

PHILIPPIANS

In this commentary, Michael F. Bird and Nijay K. Gupta situate Paul's letter to the Philippians within the context of his imprisonment as well as the Philippians' situation of suffering and persecution. Paul draws the Philippians' attention to the power and progress of the gospel in spite of difficult circumstances. He also warns them about the dangers of rival Christian groups who preach out of poor motives or have a truncated gospel. Bird and Gupta unpack the rich wisdom and theology of the Christ Hymn (2:6–11). Throughout the commentary, they apply a broad range of exegetical tools to interpret this letter including historical, sociological, rhetorical, and literary analysis, and they give attention to the reception of this important Pauline text throughout history. Bird and Gupta also include short reflections on the meaning of Philippians for today.

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Abbreviations



4QMMT	4Q Miqat Maaše ha-Torah
AB	Anchor Bible Commentaries
ABD	David Noel Freedman, ed. <i>The Anchor Bible Dictionary</i> . New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2008
<i>ABR</i>	<i>Australian Biblical Review</i>
ABRL	Anchor Bible Reference Library
ACCS	Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture
ACD	Ancient Christian Doctrine
ACTMS	Australian College of Theology Monograph Series
ANF	The Ante-Nicene Fathers
<i>Ant.</i>	<i>Jewish Antiquities</i> (Josephus)
ANTC	Abingdon New Testament Commentaries
AYBC	Anchor Yale Bible Commentary
BAFCS	The Books of Acts in Its First Century Setting
<i>BBR</i>	<i>Bulletin for Biblical Research</i>
BDAG	W. Bauer, F. W. Danker, W. F. Arnt, and F. W. Gingrich. <i>A 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
BGU	Berliner griechische Urkunden
<i>Bib.</i>	<i>Biblica</i>
<i>BibInt</i>	<i>Biblical Interpretation</i>
BNTC	Black's New Testament Commentary
<i>BSac</i>	<i>Bibliotheca Sacra</i>
BTCB	Belief Theological Commentary on the Bible

BZNW	<i>Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>
CBQ	<i>Catholic Biblical Quarterly</i>
CBR	<i>Currents in Biblical Research</i>
CEB	Common English Bible
CITM	Christianity in the Making
ConBNT	Coniectanea Biblica: New Testament Series
CSB	Christian Standard Bible
CTM	<i>Currents in Theology and Mission</i>
EBC	Expositor's Bible Commentary
ECS	Epworth Commentary Series
EDNT	<i>Exegetical Dictionary of the New Testament</i>
EEC	Evangelical Exegetical Commentary
EGGNT	Exegetical Guide to the Greek New Testament
EQ	<i>The Evangelical Quarterly</i>
ESV	English Standard Version
<i>ExpTimes</i>	<i>Expository Times</i>
HBT	<i>Horizons in Biblical Theology</i>
HNT	Handbuch zum Neuen Testament
HTR	<i>The Harvard Theological Review</i>
ICC	International Critical Commentary
IVPNT	InterVarsity Press New Testament (Commentary Series)
JBL	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
JETS	<i>The Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society</i>
JSNT	<i>Journal for the Study of the New Testament</i>
JSNTSup	<i>Journal for the Study of the New Testament Supplement Series</i>
JSOT	<i>Journal for the Study of the Old Testament</i>
JSPL	<i>Journal for the Study of Paul's Letters</i>
JTC	<i>Journal for Theology and Church</i>
JTI	<i>Journal of Theological Interpretation</i>
JTS	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i>
<i>Jub.</i>	Jubilees (Old Testament Pseudepigrapha)
KD	<i>Kerygma und Dogma</i>
KJV	King James Version
LANE	Adolf Deissmann, <i>Light from the Ancient Near East: The New Testament Illustrated by Recently Discovered Texts of the Graeco-Roman World</i> , trans. L. R. M. Strachan. 1927; reprint, Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1995
LCL	Loeb Classical Library

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LN	Johannes P. Louw and Eugene A. Nida, <i>Greek–English Lexicon of the New Testament Based on Semantic Domains</i> . New York: United Bible Societies, 1996
LNTS	Library of New Testament Studies
LSJ	Henry George Liddell, Robert Scott, Henry Stuart Jones, and Roderick McKenzie. <i>A Greek–English Lexicon</i> . Rev. and augm. Oxford; New York: Clarendon Press; Oxford University Press, 1996
LXX	Septuagint (Greek Old Testament)
NASB	New American Standard Bible
NBBC	New Beacon Bible Commentary
NDIEC	New Documents Illustrating Early Christianity. 10 vols.
<i>NeoT</i>	<i>Neotestamentica</i>
NET	New English Translation
<i>NIB</i>	<i>New Interpreter’s Bible</i>
NIBC	New Interpreter’s Bible Commentary
NICNT	New International Commentary on the New Testament
NIDB	<i>New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible</i>
NIGTC	New International Greek Text Commentary
NIV	New International Version
NIVAC	NIV Application Commentary
NJB	New Jerusalem Bible
NLT	New Living Translation
<i>NovT</i>	<i>Novum Testamentum</i>
NovTSup	Novum Testamentum Supplement Series
NRSV	New Revised Standard Version
NSBT	New Studies in Biblical Theology
NTD	Das Neue Testament Deutsch
NTL	New Testament Library
NTS	<i>New Testament Studies</i>
NTSR	New Testament for Spiritual Reading
NTT	New Testament Theology
OTP	Old Testament Pseudepigrapha
OUP	Oxford University Press
PAST	Pauline Studies
PCNT	Paideia Commentary on the New Testament
PFG	N. T. Wright. <i>Paul and the Faithfulness of God</i> . Minneapolis: Fortress, 2013

PNTC	Pillar New Testament Commentary
PRS	Perspectives in Religious Studies
REBC	Revised Expositor's Bible Commentary
<i>ResQ</i>	<i>Restoration Quarterly</i>
<i>RevExp</i>	<i>Review & Expositor</i>
RSV	Revised Standard Version
SGBC	The Story of God Bible Commentary
SHBC	Smyth and Helwys Bible Commentary
SNTS	Society for New Testament Studies
SNTSMS	Society for New Testament Studies Monograph Series
SP	Sacra Pagina
TANZ	Texte und Arbeiten zum Neutestamentlichen Zeitalter
<i>TBT</i>	<i>The Bible Today</i>
ThHK	Theologischer Handkommentar zum Neuen Testament
THNT	Two Horizons New Testament Commentary
<i>TLNT</i>	Ceslas Spicq and James D. Ernest. <i>Theological Lexicon of the New Testament</i> . Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1994
TNTC	Tyndale New Testament Commentary
<i>TrinJ</i>	<i>Trinity Journal</i>
<i>TynBul</i>	<i>Tyndale Bulletin</i>
VOICE	<i>The Voice Translation</i> . Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2011
WBC	Word Biblical Commentary
WUNT	<i>Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament</i>
ZNW	<i>Zeitschrift für die Neutestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>
ZThK	<i>Zeitschrift für Theologie und Kirche</i>