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GENERAL EDITOR'S PREFACE

Long ago St Paul wrote, "I planted, Apollus watered, but God gave the growth" (1 Cor. 3:6, NAB). He was right, and my fellow editors and I have made a great effort to do the collective labor of many skilled hands and hearts. Someone else dug up the dirt and drops in seed, while others watered the ground in various seedlings to grow. The Lord's work is done, and we have brought this commentary series to its position of preeminence. Nelson B. King, Jr., of the University of Kentucky has undertaken the task of editing and writing the first published volume, Professor W. B. Eerdmans of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Wiley J. Brueggemann of Columbia University, New York, have been our co-editors. Their hands have been busy, and they have done their best to do what God has asked of them.

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