

BOOKLIST FOR BIBLE STUDENTS

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Inclusion in this list does not mean endorsement of all views expressed. At points some of the authors express doctrinal and critical views which must be rejected. The books are listed because they can make a contribution toward an understanding of the Biblical text.

Bible Concordances

Goodrick, E.W. and Kohlenberger, J.R. *The NIV Complete Concordance*. Zondervan, 1981.

Basic concordance. Does not identify the word in the original language or give definition of words.

Morrison, Clinton. *Analytical Concordance to the RSV of the New Testament*. Westminster Press, 1929.

Similar format to Young's.

Nelson's Complete Concordance of the Revised Standard Version. Nelson. 1957.

Strong, James. *Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, rev. ed. Abingdon, 1980. (Reprint of 1890 ed.)

Widely used, standard work. Uses a numbering system to identify the original Hebrew or Greek word and its meaning. Has better definitions than Young's.

Thomas, Robert L. *New American Standard Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*. Holman, 1981.

Follows the format of Strong's. Includes Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek dictionaries. Excellent tool.

Young, Robert. *Analytical Concordance to the Bible*. Eerdmans, 1955, reprint of 1881 ed.

Lists occurrences of the English word in groups according to the Hebrew or Greek words from which they are translated. Better arranged than Strong's.

Bible Dictionaries

Bromiley, G.W. ed. *International Standard Bible Dictionary*, rev. ed., 4 volumes. Eerdmans, 1979, 1982, 1986.

Produced by American evangelicals.

Brown, Colin, ed. *The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology*, 3 vols. Zondervan, 1975-78.

Major reference work on word studies for the advanced student. An index volume is now available.

Douglas, J.D., ed. *New Bible Dictionary*, 2nd ed. Tyndale House Publishers, 1982.

Interacts with current scholarship. Produced by international team of evangelical scholars.

Douglas, J.D., revising editor, and Tenney, Merrill C., general editor. *The New International Dictionary of the Bible, Pictorial Edition*. Zondervan, 1987.

Conservative, basic information on people, places, event, subjects in the Bible.

- Elwell, Walter A., ed. *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*. Baker, 1984.
Bible-believing and comprehensive.
- Ferguson, Sinclair B.; Wright, David F.; and Packer, J.I. *New Dictionary of Theology*. InterVarsity, 1988.
Evangelical work with over 630 articles covering topics of interest to both the general reader and the advanced Bible student.
- Harris, R. Laird; Archer, Gleason L.; and Waltke, Bruce K., eds. *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament*, 2 volumes. Moody Press, 1980.
Good general work on the meaning of Hebrew words. For those who do not know Hebrew the words can be identified by the numbers in Strong's or Thomas' concordances.
- Richards, Lawrence O. *Expository Dictionary of Bible Words*. Zondervan, 1985. Seeks to help the reader understand the original meaning of Bible words as defined by the Scripture.
- Tenney, Merrill, ed. *Zondervan's Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible*, 5 vols. Zondervan, 1975.
Excellent reference work.
- Unger, Merrill F. & William White, Jr., eds. *Nelson's Expository Dictionary of the Old Testament*. Nelson, 1980.
Defines over 500 Hebrew words arranged alphabetically by their English translation.
- Vine, W.E. *An Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words*. Revell, 1940.
Valuable reference work. Non-technical guide to the meaning of Greek words.

Bible Atlases

- Beitzel, Barry J. *The Moody Atlas of Bible Lands*. Moody, 1985.
Up-to-date. Uses scholarly vocabulary. Commentary on more than ninety maps of Palestine, Mediterranean area, Near East, the Sinai and Turkey.
- Frank, Harry Thomas, ed. *Hammonds Atlas of the Bible Lands*. Hammond Incorporated, 1984.
Inexpensive collection of Bible maps. Occasional liberal views.
- May, Herbert G., ed. *Oxford Atlas*, 3rd, ed. Oxford University Press, 1984.
Very clear maps. Well researched. Presented in concise fashion. Available in paperback.
- Pfeiffer, Charles F. *Baker's Bible Atlas*. Baker, 1961.
Follows the Biblical historical narrative from Genesis to Revelation. Emphasizes factual data.

Bible Handbooks

- Alexander, David and Pat, eds. *Eerdmans' Handbook to the Bible*, rev. ed. Eerdmans, 1983.
A comprehensive, fully illustrated reference book helping the reader understand the Bible in its historical context.
- Halley, Henry H. *Halley's Bible Handbook*, 24th edition. Zondervan, 1965.

