meaning in suffering, and resisting social assimilation as the elect and holy family of God, the translation, notes, and commentary in this volume will help readers appreciate the powerful and enduring message of this fascinating letter.

Inside this issue: 1. The Rehabilitation of an Exegetical Step-Child: 1 Peter in Recent Research, by John H. Elliott 2. The Critical Exploration of 1 Peter, by Dennis Sylva 3. Parenthesis and Kerygma in 1 Peter, by Eduard Lohse, translated by John Steely 4. 1 Peter, Its Situation and Strategy: A Discussion with David Balch, by John H. Elliott 5. Hellenization / Acculturation in 1 Peter, by David Balch 6. The Literary and Theological Function of 1 Peter 1:3-12, by David W. Kendall 7. The Functional Christology of First Peter, by Earl Richard 8. Once Again: The Plan of 1 Peter, by Charles H. Talbert

Writing to Christians facing trials and possible persecution, Peter begins his letter not with their problems but with the solution. Individually, as believers, they inherit a triune salvation where God chooses, Christ cleanses, and the Spirit consecrates. Corporately, brought from darkness to light, Christ as cornerstone both establishes and shapes them. Practically, amid adversity within

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society, in work, and at home, Christ's death as atonement saves them; and his example motivates them. He is also their overseer and shepherd. Generally and potentially, suffering for righteousness's sake means following Christ's example of nonretaliation, setting him apart in their hearts as Lord and living for him at all times like this. Even in their fellowships, leaders and led must be diligent and humble like Christ, the chief shepherd. The Christian life is really all about Christ. This recalls Peter's word to Jesus at Caesarea Philippi: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16). That is what First Peter is essentially about. Living for Christ in a suffering world involves believing in Christ's atoning death and following Christ's example, whatever the circumstances. That done, all is done.

The message of Peter's first letter turned the world upside-down for his readers. He saw the people of the young church of the first century as strangers, aliens who were only temporary residents, travellers heading for their native land. Peter speaks to our own pilgrimage when he tells of suffering now and glory to come. Stormy seasons of persecution were beginning for the church in Asia Minor. These storms rage on in the modern world. Edmund Clowney believes that no true Christian can escape at least a measure of suffering for Christ's sake. Out of his firsthand knowledge as an apostle of Christ, Peter

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shows us what the story of Jesus' life means for us as we take up our cross and follow him.

This volume is dedicated to the study of three late, little-known biblical works that historically have been relegated to the lesser works of the New Testament. Reading 1 Peter, Jude, and 2 Peter underscores the light that these letters shed upon one another and focuses on the snapshots they provide of early Christian communities as they encountered the social and religious environment in which they were situated. Careful reading of 1 Peter reveals the complex world of the post-apostolic period. Jude and 2 Peter provide a sober look at the early community's evolution in doctrinal and moral terms.

In *Persecution in 1 Peter*, Travis B. Williams offers a comprehensive and detailed socio-historical investigation into the nature of persecution in 1 Peter, situating the epistle against the backdrop of conflict management in first-century CE Asia Minor.

In the last quarter of the twentieth century, a number of studies have appeared on 1 Peter under different perspectives. Attention however has been centred on the letter as a whole, and studies dealing with particular parts of the letter are still wanting. The present study is a contribution in that respect. The pericope studied here, 1, 13-25, is set in the perspective of the basic literary questions of the letter, such as the authorship and date, the unity and literary genre, and structure. Peter, a letter written to encourage and strengthen in the faith groups of Christians in Asia Minor undergoing suffering, is paraenetic in character; and this feature is obvious in the segment studied. The Anatolian Christians, who are advised to conduct themselves in holiness by reverential fear of God and love of their brothers, are reminded of the dignity of their Christian vocation, for they

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have been redeemed through the precious blood of Christ, and begotten anew through the living and abiding Word of God. The study focuses on these teachings upon which the author bases his directives for the Christian way of life. Thus it brings to the fore the distinctive Theology, the ontological Christology of logos and its functional dimension. In conclusion, by way of theological reflection, an actualization of the soteriology of the pericope in the author's native South Asian context is also attempted.

Many Christians are fearful of engaging in conversations about their faith with Jewish people-knowing that there are complex issues and suspicions that lie deep beneath the surface. And yet there are many points of contact, and much common ground. This short book is designed to help both Christians and whole churches understand more about the variety of Jewish people we might work with, meet or know, and to reach out to them with the good news of the gospel. Written at a level that everyone can understand, this book emphasizes the importance of forming loving, honest and open relationships as part of the way we engage with our Jewish friends.

