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I. BIBLIOGRAPHIES


Though somewhat dated, Bauer offers an excellent survey of ministry resource for all areas of biblical studies, including Old and New Testament resources.

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II. COMMENTARIES

*Anchor Bible* (1964-) Ed. David N. Freedman.

AB is an ecumenical and moderately critical series that is designed primarily for the scholar/minister than laity (Longman, 23).

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*Baker Commentary on the Old Testament: Wisdom and Psalms*. The *Baker Exegetical Commentary* on the New Testament is a continuation of the *Wycliffe Exegetical Commentary* by Moody and is a strongly evangelical, critical set. The Old Testament set will focus on illuminating the literary, historical, and grammatical aspects of the text, while clarifying the theological implications and is tailored to the distinctives of poetry and wisdom literature. Volumes available include: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Psalms Vol. 1 (1–41), Psalms Vol. 2 (42–89), Psalms Vol. 3 (90–15).

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The *Broadman Bible Commentary* (1973–) represents scholarship from the moderate wing of the Southern Baptist Convention. A more recent SBC alternative, the *New American Commentary* (1991–) Ed. David S. Dockery, comes from the conservative wing and is based on the NIV text. While primarily expository in nature, the NAC takes a holistic approach and emphasizes the theological unity of each book, as well as the entire Bible. Written primarily for pastors and laypersons, this series assumes inerrancy and offers application and suggestions for preaching and teaching.

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The *Expositor's Bible Commentary*, edited by F.E. Gaebelein, is an evangelical (mostly premillennial) classic. It is a 12 volume set (1976–) that covers both the Old and New Testaments. All books of the Bible are given an introduction, detailed outline, theological and critical exposition, and bibliography. This series stresses basic meaning by focusing on the original languages (lexicography and some grammar and syntax), historical background, and overall relation to other biblical passages (Bauer, 40). All Hebrew and Greek words are transliterated and the primary English text utilized is the New International Version. The *EBC* focuses on helping preachers but is also useful for laypeople.

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The *HarperCollins Bible Commentary*, Rev. ed., Ed. James L. Mays, is a standard, mainstream one-volume commentary that covers all of the Hebrew Bible, as well as the books of the Apocrypha and those of the New Testament. It features essays setting the literary, cultural, and historical context for the entire Bible, articles introducing major sections of the Bible, and commentaries on the individual books themselves. This commentary is cross-referenced to its companion, the *HarperCollins Bible Dictionary*.

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*Hermeneia* (1971–), Ed. F. M. Cross, et al., is a thoroughly critical commentary series with many European scholars' work in translation. History-of-Religions assumptions are common as its goal is to present the best of historical-critical scholarship. Volumes are available for both the Old and New Testaments.

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The *International Critical Commentary* is a very technical, hyper-critical series from the turn of the century (though some volumes are being redone). This series is predominantly designed for the specialist.

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*Interpretation*, Ed. J. L. Mays, is a moderately critical, theological commentary series representing mainline Protestant thought from 1982-. It bridges the gap between scholarship and contemporary relevance (Longman, 27). *Interpretation* is designed to inspire teachers and preachers in their fields of study and to assist laypersons with their study of the Bible.

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*The IVP Bible Background Commentary: Old Testament*, (2000), Eds. John H. Walton, Victor H. Matthews, and Mark W. Chavalas, is an evangelical commentary that focuses the historical, social, and cultural background for each Old Testament passage. It is written with the non-specialist reader in mind and is an excellent resource for teachers.

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*The IVP Women's Bible Commentary*, (2002), Eds. Catherine Clark Kroeger and Mary J. Evans, is a single-volume commentary that provides commentary on most passages of the 66 books of the Protestant Bible. The difference between this and other like commentaries is that it focuses on the meaning behind biblical gender interpretations. It includes 77 brief articles, over 50 illustrations, tables, and more, all of which provide insight into biblical times and customs. It is also includes a basic bibliography, as well as scriptural a supplementary article indices.

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The *JPS Torah Commentary*, (1989–), Ed. N. Sarna,

A Jewish series on the Pentateuch that brings traditional Jewish interpretation together with the insights of historical-critical research.

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*Keil-Delitzsch*

A late 19th century orthodox Lutheran classic. This set offers both excellent exposition and theological commentary.