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Has stood the test of time and is still valuable. Brief introduction and survey of each Bible book with much other helpful information.

Richards, Lawrence O. *The Word Bible Handbook*. Word, 1982.

Much helpful information. More than usual attention to application and practice of the Bible's teaching and to the importance of Bible facts.

Bible Surveys

Deal, William S. *Baker's Pictorial Introduction to the Bible*. Baker, 1967.

Concise and reliable overview of each book in the Bible.

Dunnett, Walter M. *New Testament Survey*. Evangelical Teacher Training Association, 1963.

Brief, non-technical survey.

Schultz, Samuel. *Old Testament Speaks*, 3rd, ed. Harper, 1980.

Excellent survey of the content of each Old Testament book.

Smith, William. *Old Testament History*, as revised and updated by Wilbur Fields. College Press, 1983.

Excellent survey of the history of God's people from the creation to the end of the Old Testament.

Tenney, Merrill C. *New Testament Survey*, revised by Walter Dunnett. Eerdmans, 1985.

Deals with the historical setting of the New Testament and gives a basic survey of the content of each New Testament book. Valuable study aid.

Bible Introduction

Archer, Gleason L. *A Survey of Old Testament Introduction*, rev. ed. Moody Press, 1976.

Conservative, scholarly work, dealing with the critical questions about each book in the Old Testament.

Bruce, F.F. *The Books and the Parchments*, 4th ed. Revell, 1984.

Tells the story of how we got the Bible.

Geisler, Norman and William Nix. *A General Introduction to the Bible*, rev. ed. Moody, 1986.

Comprehensive work on the writing, copying, inspiration and translation of the Bible. The material is also published in a condensed form in *From God to Us*, (Moody, 1974).

Greenlee, J. Harold. *Scribes, Scrolls and Scripture: A Student's Guide to New Testament Textual Criticism*. Eerdmans, 1985.

A basic introduction to the writing of ancient books, the history of the Biblical text and how we know the New Testament has been copied correctly through the centuries.

Guthrie, Donald. *New Testament Introduction*, rev. ed. InterVarsity Press, 1981.

Conservative, cautious and thorough work which discusses the date, authorship, historical reliability, purpose and content of each New Testament book.

Harris, R. Laird. *Your Bible*. Evangelical Teacher Training Association, 1978.

Non-technical introduction to the Bible.

Harrison, R.K. *An Introduction to the Old Testament*. Eerdmans, 1969.

A comprehensive introduction to the history of Old Testament criticism and critical questions in the study of each Old Testament book.

Hiebert, D. Edmond. *An Introduction to the New Testament*, 3 volumes. Moody Press, 1975-1977.

Conservative work which provides background information and an outline for each book.

Lightfoot, Neil. *How We Got the Bible*. Abilene Christian University Press, 1987.

Excellent basic information about the writing, inspiration and translation of the Bible.

Young, Edward J. *An Introduction to the Old Testament*. Eerdmans, 1958.

Older, but still valuable conservative work.

Concerning Commentaries:

1. Do not begin your study with a commentary. Begin with your own study of the Biblical text. Then consult a commentary or commentaries to find answers to questions which have arisen in your mind.
2. Choose commentaries carefully. It is better to have one or two good commentaries on a Bible book rather than to have three or four poor ones.
3. Choose the commentary which best helps you understand the author's original meaning in the text. If possible read a few pages before purchasing a book. Read how it handles certain difficult verses. Generally a person who does not know the original language will not choose a commentary on the Greek or Hebrew text.
4. Use a commentary as a resource tool to help you better understand the Biblical author's intended meaning. No commentary is infallible or has final authority. Use commentaries as aids to assist you as you use your own mind and common sense to intelligently read and understand God's word.

OLD TESTAMENT COMMENTARIES

Old Testament History

Smith, William. *Old Testament History*, revised and updated by Wilbur Fields. College Press, 1983.

Factual study of the history of God's people from the creation through the end of the Old Testament era. Extensive study questions.

Davis, John D. and John C. Whitcomb. *A History of Israel from Conquest to Exile*. Baker, 1980.

A concise survey of the history of Israel as recorded in Joshua through II Chronicles.

Wood Leon. *A Survey of Israel's History*, revised ed. Zondervan, 1986.

