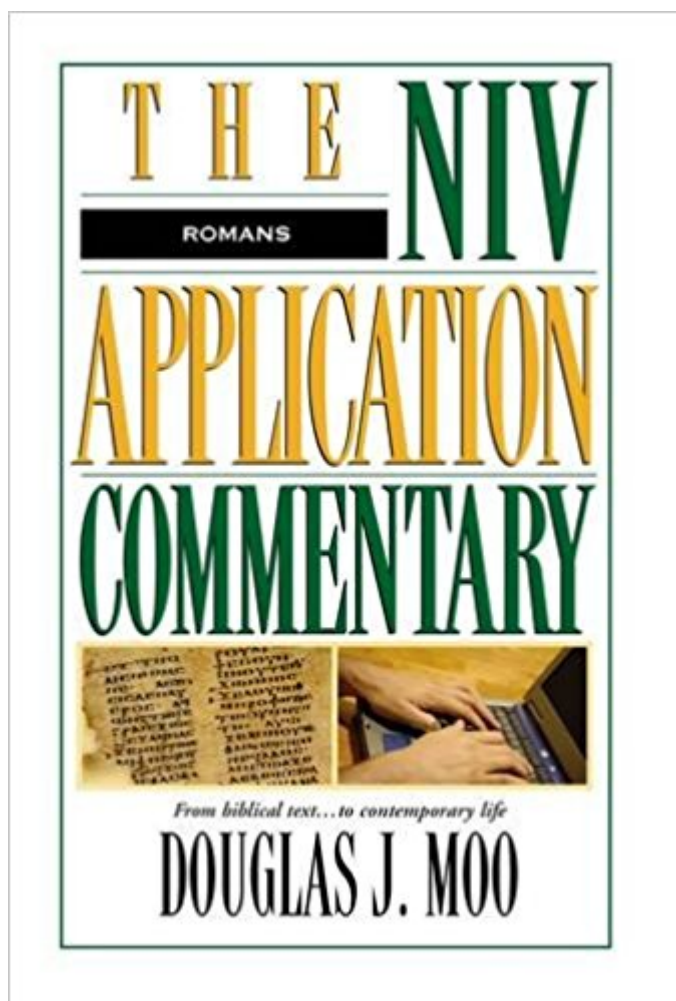


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The Application Commentary is the best commentary on the market for the informed layman. It briefly concerns itself with scholarly perspectives but weighs in heavily in letting us know pertinent information about context (linguistic, historical, cultural, etc.) then helps us to bridge the gap and make informed applications to our own lives. Easy to read with a very friendly format. It is from an evangelical perspective but does not fall into a dogmatic or fundamentalist perspective. I have owned many commentaries from approximately 35 different commentary sets. This is my favorite.

I'm currently leading a group through Romans and we're about half way through. This commentary has been exactly what I was looking for when I began the study. Each section of text starts with an "Original Meaning" (the exegesis) which hits all those points those of us who don't know Greek miss. Then there's the "Bridging Contexts" section (the hermeneutics) that helps bridge the gap between the ancient reader and today. Finally, there's the "Contemporary Significance" section (the application) to help apply the text to our lives. I've not seen this approach so clearly followed before and I really like it. I personally was looking for a good exegetical commentary that wouldn't have so much of the original languages that it would go over my head and this commentary achieves that. I was less interested in the bridging contexts and applications sections (I typically like to avoid commentaries for the application part), but these portions have proven to be surprisingly helpful. The author's style is very engaging and he doesn't belabor points. He's apparently written a much longer and in depth Romans commentary and I feel he's done a great job giving me the key highlights without forcing me to wade through pages and pages of explanation that I would likely not understand or (being married with 3 kids) have time for. I would highly recommend this to any layman who is teaching Romans but has no formal bible or original language training (it would be great for personal study too).

Douglas Moo has definitely risen as a top scholar on Romans. I've read to one extent or another three of his commentaries on Romans. He has a longer more indepth scholarly commentary on

Romans (New International Commentary on the New Testament) and a shorter commentary included in the IVP one-volume Bible commentary. This NIV Application Commentary serves its own purpose as it is designed to comment on the text itself, unpack the original context of the verses, and provide an explanation of its application to a contemporary reader or audience. I read the entire text as required for a seminary class on Romans. With a few exceptions, every page of this commentary is interesting, helpful and devotional. Moo provides the critical exegesis material on Romans in this volume. He analyzes the Greek words when helpful, he offers differing views of other commentators and shares his own opinions when there are opposing views. He often compares his analysis with other commentaries and offers a full study of the Scripture. Moo is also not shy about sharing personal stories or offering examples from everyday life to help illustrate his points. The organization of the commentary is helpful to Bible Study or application. Although scholars may prefer Moo's longer commentary, I think pastors, lay ministers and interested readers will be fully satisfied with Moo's treatment of Romans in this book. I would recommend it for any level of reader.

Douglas Moo does an outstanding job of explaining the text as well as exploring divergent understanding. Also the bridging context and application sections are similarly helpful. Also I would recommend his 2 Peter and Jude commentary for similar reasons.

One of the absolute best commentaries on Romans I've read. While I cannot say that I have read every single commentary on Romans, the NIVAC does an excellent job of bridging the gap between the past context and our current lives. Dr. Moo is a great writer and scholar, and he also discusses the NIV's translation of particular paraphrasing that the NIV is (in)famous for. If you want a commentary that will take you through the technical side of a complex book, then look no further and purchase this one.

Dr Moo puts it together so he not only explains what it says but makes it practical for today. Application of God's word is important. This will be a great help for the upcoming BSF study of Romans.

I purchased this commentary prior to giving a Sunday School class on the book of Romans. Douglas Moo provided a lot of insight to add to the other books I've read on Romans. The concept of providing perspective from the culture to which the letter was written and bridging it to our culture

and discussing modern day application is very helpful.

Douglas J. Moo has intently delivered a commentary that give us unique contextual accuracy into the authors original intended meaning of each chapter throuout the book of Romans. Along with bridging contexts and contemporary significance. We have a commentary that unveils interpretive challenges like never before. A must read

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