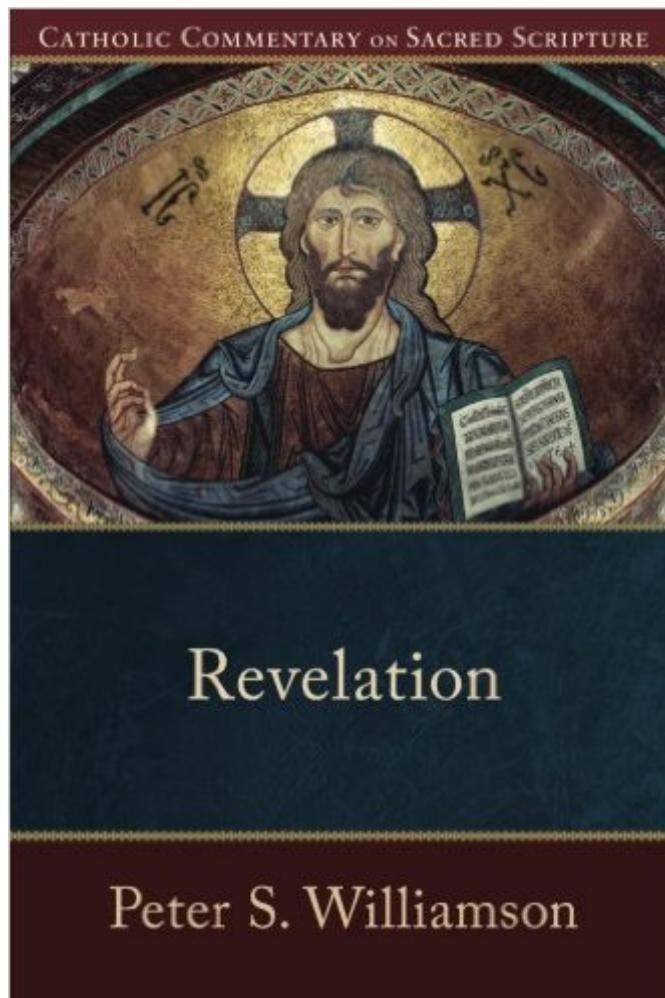


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An excellent resource on the Book of Revelation for Scripture scholars or those with a great interest in the Book of Revelation. This is my favorite Bible series after the Navarre series. Maybe the person with a more casual interest might have to skim some of the chapters. At almost 400 pages, the book devotes about 17 pages on average to the 22 chapters of Revelation, though some chapters (the chapter on Revelation 4 is only 8 pages), are shorter. Curious, I couldn't help but read the chapter on Revelation 13 (PP.221-238) first. Here are some examples of the wisdom from that chapter:"When the Greek word for 'beast', therion, is translated into Hebrew (i.e., written with Hebrew letters), the numerical value of the letters is 666. When the Greek version of Nero's name,

Caesar Neron, is transliterated into Hebrew, it also totals 666. Many scholars believe that John identifies Nero with the number of the beast. This interpretation gains support from the fact that some ancient manuscripts give the number of the beast as six hundred and sixteen, which is the sum of the letters in Nero's name if it is transliterated from Latin into Hebrew. ... Modern applications of gematria to 666 have identified Adolf Hitler, Henry Kissinger, Ronald Wilson Reagan, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama" (P.235)The author, Peter S. Williamson, also makes some interesting cultural references. Here is one on J.R.R. Tolkien:"We left the dragon standing on the shore of the sea (12:18), although there were no chapter divisions in the original text. It now becomes apparent that Satan was summoning a terrifying instrument to wield against God's people. Readers of J.R.R. Tolkien's 'Lord of the Rings' may think of Sauron's deployment of the Lord of the Nazgul." (P.

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