

### Selected Biblical Commentaries

*The Abingdon Old/New Testament Commentaries*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1964- .  
“Superior scholarship in accessible format.”\*

*Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture. Old/New Testament*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2001- and 1998- .

*The Anchor Bible*. Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1992- .  
Designed for “general reader.” Mostly in historical-critical tradition. Uneven.

Apollos Old Testament Commentary series, InterVarsity Press (Downers Grove, IL).  
The series preface says each volume will contain: original text translation, textual notes, discussion of literary form, structure and background, and comments on exegesis, concluding with a study of each passage’s interpretational development. Designed to tie academic pursuit with contemporary application.

*Baker Commentary on the Old Testament Wisdom and Psalms*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2005- .

*Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 1992- .

*Berit Olam*. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical, 1996-.  
“Primarily literary approach to exegesis of the OT, with emphasis on the theological message of the text. The NRSV is the main English translation to which the commentators make reference.”

*Black’s New Testament Commentaries*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1957-.  
Complete series at WTS. Selected at UD.  
Originally published as *Harper’s New Testament Commentaries*.  
This more conservative scholarship is probably dated.

*Blackwell Bible Commentaries*. Oxford: Blackwell, 2004- .  
Commentary series focuses on the influence of the Bible on Western culture. Scholars from a wide range of fields review how the text has influenced literature, art, music, film, religious beliefs, and society.

*Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible*. Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos, 2005- .  
Newer commentary series, individual commentaries authored by theologians (not biblical scholars!) wanting to tie the text to Reformed theology. A good way to bring in other disciplines, but perhaps not the first commentary to check when writing an exegesis paper.

*Eerdmans Critical Commentary*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2000- .  
Authors from a wide range of confessional backgrounds (Jewish and Christian, Catholic and Protestant, etc.) provide their own translation, critical notes, and basic reviews of the literary/historical/cultural aspects of the text. The series notes a focus on newer methodological approaches to the text.

Gaebelien, Frank, gen. ed. *The Expositor's Bible Commentary*. 12 vols. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1976-1992. BS 491.2 .E96

Conservative evangelical scholarship, aimed at pastors preparing sermons. Contains a separate section focusing on more practical application, followed by detailed scholarly notes almost as an appendix to each chapter.

*Hermeneia: A Critical and Historical Commentary on the Bible*. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1971- .

“Classic historical-critical project.... Its strength is its attention to ancient sources and parallels to the biblical text, and to ancient rhetorical and literary features.”

*International Critical Commentary*. Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1896- .

Complete series at WTS. Older editions at UD: BS 491 .I5

“Highly technical series first produced at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and being redone....”

*International Theological Commentary*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1983- .

“Short, insightful commentaries...centering on a theme identified as central to the particular book under consideration.”

*Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1982- .

Focuses “on the final form of the text and on its significant literary and theological features.”

*New Cambridge Bible Commentary*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003- .

Cambridge is re-doing their old CBC series from the 60's and 70's. The series assumes no prior knowledge of Hebrew, Greek, or theology. This new edition seeks to specialize in rhetorical, social-scientific, and narrative criticisms.

*The New International Biblical Commentary*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1989- .

“ A fine series prepared largely by evangelical scholars.... The endnotes are good at conveying the history of interpretation and the variety of majority contemporary interpretations.”

*The New International Commentary on the Old/New Testament*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1965- (OT) 1952- (NT).

Scholarly series written by top evangelical scholars.

*New International Greek Testament Commentary*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1978- .

A technical series on the Greek New Testament with detailed, lengthy commentaries that focus on historical and linguistic issues.

*The New Interpreter's Bible*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1994- .

BS 491 .I68 1994

Ecumenical, scholarly. Good connection between commentary and reflection. Also has general articles. Shelved as series in Circulating and Reference Collections

*The Old Testament Library*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 1961- .

*The Pillar New Testament Commentary.* Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1988- .

*Sacra Pagina.* Collegeville, MN: Liturgical, 1991- .

Commentaries on the New Testament by Roman Catholic scholars. "Sensitive to contemporary approaches and to theological significance."

*Smyth & Helwys Bible Commentary.* Macon, GA: Smyth & Helwys. 2000- .

An accessible new commentary series on the cutting edge, incorporating art, CD-ROM, etc. with a particular interest in biblical theology.

*Westminster Bible Companion.* Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox, 1995- .

*Word Biblical Commentary.* Waco, TX: Word, 1983- .

BS 491.2 .W67 1982 Thorough, technical, conservative point of view.

\*All quotes from Michael J. Gorman. *Elements of Biblical Exegesis: A Basic Guide for Students and Ministers.* Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2001. BS 511.2 .G67 2001