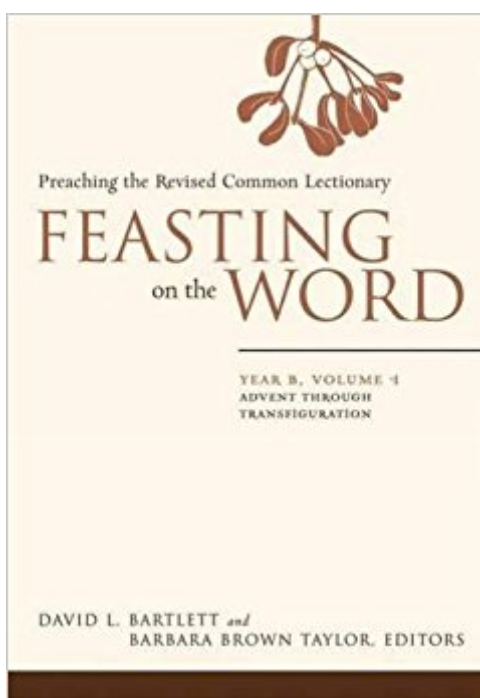


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Customer Reviews

Feasting on the Word is a monumental contribution. The editors have gathered an impressive roster of writers and the result is a lively collection of thoughtful and well-written pieces, many of which directly address preachers, offering a bracing blend of admonition, exhortation, and encouragement. Feasting on the Word will richly repay your investment. --The Christian Century, April 2009

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When I recently moved, I spent an inordinate amount of money transporting my books, although I have fewer than many pastors. While other reviewers have extolled their value as books, I want to comment specifically on their application (good and bad) within Kindle. First of all, the table of contents is arranged on a week by week basis, allowing you to go directly to the week you want. Each verse is addressed (from the theological, pastoral, exegetical, and homiletical perspective) before going on to the next verse. In fact, from the Contents, it is totally possible to move directly to the commentary on the specific verse that you are studying. I love being able to enlarge the text, and since I carry this on my iPad, I love having it available for study. As a pastor who now serves three rural churches, being able to have these anywhere is a HUGE benefit to me. While my preference would always be things I can copy and paste (keeping my life easier), I have a stand for my iPad next to my computer, and can quickly and easily copy any quotes I am using easier than a book. The note capability on the Kindle makes it easy to mark up my copy with my own notes and highlights so that I can keep track of my thoughts. If you have considered purchasing this for a Kindle, but are wondering how it would work, I do highly recommend trying this particular commentary as a first try.

Love these commentaries and kindle version shows well. Only problem is that the Year A,B,C and Volume number are near impossible to read on the cover view which makes finding which one you need quite the annoying task.

Feasting on the Word has been a key component of my bible study, bible study classes and then my formation and development as a lay preacher. I am almost done completing my full set of 12 volumes, and then plan on collecting the follow up series, *Feasting on the Gospels*. If you are going to preach, teach or follow a bible study based on the Revised Common Lectionary, this is a resource that is invaluable.

Unlike a lot of commentaries, I really like this one. It is helpful on a lot of levels, and definitely much more geared toward pastors who are more than just needing a scholarly resource - though it is also that. But it has pastoral and homiletic insights to offer as well, and I find it to be more helpful than the New Interpreter's Bible Commentary that I have in my office.

I used this volume for leading a bible study for young adults at the church where I serve. It is a really great resource for that setting, but I also believe it would serve well for preaching or personal study. The format is great and offers a nice variety of perspectives. Unfortunately, it's strength is also a weakness: like any commentary set, some contributions are worthwhile whereas others seem lacking. Here, some of the essays are not as worthwhile as others, but fortunately every passage has four essays from four different authors so it would be rare to find nothing of value on a given passage.

Great books but not what I was looking for. The books are as they were advertised; I apparently failed to grasp the intent of the authors. What I was really looking for was commentaries on the Book of Esther. I am sure the books will meet the expectation of those seeking commentaries on the Lectionary Readings.

Leads to deepening your prayer and Bible knowledge

Great resource that combines exegesis, theology and the homiletical/pastoral themes of the lectionary texts. Does not replace your own exegesis and interpretation but a fantastic secondary and consolidated resource!!

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