Relates Israel's history to its cultural setting.

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Edersheim, Alfred. *Old Testament Bible History*. Eerdmans, 1876-1887 edition.

Classic work on relating the Old Testament to its historical context.

Genesis

Davis, John J. *Paradise to Prison: Studies in Genesis*. Baker, 1975.

Reliable commentary and study guide. Gives archaeological background of Bible history.

H.D. Leupold. *Exposition of Genesis*, 2 volumes. Baker, 1942.

Careful grammatical and historical comment. Author's own translation.

Helpful explanations of the deeper meanings of Genesis.

Exodus

Wilbur Fields. *Exploring Exodus* (BST). College Press, 1976.

Commentary is enhanced by archaeological and devotional insights. Attention is given to the date of the Exodus, authorship of the book, the route of the Exodus.

John J. Davis. *Moses and the Gods of Egypt*, 2nd ed. Baker, 1986.

The book of Exodus becomes more meaningful in the light of the Egyptian religious culture of Moses' day.

Leviticus

DeWalt, Don. *Leviticus* (BST). College Press, 1975.

Comments are in four categories: critical, devotional, expository and homiletical. Practical, readable, many thought and fact questions.

Wenham, Gordon. *The Book of Leviticus* (NIC). Eerdmans, 1979.

Includes both technical information as well as devotional insights; thorough, understandable. Has a section at the end of each chapter on the relationship of that chapter to the New Testament.

Numbers

Doty, Brant L. *Numbers* (BST). College Press, 1973.

Basic comments with attention given to chronology, names, places and special words.

Wenham, Gordon. *Numbers* (TOTC). InterVarsity, 1981.

Introduction to the book and a passage-by-passage analysis.

Deuteronomy

Oberst, Bruce. *Deuteronomy* (BST). College Press, 1968.

Basic commentary with special studies.

Schultz, Samuel J. *Deuteronomy*. Moody Press, 1971.

Brief book emphasizing the love of God.

Schneider, Bernard N. *Deuteronomy: A Favored Book of Jesus*. Baker, 1970.

Brief, practical. Stresses the truthfulness and significance of the book.

Joshua-Judges-Ruth

Winter, Willard W. *Joshua-Judges-Ruth* (BST). College Press, 1969.

Commentary and teaching manual.

Davis, John J. *Conquest and Crisis: Studies in Joshua, Judges and Ruth*. Baker, 1969.

This book is included in the author's *A History of Israel from Conquest to Exile*.

Wood, Leon. *Distressing Days of the Judges*. Zondervan, 1975.

Well researched, reliable study.

Barber, Cyril J. *Ruth: An Expositional Commentary*. Moody Press, 1983.

Practical application.

I & II Samuel

Winter, Willard W. *I & II Samuel* (BST). College Press, 1967.

Includes good introduction to the books and includes an outline of each chapter.

Davis, John J. *The Birth of a Kingdom: Studies in I & II Samuel and I Kings 1-11*. Baker, 1970.

This book is included in the author's *A History of Israel from Conquest to Exile*.

I & II Kings

Smith, James E. *I & II Kings* (BST). College Press, 1975.

Careful explanation of the text is enhanced by the author's translation, complete introduction, charts and bibliography.

I & II Chronicles

Black, Robert E. *The Books of Chronicles* (BST). College Press, 1973.

Includes paraphrase, comments, review questions, drawings and maps.

Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther

Ratzlaff, Ruben M. and Paul Butler. *Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther* (BST). College Press, 1979.

Outlines and special studies add to the value of the commentary.

Job

Jensen, Irving L. *Job: A Self-Study Guide*. Moody Press, 1975.

Attempts to involve the reader in a firsthand study of the book.

Archer, Jr., Gleason. *The Book of Job*. Baker, 1983.

Brief, scholarly, practical. The lessons in this book come out of a painful experience with sickness and death.

Anderson, Frances I. *Job: An Introduction and Commentary* (TOTC). InterVarsity, 1976.

Deals with the problem of suffering as well as providing an introduction and

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verse-by-verse comment.

Strauss, James D. *Job: The Shattering of Silence* (BST). College Press, 1976.
Special studies deal with problems encountered in the study of the book.

Psalms

Alden, Robert. *Psalms*, 3 volumes. Moody Press, 1974, 1975, 1976.

Popular level studies explain and apply the psalms.