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The *New Bible Commentary: 21st Century Edition*, 4th ed., Eds. Gordon J. Wenham, J.A. Motyer, D.A. Carson, and R.T. France (Inter-varsity Press, 1994), is a one volume moderately conservative evangelical commentary. It is based on the NIV text and offers introductory material on date, authorship, purpose, key themes, outlines and discussions of recent developments in biblical scholarship, along with numerous maps, diagrams, and tables. It also offers seven new introductory articles that overview biblical history and types of biblical literature. This volume is designed for us by laypeople and teachers.

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The *New Century Bible*, Ed. R.E. Clements, is

A moderate to heavy critical series with predominantly British contributors from the 1970s.

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The New International Commentary on the OT/NT is an Eerdmans series (NT begun 1951; OT in 1976) which features qualified evangelical scholars who follow a consistently conservative approach to critical issues. Though scholarly in its approach, it is accessible to laity. R. K. Harrison has been replaced by Robert Hubbard as OT editor and F. F. Bruce has been replaced by Gordon Fee as NT editor.

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The New Interpreter’s Bible One-Volume Commentary is mainstream (2010). Its purpose is to bring the best of modern biblical scholarship to the service of the church and thus is designed for pastors, students, Bible teachers, and laypersons. It features articles on all the books of the bible, including the Apocrypha, as well as numerous general articles on the history, interpretation, and use of the Bible. This commentary uses the NRSV version of the Bible.

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The NIV Application Commentary, (1994–), Ed. Terry Muck, is an evangelical series which focus on moving the reader from the original meaning (derived from language, historical background, context, etc.) to “bridging contexts” to contemporary significance and application (Bauer, 42-43). This series is designed to aid both preachers and teachers.

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The New Jerome Biblical Commentary, (1990), eds. Raymond E. Brown, Joseph A. Fitzmeyer, and Roland E. Murphy, is a one-volume Catholic commentary which emphasizes a critical approach to the Scriptures, especially the methods of source, form, redaction and textual criticism. Technical with less emphasis on theology and application (Bauer, 38).

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The *Old Testament Library*, Eds., P. Ackroyd, et al., is a mainstream, critical series with many translated from earlier German works.

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The *Old Testament Message*, Eds. C. Stuhlmueller and M. McNamara, is a moderately critical Catholic series begun in the 80s. It is geared for laypeople and focuses on clarity, theology and relevance (Longman, 30).

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*Peake's Commentary*, (2001), Eds. Matthew Black and H.H. Rowley, is one of the standard mainstream, critical one-volume commentaries. This volume gives students of the Bible a thorough grounding in and understanding of the origin and meaning of all the books of the Bible, as well as the benefits of recent research into Scripture.

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*Smyth and Helwys Bible Commentary* is a moderately critical series that is user friendly and theologically sensitive (Longman, 30). It is designed for a "visual generation" and thus it focuses not only on the text but also provides images, photographs, maps, fine art, and drawings. This is a commentary series whose goal is to be useful to all students of the Bible, making relevant scholarship accessible in relevant ways.

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The *Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries*, Ed. D.J. Wiseman, are conservative and evangelical. Which span the 1960s to the 1990s. Written by respected English, South African, Australian, Irish, and American scholars, they are directed toward the non-specialist (Longman, 30).

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The *Women’s Bible Commentary, Expanded Edition*, (1998), Eds. Carol A. Newsom and Sharon H. Ringe, provides a feminist interpretation of selected texts. This single-volume commentary provides introduction and comments on each book of the Protestant Bible, as well as a brief treatment of the apocryphal writings. This work, unlike other single-volume commentaries, focuses primarily on sections of the Bible that deal explicitly with female characters and symbols. Also included are essays on feminist hermeneutics and daily life in biblical times.

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The *Word Biblical Commentary* was launched by Word in the 80s to answer the need for the highest level of biblical scholarship for evangelicals. The series is generally conservative but there are a variety of perspectives.

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*Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary: Old Testament*, (2009), Ed. John H. Walton. This set draws upon history, linguistic analysis, archaeological evidence, and ancient Near Eastern literature to provide the historical and cultural background necessary for understanding the OT texts. Each OT book begins with a brief introductory essay and is then followed by a verse-by-verse commentary. The set is also visually engaging as it is filled with colorful pictures, maps, and illustrations. ZIBBC is both accessible to scholars and the laity and, though final judgments as to questions of interpretation and meaning are often elusive, this set strives to include varying viewpoints while still reflecting a critical and theological position that is rooted in historic conservative/evangelical Christianity.

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