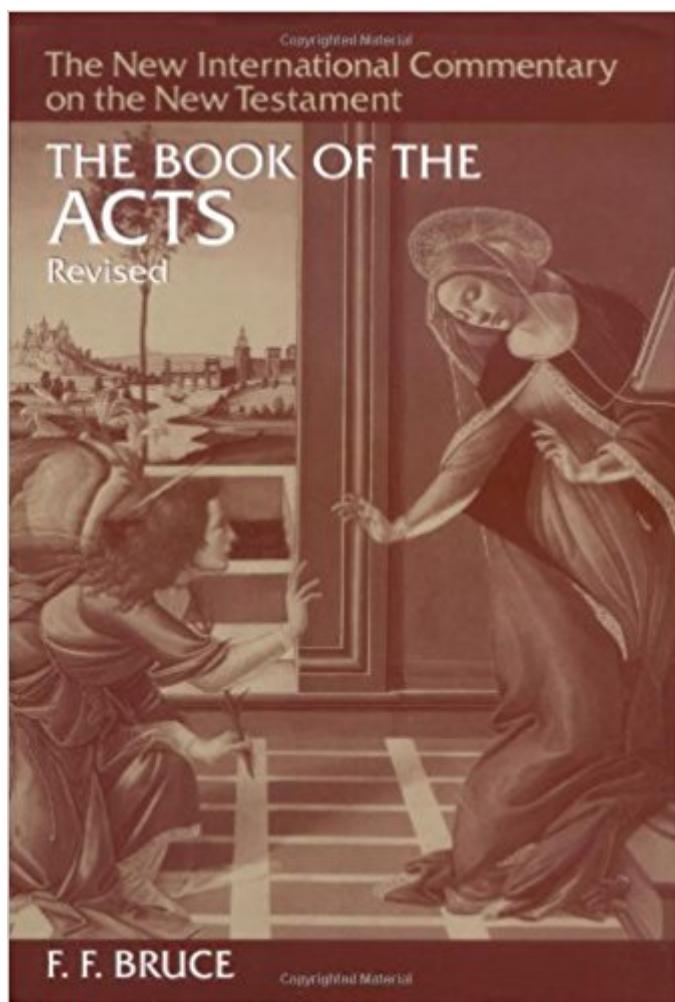


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As a young missionary teaching in a Bible college in Nigeria, I discovered F. F. Bruce on Acts. I found it extremely valuable, but never owned a copy of my own until recently. I could not envision teaching the book of Acts without checking out what Bruce has to say on the text. If you are looking for THE foundational book on Acts, get F. F. Bruce.

Excellent commentary. Answers nearly every significant question that has arisen, while reading the Greek text. Of course it's dated in some regards, but that's easily taken into account.

This is an older version of this series, but Bruce is just so readable and clear that it has to make this the single Acts Commentary you may want on your shelf. Actually one of those rare commentaries you can just read through without being a greek scholar and just enjoy the comments as they come.

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‘The Book of the Acts, Revised’ in ‘The New International Commentary on the New Testament’ series, written by F. F. (Frederick Fyvie) Bruce, is an excellent addition to this series, and a worthy follow-up to Joel Green’s commentary on ‘The Gospel of Luke’ in the same series. I once made two mistaken statements about this series, commonly abbreviated as NICNT. The first is that the editors tend to commission relatively junior scholars to do their commentaries, often as revisions of their doctoral dissertations. The second is that the series uses the relatively old ‘American Standard Version’ translation of 1901. Both Professors Green and Bruce are distinctly senior, highly qualified commentators, both of whom contribute their own translations. As I always use the NRSV as a primary translation, I look forward to a commentator’s own personal translation, based on a deep knowledge of the particular scripture. And, Professor Bruce has a deeper knowledge than most, as

he finished a commentary on the Greek text of Acts before doing this commentary. The separate commentary on the Greek has a salutary effect on the current work, as it separates out all the tedious philological and text critical findings for those who are primarily interested in such things. That leaves only professor Bruce's commentary on the literary, historical, and theological matters we find in Luke's Acts. Acts does not have quite as many interpretational difficulties as Luke's Gospel. Therefore, some commentators' approach, such as the more recent work by Darrell Bock, tends to obscure the relatively cleaner text by discussing many different interpretations, including many from this volume. Like many of the commentators in 'The New Interpreter's Bible (NIB)', Bruce focuses on a clean and illuminating organization of the text, with excellent material for applying the text to modern church and pastoral questions. Unlike the NIB, Bruce has excellent references to Hebrew sources, primarily the Mishnah. In fact, it was Bruce's commentary which pushed me to finally get a copy of the Mishnah as an aid to understanding references to Jewish practice in both the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. It may not count for much in many reviewers' evaluations, but I also find the design of the NICNT volumes' typesetting to be superior to many other series, especially to the Word Biblical Commentary volumes. It does little good to have excellent material if aging eyes find it difficult to read it. Like Green's commentary, I would suggest Bruce's volume over many others, with the one caveat that it is at least ten (10) years older than several important new commentaries, such as the Anchor Bible contribution by Joseph Fitzmyer and at least five (5) years older than Luke Timothy Johnson's *Sacra Pagina* volume, and both are important and useful for the lay or pastoral user. So, I strongly recommend this volume, used together with Fitzmyer's volume or some other recent commentary. For those reviewers who do not find much new, I sympathize with their observation, but suggest that this is more evidence for the fact that this is a very good first (but not only) commentary on Acts for the pastoral or lay user.

Classic commentary on Acts. As a layman, I am finding it very helpful as I teach Acts. Dr. Bruce addresses questions raised by the text without more reliance on Greek grammar than I can handle. His approach to the theology is conservative, which I appreciate. I do not always find his references and comparison to Luke's gospel to be useful.

Not a very deep commentary. Very generic.

I've been using the NICNT series for several years and I would definitely recommend this particular volume on the Book of Acts to everyone.

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