Allen, Ronald B. *Lord of Song: The Messiah Revealed in the Psalms*. Multnomah Press, 1985.

Shows how the Psalms picture the loving devotion of the coming Messiah.

Leupold, H.D. *Exposition of the Psalms*. Baker, 1969.

Scholarly explanation of the grammatical and historical meaning of each of the Psalms.

Perowne, J.J.S. *The Book of Psalms*. Zondervan, 1969 reprint of 1878 ed.
Classic work. Exegetical studies by Anglican theologian.

Kidner, Derek. *The Psalms* (TOTC), 2 volumes. InterVarsity, 1973, 1975.

Verse-by-verse analysis.

Proverbs

Hunt, Donald. *Pondering the Proverbs* (BST). College Press, 1974.

Has subject groupings. Topical index and index to comparisons and contrasts in addition to the comment on the text.

Kidner, Derek. *The Proverbs: An Introduction and Commentary* (TOTC). InterVarsity, 1964.

Comment on text and topical studies.

Bridges, Charles. *Proverbs*, 2 volumes. Banner of Truth, 1979.

Detailed study.

Ecclesiastes & Song of Solomon

Kidwell, R.J. and Don DeWalt. *Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon* (BST). College Press, 1977.

Provides devotional insights as well as being a study guide for these two books.

Goldberg, Louis. *Ecclesiastes*. Zondervan, 1983.

Brief, helpful. Faces hard questions honestly. Written from years of study, meditation and life.

Leupold, H.C. *An Exposition of Ecclesiastes*. Baker, 1966.

Grammatical analysis is helpful but adopts a doubtful view in regard to authorship.

Isaiah

Butler, Paul T. *Isaiah* (BST), 3 volumes. College Press, 1975, 1976, 1978.

Basic explanation with application of the prophet's message to today's needs.

Leupold, H.C. *Exposition of Isaiah*. Baker, 1977.

Interpretation of the text with attention to linguistic and historical evidence.
Deals with questions raised by the critics.

Young, Edward J. *The Book of Isaiah*, 3 volumes. Eerdmans, 1965, 1969, 1972.

Scholarly, conservative commentaries which deal with grammatical, historical and theological issues.

Jeremiah & Lamentations

Smith, James E. *Jeremiah and Lamentations* (BST). College Press, 1972.

Extensive, scholarly work. Contains author's own translation, special studies, sermons, and glossary.

Harrison, R.K. *Jeremiah and Lamentations: Introduction & Commentary* (TOTC). InterVarsity, 1973.

In addition to providing a verse-by-verse commentary, Harrison seeks to help the reader come to know Jeremiah the man.

Laetsch, Theodore. *Jeremiah*. Concordia, 1952.

Thorough work by Lutheran scholar.

Kaiser, Jr., Walter C. *A Biblical Approach to Personal Suffering*. Moody Press, 1982.

Practical application.

Ezekiel

Smith, James E. *Ezekiel* (BST). College Press, 1979.

Scholarly work which deals with the views of cultists, critics as well as the Zionists in verse-by-verse comment. Has several charts and maps.

Daniel

Butler, Paul T. *Daniel* (BST), rev. ed. College Press, 1976.

Verse-by-verse commentary with several sermons and special studies.

Young, Edward J. *The Prophecy of Daniel: A Commentary*. Eerdmans, 1949.

Exposition of the text and answers to the critical views.

Leupold, H.C. *Exposition of Daniel*. Baker, 1949. Deals with introductory issues as well as commentary.

Wood, Leon J. *A Commentary on Daniel*. Zondervan, 1973.

Readable commentary giving attention to the historical setting and fulfillment.

Minor Prophets

Lewis, Jack. *The Minor Prophets*. Baker, 1966.

Condenses much helpful material in a concise fashion.

Hailey, Homer. *A Commentary on the Minor Prophets*. Baker, 1972.

Reliable, concise comment.

Butler, Paul T. *Minor Prophets: Hosea to Jonah* (BST). College Press, 1968.

Explains and applies the message of the minor prophets to the issues of today.

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- Kaiser, Jr., Walter C. *Malachi: God's Unchanging Love*. Baker, 1984.
Emphasis on the message of the book.
- Leupold, H.C. *An Exposition of Zechariah*. Baker, 1965.
Attention is given to historical and grammatical detail.
- Laetsch, Theodore F.K. *The Minor Prophets*. Concordia, 1956.
Gives attention to the doctrine of the prophets.

