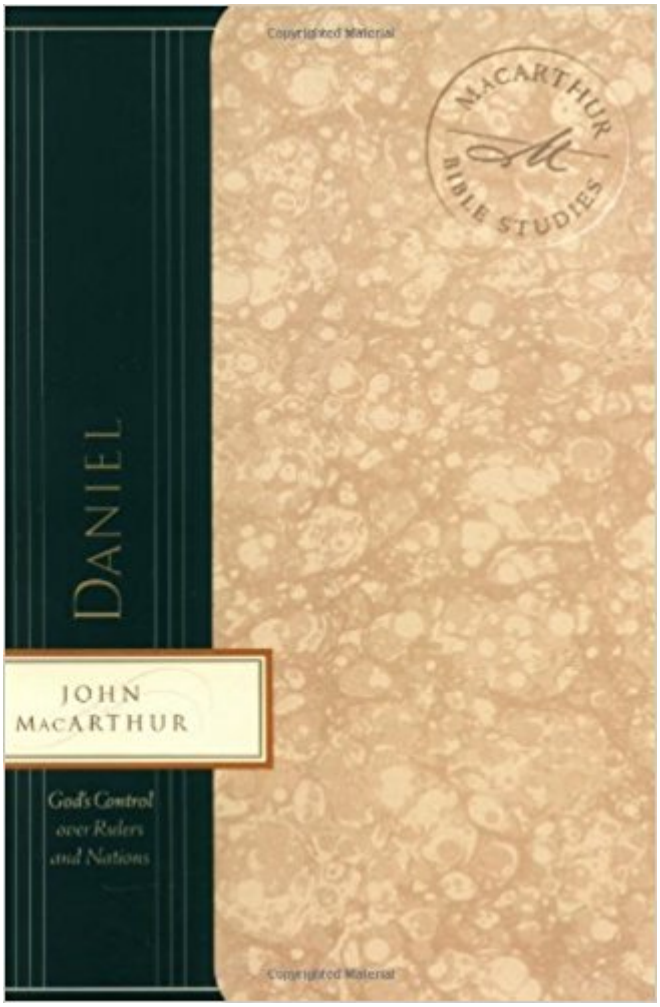
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Synopsis

These study guides, part of a 16-volume set from noted Bible scholar John MacArthur, take readers on a journey through biblical texts to discover what lies beneath the surface, focusing on meaning and context, and then reflecting on the explored passage or concept. With probing questions that guide the reader toward application, as well as ample space for journaling, The MacArthur Bible Studies are an invaluable tool for Bible Students of all ages.

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Customer Reviews

John MacArthur has served as the pastor-teacher of Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, California, since 1969. His ministry of expository preaching is unparalleled in its breadth and influence. In more than four decades of ministry from the same pulpit, he has preached verse by verse through the entire New Testament (and several key sections of the Old Testament). He is president of the MasterÃ¢â ¬â„¢s University and Seminary and can be heard daily on the Grace to You radio broadcast (carried on hundreds of radio stations worldwide). He has authored a number of bestselling books, including Twelve Ordinary Men, and One Perfect Life. Ã Â For more details about John MacArthur and his Bible-teaching resources, contact Grace to You at 800-55-GRACE or gty.org. Ã Â

I read this book as I am currently researching a small book that I intend to publish on the various

