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"[T]his is a great pastoral commentary that shows how the difficult-to-understand book of Jeremiah applies today." (Elliot Ritzema, Bible Study Magazine, September-October 2014)

#### **About the Author**

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