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“Where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.”

Ruth’s response to her mother-in-law, Naomi, demonstrated both Ruth’s loyalty to her family and her trust in God. The Reformers of the sixteenth century found theological significance in such Old Testament narratives. For example, German Lutheran pastor and theologian Johannes Brenz perceived in her confession a foreshadowing of the gospel: “Ruth the Moabitess is recorded in the genealogy of Christ, that it might be made known that Christ belongs not only to the Jews but also to the Gentiles.”

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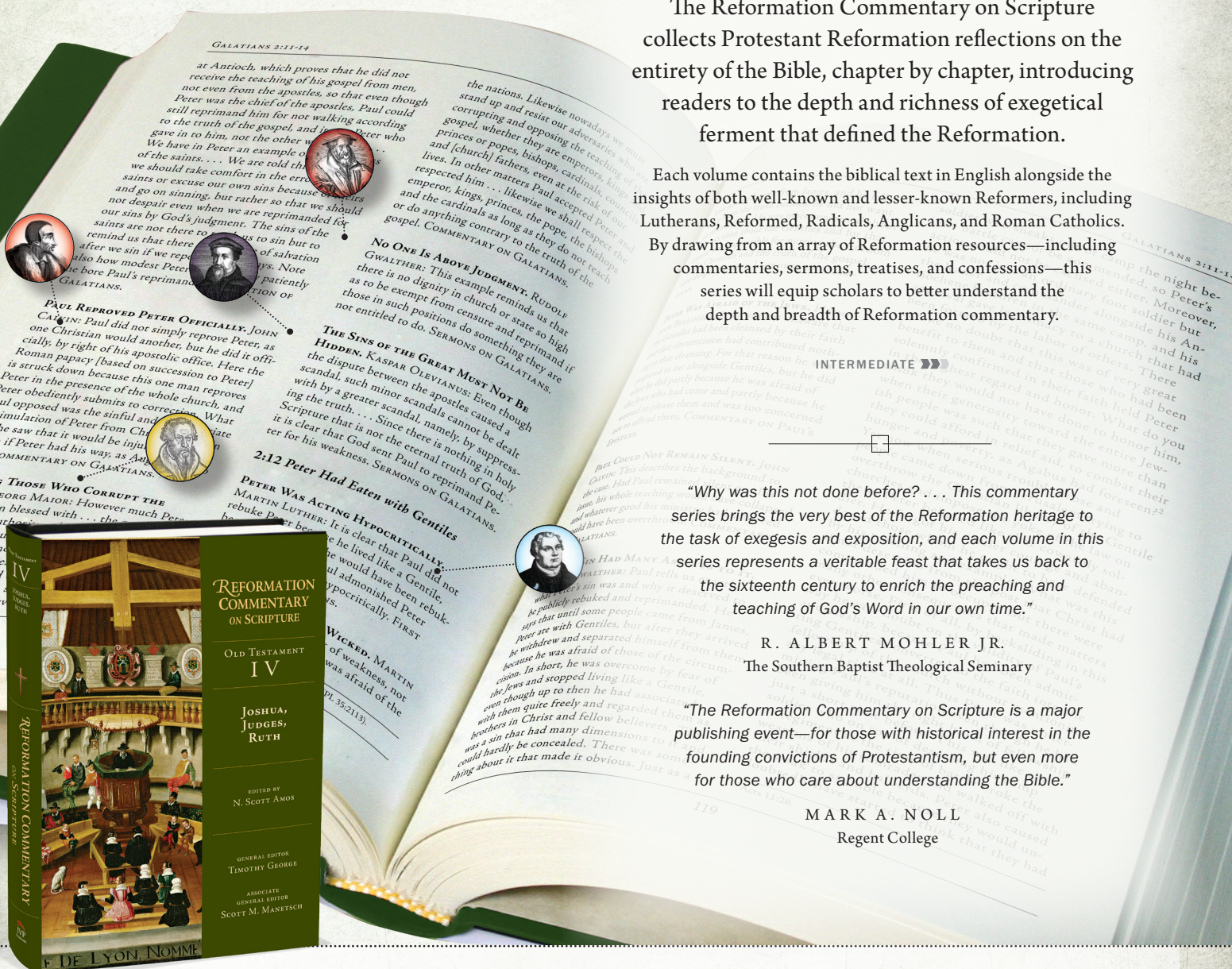
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