Biography

These are popular studies drawing lessons from the lives of the Old Testament characters.

- Getz, Gene A. *Abraham: Trials and Triumphs*. Regal Books, 1976.
- Getz, Gene A. *David: God's Man in Faith and Failure*. Regal Books, 1979.
- Getz, Gene A. *Joseph: From Prison to Palace*. Regal Book, 1983.
- Getz, Gene A. *Joshua: Defeat to Victory*. Regal Books, 1979.
- Getz, Gene A. *Moses: Moments of Glory . . . Feet of Clay*. Regal Books, 1976.
- Getz, Gene A. *Nehemiah: A Man of Prayer and Persistence*. Regal Books, 1981.

NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARIES

Under each Bible book the commentaries are listed from the basic and nontechnical to the scholarly and technical.

Matthew

- McGarvey, J.W. *Matthew and Mark*. Gospel Light, n.d.
Basic, brief, helpful.
- Carson, D.A. *God With Us: Themes from Matthew*. Regal Books, 1985.
Non-technical commentary emphasizing major themes.
- Stott, John R.W. *The Message of the Sermon on the Mount*. InterVarsity, 1978.
Outstanding exposition and application of Sermon on the Mount.
- Lewis, Jack P. *The Gospel According to Matthew (LCW)*, Vol. I & II. Sweet Publishing, 1976.
Brief exegetical comment based on R.S.V.
- Gaebelein, Frank, ed. *The Expositor's Bible Commentary*, volume 8, *Matthew, Mark, Luke*. Zondervan, 1984.
D.A. Carson is the author of the excellent commentary on Matthew.
- Fowler, Harold. *The Gospel of Matthew (BST)*, Vol. I, II, III, IV. College Press, 1968, 1972, 1978, 1986.
Extensive exegetical comment with many topical studies.
- Hendriksen, William. *The Gospel of Matthew (NTC)*. Baker, 1973.
Exegetical and expository. Extensive. By conservative Calvinist.

Mark

- McGarvey, J.W. *Matthew and Mark*. Gospel Light, n.d.

Basic brief, helpful.

Hiebert, D. Edmond. *Mark: A Portrait of the Servant*. Moody Press, 1974.

Exegetical and devotional commentary by conservative Mennonite.

Hendriksen, W. *The Gospel of Mark* (NTC). Baker, 1974.

Exegetical and expository commentary by conservative Calvinist.

Lane, William. *Commentary on the Gospel of Mark* (NIC). Eerdmans, 1974.

Extensive work by evangelical. Deals with critical issues.

Cranfield, C.B. *The Gospel According to St. Mark* (CGTC), 3rd ed. Cambridge University Press, 1966.

On Greek text by British scholar. Moderately conservative in tone, rejecting more radical views.

Taylor, Vincent. *The Gospel According to St. Mark*, 2nd ed. St. Martins, 1966.

On Greek text. Discusses all critical issues. Form critical approach but generally defends the historicity of Mark.

Luke

Foster, Lewis. *Luke*. Standard Publishing, 1986.

Non-technical commentary concentrating on the main ideas of each paragraph.

Morris, Leon. *The Gospel According to Luke* (TNTC). Eerdmans, 1974.

Outstanding. Concise, helpful comments.

Butler, Paul T. *The Gospel of Luke* (BST). College Press, 1981.

Basic commentary, includes several special studies.

Arndt, William. *Gospel According to St. Luke*. Concordia, 1956.

Thorough exposition by a conservative Lutheran.

Geldenhuys, Norval. *Commentary on Gospel of Luke* (NIC). Eerdmans, 1951.

Excellent introduction, comment and special studies. Reformed.

Hendriksen, William. *The Gospel of Luke* (NTC). Baker, 1978.

Helpful exegesis and exposition.

Plummer, Alfred. *A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the Gospel* (ICC), 10th ed. T & T Clark, 1914.

Valuable classic on the Greek text.

Marshall, I. Howard. *The Gospel of Luke: A Commentary on the Greek Text* (NIGTC). Eerdmans, 1978.

Technical. By a conservative who is an advocate of source criticism.

John

Butler, Paul. *The Gospel of John* (BST). College Press, 1961, 1965.

Basic exposition.

Pack, Frank. *The Gospel According to John* (LWC), Vols. I & II. Sweet Publishing, 1975, 1977.