Wat moet iedereen in de moderne wereld weten? Om antwoord te geven op deze moeilijkste vraag der vragen combineert de gerenommeerde psycholoog Jordan B. Peterson de zwaarbevochten waarheden van oude tradities met verbluffende ontdekkingen van grensverleggend wetenschappelijk onderzoek. Op humoristische, verrassende en informatieve wijze vertelt Jordan Peterson ons waarom kinderen die aan het skateboarden zijn met rust gelaten moeten worden, welk verschrikkelijk noodlot mensen die te snel oordelen te wachten staat, en waarom je altijd een kat moet aaien als je er een tegenkomt. Peterson legt grote verbanden en distilleert daarbij uit alle kennis van de wereld 12 praktische en fundamentele leefregels. In 12 regels voor

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het leven maakt Jordan Peterson korte metten met de moderne clichés van wetenschap, geloof en de menselijke natuur, en tegelijkertijd transformeert en verrijkt hij de denkwijze van zijn lezers. Dr. Jordan B. Peterson (1962) is psycholoog, cultuurcriticus en hoogleraar psychologie aan de Universiteit van Toronto. Zijn wetenschappelijke artikelen hebben de moderne kijk op persoonlijkheid en creativiteit voorgoed veranderd. Peterson heeft honderdduizenden volgers op social media en zijn YouTube-clips zijn meer dan 27 miljoen keer bekeken. 'Peterson is vandaag de dag de invloedrijkste intellectueel van de westerse wereld. Voor miljoenen jonge mannen blijkt de methode-Peterson het perfecte tegengif voor de mengeling van knuffelen en beschuldigen waarin ze zijn grootgebracht.' - DAVID BROOKS, THE NEW YORK TIMES 'Hoewel ik in veel opzichten met Peterson van mening verschil, ben ik het hartgrondig eens met zijn nadruk op het zorgvuldig, zonder vooroordelen bekijken van grote maatschappelijke en persoonlijke kwesties om daar rationele, weloverwogen oplossingen voor te vinden. Dit boek staat er vol mee.' - LOUISE O. FRESCO 'Peterson stapt als een magiër door de ideeëngeschiedenis van het Westen, en hij maakt alles urgent, en stralend. Ja, er zijn regels voor het leven, met moeite gedistilleerd in de wildernis van het bestaan, gevoed met klassieke waarden en inzichten die de tand des tijds doorstaan, als wij volharden. Peterson is momenteel de belangrijkste "praktische" intellectueel.' - LEON DE WINTER 'Peterson is een genie op vele vlakken. 12 regels voor het leven is een groot, controversieel, ontvullend boek.' - THE TIMES 'Peterson is geen gebrek aan empathie te verwijten. Hij is als een vaderfiguur.' - TROUW

The relationship between the Church and the Scriptures of Israel is fraught with complexities, particularly about how the first Christians read Scripture alongside the Gospel of Christ.

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Patrick T. Egan examines the text of 1 Peter in the light of its numerous quotations of Scripture and demonstrates how the epistle sets forth a scriptural narrative that explains the nature and purpose of the Church. Egan argues that 1 Peter sets forth an ecclesiology based in a participatory Christology, in which the Church endures suffering in imitation of Jesus's role as the suffering servant. The epistle admonishes the Church to a high moral standard in response to Christ's atoning work while also encouraging the Church to place hope in God's final vindication of his people. Addressing the churches of Asia Minor, 1 Peter applies the Scriptural narrative to the Church in unexpected ways.

Crisis in the church is not a new phenomenon. In fact, the church has always been - and probably always will be - involved in some kind of crisis. Even in the apostolic period, which is regarded by many as the church's golden age, there were serious crises coming both from the outside, as in 1 Peter, and from the inside, as in Jude and 2 Peter. The three short New Testament letters treated in 1 Peter, Jude and 2 Peter illustrate the problems early Christians faced, as well as the rhetorical techniques and theological concepts with which they combated those problems. In the first part of this volume, Donald Senior views 1 Peter as written from Rome in Peter's name to several churches in northern Asia Minor - present-day Turkey - in the latter part of the first century C.E. The new Christians addressed in 1 Peter found themselves aliens and exiles in the wider Greco-Roman society and suffered a kind of social ostracism. But they are given a marvelous theological Vision of who they have become through their baptism and pastoral encouragement to stand firm. They are shown how to take a missionary stance toward the outside world by giving the witness of a holy and blameless life to offset the slander and ignorance of the non-Christian majority and possibly even to lead them to glorify God on the day of

