Bible and Transformation
The Promise of Intercultural Bible Reading

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A fresh contribution to the growing body of New Testament scholarship on empire, both ancient and modern

This book offers the results of research within a new area of discipline—empirical hermeneutics in intercultural perspective. The book includes interpretations from the homeless in Amsterdam, to Indonesia, from African Xhosa readers to Norway, to Madagascar, American youths, Germany, Czech Republic, Colombia, and Haitian refugees in the Dominican Republic.

Features:
• Interpretations from ordinary readers in more than twenty-five countries
• A study of the concepts of empirical, intercultural, and resulting transformation
• Close readings of the story of the rape of Tamar, Mary’s encounter with Jesus in the cemetery, Cain and Abel, Ruth, the prodigal son, the inopportune guest, and the widow and the unjust judge

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