Revelation 1-7 Commentary (Wycliffe Exegetical Commentary) by Robert Thomas

Through the centuries, the book of Revelation has captured the fascination of the church. This commentary on chapters 1-7 is part of a series that propounds a conservative, evangelical theology in a context familiar with the broad range of views.

My Personal Review:
This is one of the best commentaries on Revelation that I have encountered. While it is written from a dispensational point of view, it was encouraging to get to chapter four and not find that John's summon into heaven is automatically interpreted as being the rapture of the church. (For me, this particular interpretation has always been so obviously strained that it is embarrassing to me when folks actually try to preach it from the pulpit. It is also the farthest thing from a literal exegesis that you can get, in a place that does not even require a symbolic interpretation.) Almost all of the major opinions and arguments pro and con for each passage are cited along with their respective proponents and they are presented with great precision and scholarship. Although the author definitely has his own point of view, he is careful to write in a manner that at least comes across on paper as being fair and impartial to the reader. Even though the exegesis is scholarly, it is not written to such a technical extreme that no one but a PhD can understand it. On the contrary, it is quite accessible to the average reader, yet has enough "meat" for anyone interested in an indepth study. In short, you will enjoy reading it. This volume along with its companion volume on chapters 8-22 by the same author would be a highly prized addition to your library.

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