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J.-N. ALETTI, *Lettera ai Colossesi. Introduzione, versione, commento*, trans. R. Torti, *Scritti delle origini cristiane* 12 (rev. ed.; Bologna: Dehoniane, 2011, paper €25.80) 279 pp., 2 tables. Bibliography. ISBN: 978-88-10-20629-4.

The 1993 French original of this commentary on the letter to the Colossians was described in *NTA* 38, p. 126. The 1994 Italian version was noticed in *NTA* 39, p. 330. This volume represents the revised and expanded version of the Italian text, and features a new three-page preface by the author. After a sixteen-page introduction to Colossians and an eighteen-page essay on its composition, it treats the epistolary framework (Col 1:1-2); the exordium (1:3-23); the development of the themes (1:24-4:1); the concluding exhortations (4:2-6); and the resumption of the epistolary framework (4:7-18). Also included are excursuses on the error of the Colossian teachers and on the vocabulary of Colossians; general conclusions; a glossary of technical terms; and lists of parallelisms and differences between the proto- and deutero-Pauline letters, and parallel passages between Colossians and Ephesians. Aletti is professor of NT at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome.