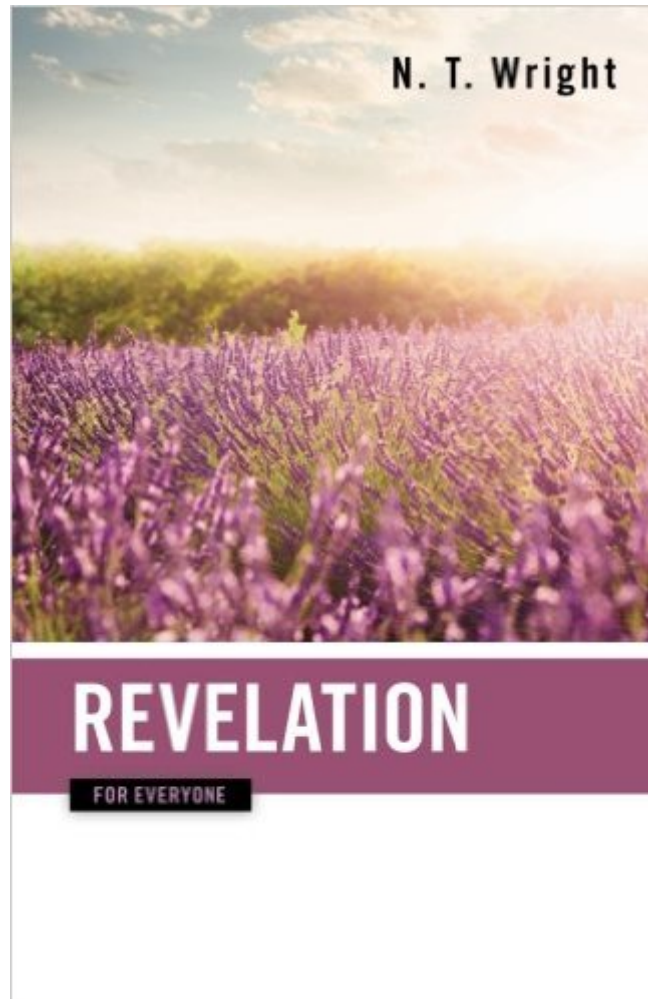


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I have many commentaries about Revelation. Many of these are big books and quite difficult to read. I have read many more thoughts on line. I have also listened to sermons and series of sermons on the book. Often the various options presented can seem more confusing than the actual text or alternatively the presenter of the commentary explains only the easier imagery, symbolism and illusions whilst leaving significant gaps, which are often the bits you most would most like to understand! You can end up more frustrated regarding what the book is about after the commentary than you were before! None of this with Tom Wright's version, which is concise and easy to read (and very cheap too!). He continues the 'for Everyone' format with this book, using his

own translation of the original Greek of a set of verses at a time, followed by commentary including relevant items in his own experience. Tom Wright goes through each chapter with his usual simple 'no nonsense' approach to what it must have meant to the original readers and what lessons should be taken on board by those of us coming now much later in history, although he does not shy away from stating where passages are difficult to interpret. Throughout, Tom Wright's great scholarship in theology and biblical history shines through the explanations. This is very refreshing after the many wild flights of fantasy which are quite inappropriate (and often just simply factually wrong!) which purport to explain this first century Middle Eastern book and which seem to fill so much space on the web. Having bought the book, I had got as far as chapter 17 in Revelation in less than one day, so easy is it to read and understand. For everyone who has had difficulty with working out the meaning of the Book of Revelation through the imagery and symbolism, I cannot recommend this book of Tom Wright's too highly.

The big question people will ask before even opening this book is where does Wright stand on Tim LaHaye's Left Behind theology. I can gladly say that the scholarly Wright disagrees with practically everything found in the Left Behind books. Wright is known for his thick books that delve quite deep into theological issues. Like previous "for Everyone" editions, this volume is quick and easy. You'll read portions of the book of Revelation and then Wright will provide a clever story to open the commentary. Nothing inside will confuse you. In fact, it is fairly light on theological issues. Wright falls on the side of scholars who view much of the content of Revelation to be symbolic and written for the people of its time. (Not so much for the American Christian of the 21st Century) Because it's such a short book, I figure this would be a great personal study guide for the preacher as well as the inquisitive. Just because it's about Revelation doesn't mean it's beyond our understanding. N.T. Wright makes sure everyone can follow along. This book was provided for review, at no cost by Westminster John Knox Press.

N T Wright is a historian/theologian... his voluminous work is notable in many ways. First, he is a world class theological mind with a passion for the text. Wright loves scripture. Second, he is a churchman and cares what happens in shoe leather. He wants outcomes that matter for God's people. Third, he genuinely writes for everyone. He is everyman's theologian. Usually the great minds have to be translated to us by scholastics who are lesser luminaries. In Wright's case he is like the mother bird digesting the food and regurgitating it for the anxious and hungry children. Wright works his subject and makes it accessible for the people. His devotional commentary is

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