THE ROLE OF EMOTION IN 1 PETER

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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 Moving beyond outdated, modern rationalistic views of emotions as irrational, bodily feelings, she presents a theoretically and historically informed cognitive approach to emotions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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ABBREVIATIONS

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

AB  Anchor Bible
BECNT  Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament
BHGN  Baylor Handbook on the Greek New Testament
BInS  Biblical Interpretation Series
BTB  *Biblical Theology Bulletin*
BZNW  Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die neuestamentliche 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
HThKNT  Herders Theologischer Kommentar zum Neuen Testament
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<td>NABPR</td>
<td>National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion</td>
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<td>NIV</td>
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