Reliable commentary.

Bruce, F.F. *The Gospel of John*. Eerdmans, 1983.

Solid exegetical commentary.

Hendriksen, William. *Exposition of the Gospel According to John*. Baker,

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1953,

Thorough and helpful. By conservative Calvinist.

Westcott, B.F. *The Gospel According to St. John*. Eerdmans, 1971 reprint of 1881 ed.

Classic.

Morris, Leon. *Commentary on the Gospel of John* (NIC). Eerdmans, 1969.

Extensive work by an evangelical.

Barrett, C.K. *The Gospel According to St. John*, 2nd ed. Westminster, 1979.

Advanced work based on the Greek text by a moderate liberal.

Acts

Roberts, J.W. *Acts of Apostles*, Vols. I & II. R.B. Sweet, 1967.

Very helpful basic commentaries.

McGarvey, J.W. *New Commentary on Acts of the Apostles*. Standard and Gospel Light, reprint of 1982 edition.

One of the best available on Acts.

Reese, Gareth. *New Testament History: A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the Book of Acts*. College Press, 1976.

Extensive comment on each phrase in the book of Acts.

Marshall, I.H. *The Acts of the Apostles* (TNTC). Eerdmans, 1980.

Exegetical commentary with good attention to context. By evangelical Methodist.

Bruce, F.F. *Commentary on the Book of Acts* (NIC), rev. ed. Eerdmans, 1988.

Careful exposition with valuable historical background, by noted evangelical.

Bruce, F.F. *The Acts of the Apostles*. Eerdmans, 1951.

Technical commentary based on the Greek text.

Romans

Smith, Sherwood. *Twenty-Six Lessons on Romans*, Part One and Part Two. College Press, 1979.

Good basic comment.

McGarvey, J.W. *Commentary on Thessalonians, Corinthians, Galatians, Romans*. Standard, 1913 ed.

One of the most helpful in grasping Paul's thought.

Bruce, F.F. *The Epistle of Paul to the Romans* (TNTC). Eerdmans, 1963.

Brief, non-technical. Insightful.

Batey, Richard A. *The Letter of Paul to the Romans* (LWC). Sweet Publishing, 1969.

Helpful exegesis.

Hendriksen, William. *Romans* (NTC). Baker, 1980, 1981.

Clear and useful, comprehensive comment by conservative Calvinist.

Morris, Leon. *The Epistle to the Romans*. Eerdmans, 1987.

Easy-to-read commentary that deals with scholarly issues in the footnotes.

Cranfield, C.E.B. *Romans: A Shorter Commentary*. Eerdmans, 1985.

An abridged edition of his two-volume scholarly work in the new ICC series (1975, 1979).

Sanday, William and Headlam, Arthur C. *A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans* (ICC). T. & T. Clark, 1895.

"Scholarly, balanced, technically sound" (Bruce Metzger). On Greek text. Classic work generally conservative, Arminian in theology.

Barrett, C.K. *A Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans* (HNTC). Harper & Row, 1957.

Helpful technical work by scholarly liberal.

I Corinthians

McGarvey, J.W. *Commentary on Thessalonians, Corinthians, Galatians, Romans*. Standard, n.d.

Helpful, basic comment.

Butler, Paul T. *First Corinthians* (BST). College Press, 1985.

Basic commentary with some topical studies.

Morris, Leon. *The First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians* (TNTC), rev. ed. Eerdmans, 1988.

Brief, but very helpful. Evangelical.

Robertson, Archibald and Plummer, Alfred. *A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians* (ICC), 2nd ed. T. & T. Clark, 1914.

Valuable work on the Greek text.

Barrett, C.K. *A Commentary on the First Epistle to the Corinthians* (HNTC). Harper, 1968.

Competent scholarly exegesis. Liberal, for example disparages historical evidence for Christ's resurrection and calls Paul's picture of the end time "mythological."

II Corinthians

McGarvey, J.W. See I Corinthians.

Butler, Paul T. *Second Corinthians* (BST). College Press, 1988.

Interpretation and application of the text. Includes special studies.

Hughes, Phillip E. *Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians* (NIC). Eerdmans, 1962.

Excellent work by an evangelical.

Plummer, Alfred. *A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians* (ICC). T. & T. Clark, 1915.

Based on the Greek text. Accepts II Corinthians as Pauline but holds that 10-13 is a separate letter.