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judgment. In the second part of this volume, Daniel Harrington interprets Jude and 2 Peter as confronting crises in the late first century that were perpetrated by Christian teachers who are described polemically as intruders in Jude and as false teachers in 2 Peter. In confronting the crises within their churches, the authors appeal frequently to the Old Testament and to early summaries of Christian faith. While Jude uses other Jewish traditions, 2 Peter includes most of the text of Jude as well as many distinctively Greek terms and concepts. It is clear that for the authors, despite their different social settings, what was at stake was the struggle for the faith. Daniel J. Harrington, SJ, is a professor of New Testament at Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and general editor of New Testament Abstracts. He is a past-president of the Catholic Biblical Association of America and the editor of the Sacra Pagina series. He also wrote *The Gospel of Matthew* in the Sacra Pagina series. Donald Senior, CP, is a professor of New Testament studies and president of Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He was recently appointed by Pope John Paul II to the Pontifical Biblical Commission. General editor of *The Bible Today*, he also co-edited *The Collegeville Pastoral Dictionary of the Bible* and the 22-volume international commentary series *New Testament Message*, and he wrote the four-volume *The Passion* series published by The Liturgical Press.

Kaalund examines the constructed and contested Christian-Jewish identities in Hebrews and 1 Peter through the lens of the “New Negro,” a diasporic identity similarly constructed and contested during the Great Migration in the early 20th century. Like the identity “Christian,” the New Negro emerged in a

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context marked by instability, creativity, and the need for a sense of permanence in a hostile political environment. Upon examination, both identities also show complex internal diversity and debate that disrupts any simple articulation as purely resistant (or accommodating) to its hegemonic and oppressive environment. Kaalund's investigation into the construction of the New Negro highlights this multiplicity and contends that the rhetoric of place, race, and gender were integral to these processes of inventing a way of being in the world that was seemingly not reliant on one's physical space. Putting these issues into dialogue with 1 Peter and Hebrews allows for a reading of the formation of Christian identity as similarly engaging the rhetoric of place and race in constructive and contested ways. Each passage is treated in three sections: Original Meaning, Bridging Contexts, and Contemporary Significance.

A new commentary for today's world, *The Story of God Bible Commentary* explains and illuminates each passage of Scripture in light of the Bible's grand story. The first commentary series to do so, SGBC offers a clear and compelling exposition of biblical texts, guiding readers in how to creatively and faithfully live out the Bible in their own contexts. Its story-centric approach is ideal for pastors, students, Sunday school teachers, and all who want to understand the Bible in today's world. SGBC is

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The Exegetical Guide to the Greek New Testament (EGGNT) closes the gap between the Greek text and the available lexical and grammatical tools, providing all the necessary information for greater understanding of the text. The series makes interpreting any given New Testament book easier, especially for those who are hard pressed for time but want to preach or teach with accuracy and authority. Each volume begins with a brief introduction to the particular New Testament book, a basic outline, and a list of recommended commentaries. The body is devoted to paragraph-by-paragraph exegesis of the Greek text and includes homiletical helps and suggestions for further study. A comprehensive exegetical outline of the New Testament book completes each EGGNT volume. 1 Peter has a message for Christians of every time and place. Its three main themes are particularly

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relevant to the present day. When scientific achievement, the welfare state, and dialectical materialism combine to make our century too worldly-minded, 1 Peter recalls us to the heavenly and eternal outlook, and reminds us we are but strangers and pilgrims here. Similarly, when relief from physical disease and the provision of physical comfort tend to be treated as the primary Christian objectives, we need the reminder that holiness matters more, and that all who would follow Christ must be prepared to suffer for righteousness' sake, and to recognize that God uses suffering for the highest good. Also, when moral standards tend to decline, and when young converts are tempted to spend their enthusiasm more in words than in deeds, we need the challenge to express our response to the gospel in transformed behavior in relation to our fellow men. - Back cover.

Most Bible commentaries take us on a one-way trip from the twentieth century to the first century. But they leave us there, assuming that we can somehow make the return journey on our own. In other words, they focus on the original meaning of the passage but don't discuss its contemporary application. The information they offer is valuable -- but the job is only half done! The NIV Application Commentary Series helps us with both halves of the interpretive task. This new and unique series shows readers how to bring an ancient message into modern context. It

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explains not only what the Bible means but also how it can speak powerfully today.

This volume offers a concise and accessible introduction to 1 Peter, especially aimed at undergraduate-level students. It provides information on the likely historical and social setting of this letter, on its literary form and theological content, and on issues involved in its interpretation. In particular, this volume suggests that 1 Peter is an important text not least for the ways in which it both reflects and constructs early Christian identity, in its relationships with Judaism and the Roman Empire. Although 1 Peter remains neglected compared with the canonical gospels and the major Pauline letters, Horrell argues that the letter deserves much more attention for the pivotal contribution it makes to the development of early Christianity and for the ways in which it reveals this development in progress.

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