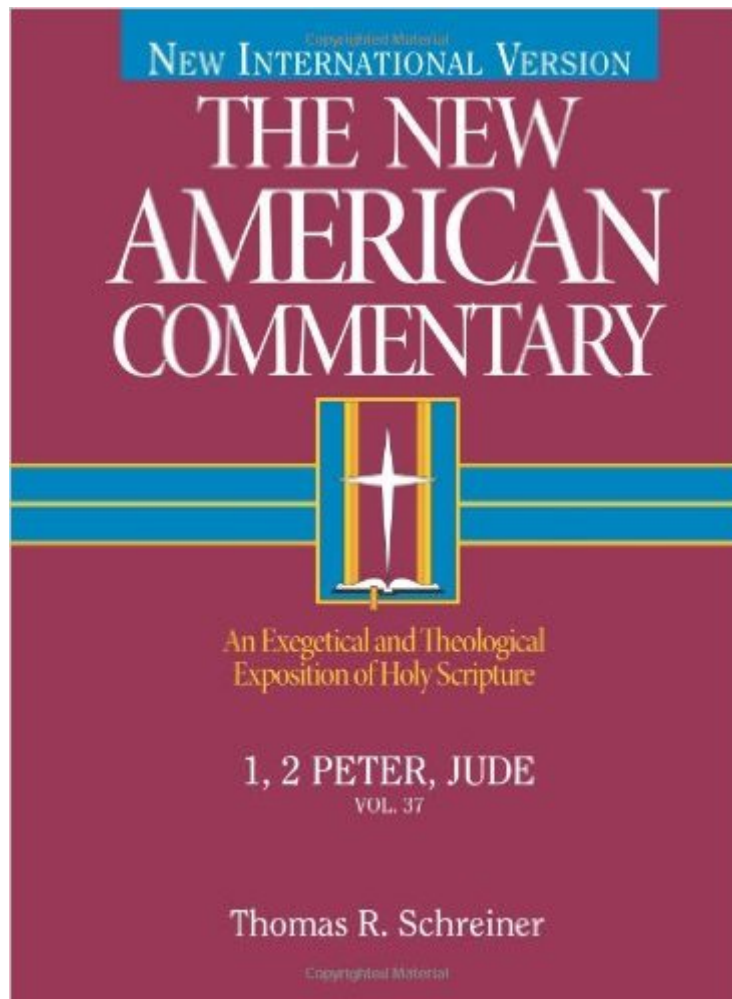


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This review is written primarily for motivated laymen, as this is what I am. Whether or not this book will be considered a valuable entry into the discussion of scholars is up to them, as I don't know if its level of Greek probing, or use of secondary sources is wide enough for use in that field. What I say here is probably also applicable to pastors and teachers though styles of research and sermon preparation vary widely and I don't want to make any generalizations. Whether or not one finds a commentary edifying and/or useful depends on what they wish to gain. But assuming that the motivation is to understand the meaning of the Biblical text in its original intention, then I would say one need not look any further than Thomas Schreiner's NAC commentary. I have often vacillated on what detailed level I should study a biblical text, as value is certainly gleaned from very technical commentaries with elaborate Greek and sentence construction discussions (and a billion footnotes)

yet often one is better off with a simple explanation of the text. With this balance to consider (and only consider if you only have time and money to afford one text, otherwise you should sample many additions to the literature) I have often been hesitate to pursue studies in the New American Commentary Series (the flagship series of the Southern Baptist Convention) for lack of technicality. However, the biggest factor on the value of the commentary, is not the series itself but the author, and I had no reservations, indeed, no hesitation on obtaining Schreiner's new work as soon as it was published.

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