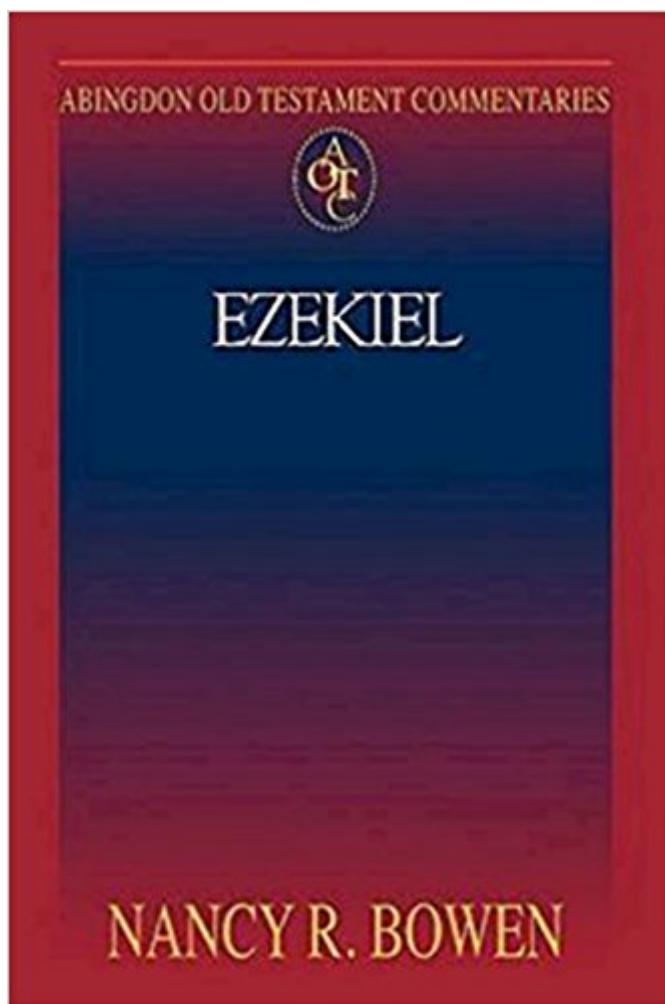


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Author Nancy R. Bowen draws from a myriad of sources within biblical scholarship as well as from other disciplines to inform students of Ezekiel. Marrying scholarship and interpretation, her

conviction and humor compels the reader to remain plugged into her strategy. The treasure Bowen uncovers is Ezekiel's continued relevancy--a book for our time. For the pastor or student, this book should be taken off the shelf and read. Historically, most commentators have referred to the book of Ezekiel as deeply disturbing. Dr. Bowen considers the experience of Israel's national trauma of exile and deportation as a possible explanation and connects the book of Ezekiel to current trauma theories. In every age there have been wars, massacres, and refugees--people displaced. Our world suffers with such injustices and trauma, and Bowen weaves together ancient and modern worlds. Applying insights from the voices of those traumatized to concerns of today is part of Bowen's intentional process to unite Ezekiel's world with ours. She does not ignore the disturbing aspects of the text, so the theological and social questions she poses throughout Ezekiel are worth a few thoughtful conversations. As does each commentary in this series, the book is divided into larger sections instead of a verse-by-verse analysis. Each section includes literary and exegetical analysis where those who want to know the details will find new insights. The real meat of this commentary is in the theological and ethical analysis, which provokes profound questions and shakes protected paradigms. This is a slap-in-your-face kind of book that will wake you up to the issues of today. You will no longer be able to read or hear about traumas in this world without thinking of Ezekiel. Dr. Bowen's Ezekiel succeeds as a commentary in its most intended form. It magnifies biblical times and thought through a current lens, which makes the conclusions all the more real. Readers would be advised to set their tea to steep, snuggle into a comfy chair, and journal the inspiration that companions the reading. You will not be disappointed.

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