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In this book, Katherine M. Hockey explores the function of emotions in the New Testament by examining the role of emotions in 1 Peter. Moving beyond outdated, modern rationalistic views of emotions as irrational, bodily feelings, she presents a theoretically and historically informed cognitive approach to emotions in the New Testament. Informed by Greco-Roman philosophical and rhetorical views of emotions along with modern emotion theory, she shows how the author of 1 Peter uses the logic of each emotion to value and position objects within the audience's worldview, including the self and the other. She also demonstrates how, cumulatively, the emotions of joy, distress, fear, hope, and shame are deployed to build an alternative view of reality. This new view of reality aims to shape the believers' understanding of the structure of their world, encourages a reassessment of their personal goals, and ultimately seeks to affect their identity and behaviour.

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PREFACE

This book is a revised version of my Doctoral Thesis ‘Seeing Emotionally: An Investigation of the Role of Emotion in the Rhetorical Discourse of 1 Peter’ undertaken at Durham University and completed in summer 2016. The Arts and Humanities Research Council (UK), to whom I am very grateful, funded my research. Unfortunately, due to being published too late in the process of this current project, I have not been able to engage with an important collection of essays on the topic of emotion and biblical interpretation: F. Scott Spencer, ed., *Mixed Feelings and Vexed Passions: Exploring Emotions in Biblical Literature* (Atlanta, GA: SBL Press, 2017). However, I recommend it to those interested in the application of various approaches to studying emotions in the biblical text beyond 1 Peter.

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ABBREVIATIONS

All abbreviations of primary sources follow standard Society of Biblical Literature conventions.

AB	Anchor Bible
BDAG	Bauer, W., F. W. Danker, W. F. Arndt, and F. W. Gingrich. <i>Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature</i> . 3rd ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000
BECNT	Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament
BHGNT	Baylor Handbook on the Greek New Testament
BInS	Biblical Interpretation Series
<i>BTB</i>	<i>Biblical Theology Bulletin</i>
BZNW	Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft
CBNT	Commentaire biblique: Nouveau Testament
EH	Europäische Hochschulschriften
EKKNT	Evangelisch-katholischer Kommentar zum Neuen Testament
ESVUK	English Standard Version, Anglicised
HNT	Handbuch zum Neuen Testament
<i>HP1</i>	Long, A. A. and D. N. Sedley. <i>The Hellenistic Philosophers. Volume 1: Translations of the Principal Sources with Philosophical Commentary</i> . Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1987
<i>HP2</i>	Long, A. A. and D. N. Sedley. <i>The Hellenistic Philosophers. Volume 2: Greek and Latin Texts with Notes and Bibliography</i> . Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1987
HThKNT	Herders Theologischer Kommentar zum Neuen Testament

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<i>HTR</i>	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
<i>JBL</i>	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
<i>JSNT</i>	<i>Journal for the Study of the New Testament</i>
JSNTSup	Journal for the Study of the New Testament: Supplement Series
LNTS	Library of New Testament Studies
LSJ	Liddell, H. G., R. Scott, and H. S. Jones. <i>A Greek- English Lexicon</i> . 9th ed. with revised supplement. Oxford: Clarendon, 1996
NA27	<i>Nestle-Aland Novum Testamentum Graece 27</i> . Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft
NA28	<i>Nestle-Aland Novum Testamentum Graece 28</i> . Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft
NABPR	National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion
NIV	New International Version
NKJV	New King James Version
<i>NovT</i>	<i>Novum Testamentum</i>
NovTSup	Supplements to Novum Testamentum
NRSVA	New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised
NRSVCE	New Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition
<i>NTS</i>	<i>New Testament Studies</i>
SBB	Stuttgarter biblische Beiträge
SBL	Society of Biblical Literature
SBLDS	Society of Biblical Literature Dissertation Series
SBLMS	Society of Biblical Literature Monograph Series
SBLSymS	Society of Biblical Literature Symposium Series
SSSP	Springer Series in Social Psychology
StUNT	Studien zur Umwelt des Neuen Testaments
WBC	Word Biblical Commentary
WUNT	Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament
<i>ZMR</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für Missionswissenschaft und Religionswissenschaft</i>
<i>ZNW</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft und die Kunde der älteren Kirche</i>