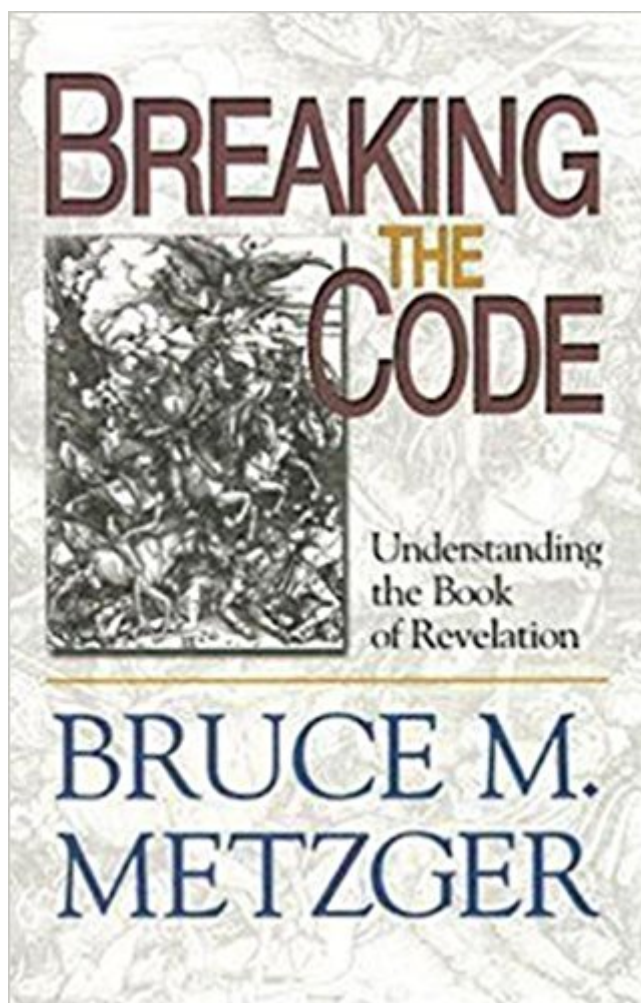


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The Book of Revelation contains passages of great beauty and comfort, as well as passages that strike the casual reader as bizarre, bewildering, and sometimes frightening. How are readers today to discern God's message in this peculiar part of the Bible? *Breaking the Code* provides a trustworthy guide to the rich symbolism of this important biblical book. Noted biblical scholar Bruce M. Metzger presents the fruits of solid scholarship in a non-academic style. *Breaking the Code* serves as a key for understanding this powerful and puzzling book from the first century of the Christian Era. Topics include: Introducing the Book of Revelation/John's Vision of the Heavenly Christ (Revelation 1:1-20) Letters to Churches/More Letters to Churches (Revelation 2:1- 3:22) John's Vision of God and the Lamb (Revelation 4:1-5:14) Opening the Seven Seals of God's Scroll (Revelation 6:1-8:2) Sounding the Seven Trumpets (Revelation 8:3-11:19) The Satanic Trinity: The Dragon and the Two Beasts (Revelation 12:1-14:20) The Seven Bowls of God's Wrath (Revelation 15:1-18:24) The Final Victory and the Last Judgment/John's Vision of the Heavenly Jerusalem (Revelation 19:1-22:21)

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One of the world's best-known scholars on the text of the New Testament - has taught for many years at Princeton Theological Seminary - The author or editor of thirty-five books - served as General Editor of the Reader's Digest Condensed Bible - Chairman of the NRSV Translation Committee.

The Book of Revelation has been misunderstood by many people, especially Fundamentalists, for a long time. Many people read Revelation and come away with bizarre predictions for things to come. The late Dr. Metzger's book gives the reader an excellent verse by verse view on what Revelation actually means by placing the writing in a religious, political and social context. It's impossible to understand any writing without understanding the context. Dr. Metzger was one of the great New Testament scholars of the 20th Century. His book is thorough, but not so academic that lay people will have a hard time following it. At the heart, Revelation gives great insights into 1st Century Christianity and the problems early Christians bravely faced. It is not a text intended to predict coming human events.

If you have ever wanted to study the book of Revelations, this book is a must have companion. It is theologically sound, seeking to convey that which the original author intended. It is historically accurate. It seems that many people try to interpret the book in a historical vacuum, totally ignoring what was going on in the world and the church at that time.

Understanding the book of Revelation is not an easy task, but this book does an adequate job of presenting the author's views and theories on Revelation in an easy to understand and non-academic way. Non-academic is probably a big key here. If you are looking for a definitive commentary on the book of Revelation, this is definitely not it. But what it does do it does fairly well. There will undoubtedly be things in this book the reader disagrees with, and I found myself disagreeing with a lot, but I sometimes find that to be a good thing and makes me think about a subject. The book is inexpensive and is worthwhile to use as a Bible Study or in a group format.

It was in great condition everything was perfect. The book looks brand-new and it's very interesting overall.

This is a good study book to go along with reading Revelations in the Bible. It was used as part of my Sunday Bible Study class. It reads very well, and the author is exceptionally good at explaining this interesting part of the Bible. I recommend it to anyone who would like to better understand Revelations.

Tells the real story of the Book of Revelation. How have we all fallen for Darby's version? For 2,000

years, people all believed it was about the fall of Rome. Now, Darby comes along 200 years ago, and now everyone believes it's about the end of times? Crazy!! A must read.

It's an excellent new way to understand this amazing book. The author talk with sincerity, not pretending to know everything for sure. The simplicity of his presentation and explications are amazingly easy. For the first time in my years of looking for references about John book, i think i get what the meaning of the apocalipsis was. After reading this book, my search of all this years are compensate. Lo recomiendo al 100% !

This is the best and easiest to understand explanation of the Book of Revelation I have read. What impresses me is that Metzger admits that some of the symbolism could be viewed different ways. He only suggests how to view it and never says it must be understood his way. (Most Protestant and just about all Baptist preachers want you to believe their interpretation is the right way!)

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