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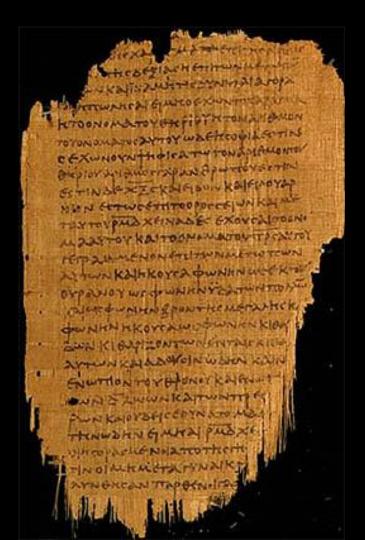
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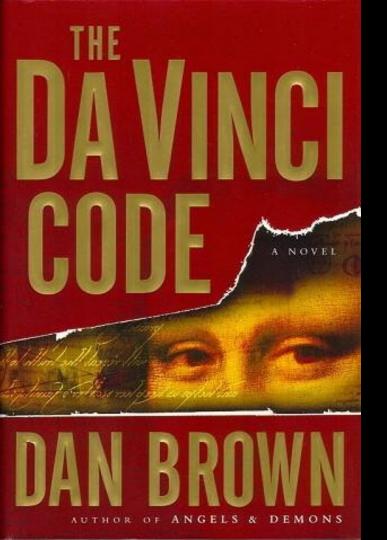
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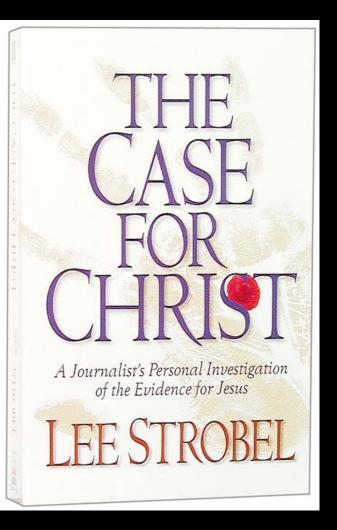
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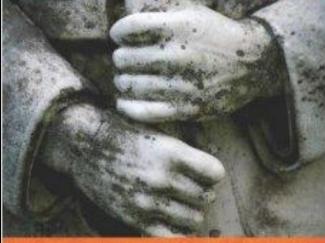
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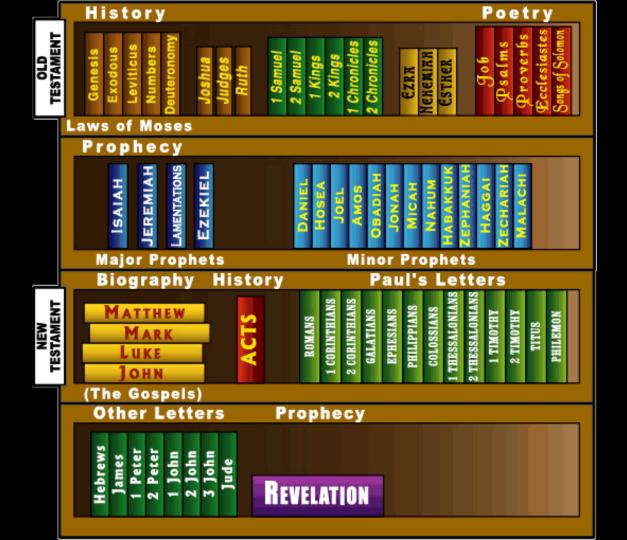
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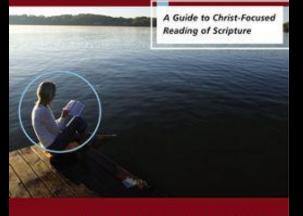
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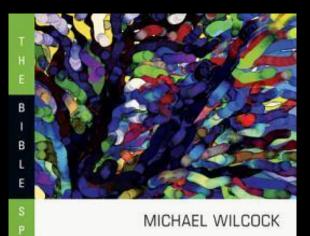
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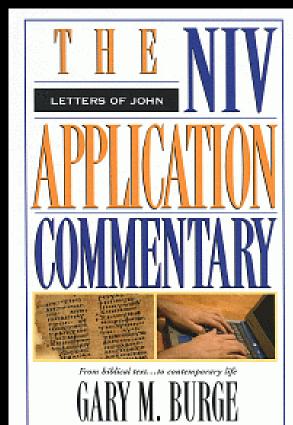
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- For the moch will eat them up like a gument, and the worm will eat them like wool; but my righteousness will be forever, and emy solvation to all generations."
- Assake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORO; awake, as in days of old, the generations of long ago.
 Was it not you who cut Rabab in pieces.

Devotional Reading

 Begin, Continue and End with Prayer.
Be Open to What God is saying to you.

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- "Gove attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law? will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
- My righterouncess draws near, my submitten has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the consultants hope for me, and for my arm they wait.
- Lift up your eyes to the boavers, and look at the earth beneath, for the beavers vanish life smoke, the earth will woar out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will the in life manner.² but my solution will be forever.
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 Beware of the temptation to know what the Word says before you allow it to speak for itself

- Listen to your heart as well as your mind
- •Allow it to connect with the deeper chapters of your story
- Ask God to help you be transformed, not just informed
- •Seek to meet with God...not just know more about God
- •Learn to see your intake of Scripture as thought it were facilitating a conversation with God.

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...the Bible is given to us in the first place simply to invite us to make ourselves at home in the world of God, God's word and world, and become familiar with the way God speaks and the ways in which we answer him with our lives. **Eugene Peterson**

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your God who plends the cause of his people. "Behold, I have taken from your hand the cup of staggering."

who have said to you.

the book of my wrath you shall drink no more; and I will put it into the hand of your tomentors.

¹¹ Depart, depart, go out from there;

ISALAH 53:3

- Break forth sogether into singing, you water places of Jennalem,
- for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has based his boby arm
- The LORD has based his boly arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the subation of our God.