interpretations of DanielÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s 70th week. John MacArthur is a Dispensational Futurist in his eschatology.I was taught Futurism at the Baptist churches that I used to attend, but I bought this book as a refresher on that school of thought. I intend to carefully study DanielÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s 70th week from all three perspectives before publishing my own book .First of all, MacArthur does not use the KJV; he uses the NKJV. In at least one area where the NKJV is not corrupted like the NIV, MacArthur corrupts it with his margin notes. For example, in the story of the fiery furnace, both the KJV and the NKJV record Nebuchadnezzar as proclaiming that the fourth man looked ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“like the Son of GodÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œa clear acknowledgement of Christ. MacArthurÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s margin notes state that the king called the fourth man ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“a son of the gods (a common pagan phrase for supernatural beings)ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â•. Whoa. That is what the NIV does, an attack on the divinity of Christ by claiming that a pre-incarnate appearance of Christ either was not or was not recognized as such.As anyone who has studied theology knows, there are three basic schools of thought on prophecy: Preterist, Historicist, and Futurist. Futurist predominates today, but did not 150 plus years ago. While MacArthur briefly mentions millennial positions, he does not even acknowledge the existence of Preterism or Historicism, much less refute their VERY different interpretations of the 70th week. MacArthur just enters a comment on the verse as if there is no question to it and no other possible alternate meaning, often without attempted correlation to other scriptures. No systematic proof of his comment, much less systematic disproof of opposing viewpoints. He just said it and expects his readers to unquestioningly assume it is correct, which most of them probably will blindly do.For anyone who has read Reformation writings or Bible commentaries like Matthew Henry or John Gill, this book of MacArthursÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ will seem very weak. MacArthur sees much of Daniels prophecies as Jewish centered, not Christ and the church centered. While he cannot deny the past fulfillment of Daniel 2, which Daniel interprets, most of MacArthursÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ commentary is nothing but Zionist centered Futurist speculations.This book was very weak. I do not even have a degree in theology, but I would be embarrassed to put my name on a book of this quality. This book is to Reformation era thought what kindergarten is to high school.

These are very good and worth the money. They encourage student preparation and interaction, though we do not require it. I have beginners in the small group class we host, as well as very well trained Bible students, and we all like these books. I trust MacArthur's theology. I'm seminary-trained, but I did not want to conduct a class, where the listened were dependent of hearing from me. If you want to learn something, then teach it. I want to teach potential future

teachers of the Word. This material uses the NKJV as a common text for the group. M does word study and adds depth and his usual background for the text. But, most importantly for us, it removes barriers and fear for a new teacher to step forward, using this material and becoming a teacher. Going to seminary is good, but it is not easily duplicable. This method is.

MacArthur does a great job of drawing together scripture and history with this study book. Each chapter is broken down verse by verse and has 1-2 line commentary for each verse to explain significance and to clarify meanings. Quite concise, doesn't have much "fluff" which is a positive to me. The book doesn't chase conspiracy theories or try and make claims that it can't back up scripturaly.The end of each chapter has a question section that tries to help with critical thinking which I thought wasn't very helpful, but I didn't by the book for that reason. I bought it to help explain the more complex concepts of Daniel. (Like the 70 weeks and the beast with the 10 horns)This is a solid study guide that draws together other pertinent portions of the Bible. If you want just the facts, this is the study guide for you.

We needed some sort of guide to help our young adult aged Sunday School class study through the book of Daniel. We chose this book because it was broken down by chapter and had some features we were looking for. This book has just enough side notes to help understand some of the cryptic prophecies and guide readers to a deeper understanding of the stories. There were questions to help readers process through some of the deeper meanings of each chapter and also some nice cross references to similar scriptures. However I was disappointed there wasn't more commentary/explanation throughout.With more commentary I would give it a 5, but it has still been a nice resource for our Sunday School class.

John McArthur is noted for his in-depth exposition of the Bible. This is not one of his better efforts for the book of Daniel. Some of the questions asked do not fall in line with the scripture. For example he asks why do people have dreams? Or why do some people have more dreams than others. This has nothing to do with the dreams of revelation given to Daniel from God. I am keeping this book, but was disappointed in the content.

Our study group really liked this book. We really enjoyed the verses already being in the book because as busy professionals, it's difficult to carry around a lot of extra things, plus having the definition or explanations in the margins directly related to the verse was great. We really enjoyed

some of the thought provoking questions. Some of the questions reflecting on the passage were like "duh" answers so we didn't really spend much time on those, but all-in-all it was a great book.

A great help in the study of the book of Daniel and the Bible.

Well done.

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