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Genesis Commentary Completes Popular Commentators' Bible 5-Book Set Series offers translation and explication of Miqra'ot Gedolot for contemporary audiences

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