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Detailed verse-by-verse commentary with a focus on the Greek text and historical context[.](#fn1)
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Balances in-depth exegesis with real-world application. Designed for both serious Bible students and general readers[.](#fn1)
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