Barrett, C.K. *A Commentary on the Second Epistle to the Corinthians*. Harper & Row, 1973.

Thorough, critical, in the light of contemporary research.

Galatians

Boles, Kenny. *Thirteen Lessons on Galatians*. College Press, 1978.

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Brief, helpful explanation of the text.

McGarvey, J.W. *Commentary on Thessalonians, Corinthians, Galatians, Romans*. Standard, 1913 ed.

Helpful.

Stott, John R.W. *Only One Way: The Message of Galatians* (TBST). InterVarsity, 1968.

Practical expository messages on Galatians.

Guthrie, Donald. *Galatians* (NCB). Attic Press, 1969.

Brief. Good on introduction and grammatical interpretation.

Lightfoot, J.B. *St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians*. Zondervan, 1967 reprint of 1865 ed.

Classic. Outstanding commentary based on Greek. Valuable linguistic insights.

Bruce, F.F. *Commentary on Galatians* (NIGTC). Eerdmans, 1982.

Thorough study on the Greek text.

Ephesians

Boles, Kenny. *Thirteen Lessons on Ephesians*. College Press, 1978.

Basic grammatical explanation.

Fields, Wilbur. *The Glorious Church: A Study of Ephesians* (BST). College Press, 1960.

Basic, practical, helpful.

Stott, John R.W. *God's New Society: The Message of Ephesians* (TBST). InterVarsity, 1979.

Helpful exposition.

Bruce, F.F. *The Epistles to the Colossians, to Philemon and to the Ephesians* (NIC). Eerdmans, 1984.

Fine exegetical commentary.

Kent, Homer A. *Ephesians: The Glory of the Church*. Moody, 1971.

Evangelical commentary emphasizing nature and function of the church.

Hendriksen, William. *Exposition of Ephesians* (NTC). Baker, 1967.

Scholarly, practical. Calvinist.

Westcott, Brooke Foss. *St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians*. Eerdmans, 1958 reprint of 1906 ed.

Solid exegesis for Greek student.

Barth, Marcus. *Ephesians* (AB), 2 volumes. Doubleday, 1974.

Extensive, technical commentary for the advanced student. Liberal in places.

Philippians

Boles, Kenny. *Thirteen Lesson on Philippians, Colossians, Philemon*. College Press, 1979.

Concise, helpful.

Fields, Wilbur. *Philippians-Colossians-Philemon* (BST). College Press, 1969.

Practical, basic commentary.

- Bruce, F.F. *Philippians* (GNC). Harper & Row, 1983.
 Popular level based on TEV.
- Hendriksen, William. *Exposition of Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon* (NTC). Baker, 1979.
 Comprehensive and helpful.
- Hawthorne, Gerald. *Philippians* (WBC). Word Books, 1983.
 Comment on Greek text by an evangelical.
- Lightfoot, J.B. *St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians*, 4th ed. Zondervan, 1953, reprint of 1878 ed.
 Classic on the Greek text. Good grammatical explanation.

Colossians and Philemon

- Boles, Kenny. *Thirteen Lessons on Philippians, Colossians, Philemon*. College Press, 1979.
 Good explanation of the text.
- Fields, Wilbur. *Philippians-Colossians-Philemon* (BST). College Press, 1969.
 Practical, basic commentary.
- Weed, Michael R. *The Letters of Paul to the Ephesians, the Colossians, and Philemon* (LWC). Sweet Publishing, 1971.
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Abbreviations for Commentary Sets

AB	Anchor Bible (Doubleday)
BST	Bible Study Textbook (College Press)
CGTC	Cambridge Greek Testament Commentary (Cambridge University Press)
HNTC	Harper's New Testament Commentaries (Harper and Row)
ICC	International Critical Commentary (T. & T. Clark)
LWC	Living Word Commentary (Sweet Publishing)
NCB	New Century Bible (Attic Press)
NIC	New International Commentary (Eerdmans)
NIGTC	The New International Greek Testament Commentary (Eerdmans)
NTC	New Testament Commentary (Baker)
TC	Thornapple Commentaries (Baker)
TNTC	The Tyndale New Testament Commentaries (Eerdmans)
TOTC	Tyndale Old Testament Commentary (InterVarsity)
TBST	The Bible Speaks Today (InterVarsity Press)
WBC	Word Biblical Commentary (Word Books)