

PREACHING RESOURCES

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PLEASE NOTE

This primary purpose of this list is an attempt to provide information on biblical commentaries for each book of the Bible. It is intended in the main for trained pastors and students. Many of the commentaries are liberal, meaning they take critical (i.e., non supernatural) approaches to the Scriptures. These items are marked as such. Readers uninitiated in liberal-critical methods should be **very cautious** in using these materials. Trained believers in the inspiration and inerrancy of the Word of God will know how to sort out the good from the bad. The Scriptures themselves, as God-breathed (2 Tim. 3:16) revelation, are the final rule of faith and life. Our Lord Jesus taught his disciples that all Scripture is Christ-centered (Luke 24:44-47). The use of commentaries and tools is to make Christ Jesus known as Savior and Lord. May the Eschatological Lamb be praised through the use of this list; and may his semi-eschatologically oriented lambs be fed with the Bread of Heaven.

I. Language Tools

A. Hebrew Concordances

Lisowsky, Mandelkern, Even-Shoshan

Logos Series X CD-ROM

BibleWorks 5.0 CD-ROM

B. Greek Concordances

Aland, *Computer Konkordanz*

Hatch and Redpath (LXX)

Moulton and Geden

Schmoller

Logos Series X CD-ROM

BibleWorks 5.0 CD-ROM

C. English Concordances

Cruden (AV)

Strong (AV)

Young (AV)

Hazard (ASV)

Logos Series X CD-ROM

BibleWorks 5.0 CD-ROM

II. **Dictionaries, Encyclopedias, Wordbooks**

John Davis, *Dictionary of the Bible* (there is a revised edition by Gehman; old, but useful. Davis taught OT at Princeton in the early 20th century.)

Douglas, *New Bible Dictionary* (probably best one-volume dictionary for conservatives. Revised as 3-volume *Illustrated Bible Dictionary*.)

Patrick Fairbairn (ed.), *Imperial Bible Dictionary* (old, but remarkably sharp.)

Hastings, *Dictionary of the Bible*

Hastings, *Dictionary of the New Testament* (includes *Dictionary of Christ and the Gospels* and *Dictionary of the apostolic Church*. Both are well done though somewhat dated. Eclectic, articles by orthodox conservatives, i.e., Warfield, Vos.)

Orr, *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia* (older, standard conservative work.) (comes with Bible Works 5.0)

Bromiley, *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia* (revised ed. of the above; replaces and updates the older work.)

Buttrick, *Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible* (liberal, but essential tool. Note Supplement Volume) (on CD-ROM)

Freedman, *Anchor Bible Dictionary* (massive, up-to-date survey; very critical, very liberal.) (on CD-ROM)

Miller, *Harper's Bible Dictionary* (liberal)

Harris, Archer, Watke, *Theological Wordbook of the OT* (brief, but complete. Conservative. Very helpful).

Jenni and Westermann, *Theological Lexicon of the OT* (Critical, but helpful)

VanGemeren, *New International Dictionary of OT Theology and Exegesis*
(Evangelical attempt at an OT Kittel) (on CD-ROM)

Bauer, *Sacramentum Verbi* (theological wordbook; Roman Catholic. Bland treatment.)

Botterweck and Ringgren, *Theological Dictionary of the OT* (15 vols. Completed)

Colin Brown, *New International Dictionary of Theology*
(basically conservative.)

Kittel, *Theological Dictionary of the NT* (Learn to use the index volume!) (on CD-ROM)

Leon-Dufour, *Dictionary of Bible Theology* (a must!)

McClintock and Strong, *Encyclopedia of Biblical Theological and Ecclesiastical Literature* (old, but in many ways unsurpassed.)

Palmer, *Encyclopedia of Christianity* (only 4 volumes were completed; conservative.)

Ryken, et al, *Dictionary of Biblical Imagery* (Useful, but not scintillating)

Alexander, *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch* (tepidly C, but will make critical concessions. The first in a series of volumes from IVP that will cover the entire OT)

Arnold, *Historical Books*

Evans, *Dictionary of the New Testament: Background* (massive 4-volume set [see below] dealing with the NT. Basically conservative scholarship, but some critical surprises.)

Green, *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*

Hawthorne, *Dictionary of Paul and his Letters*

Martin, *Dictionary of the Later New Testament & its Development*

III. Lexicons

A. Hebrew

Brown-Driver-Briggs (BDB) (older, but still preferred by some scholars.)

Holladay, *Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the OT* (very handy; short, to the point.)

Koehler-Baumgartner, *The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the OT* (now

the most authoritative and up-to-date tool) (on CD-ROM)

Clines, *Dictionary of Classical Hebrew* (in process—5 vols. to date; very useful)

B. Greek

TLG = **Thesaurus Lingua Graecae** (Tagged Greek database covering all Greek authors from Attic, Koine, and Patristic sources up to the Byzantine era)

Bauer (Arndt and Gingrich; now in third edition)

Lampe, *Patristic Lexicon* (Greek of the Church Fathers)

Liddell and Scott, *Greek-English Lexicon* (for the use of classical and koine Greek.)

Moulton and Milligan, *Vocabulary of the Greek Testament* (terms from NT papyri; newly up-dated by I.H. Marshall, 2002)

IV. **One Volume Commentaries**

Abingdon (liberal)

Jerome (Roman Catholic; occasional biblical-theological insights.)

New Bible Commentary (Revised ed. Best one-volume commentary for conservatives.)

Peake (suggestive though liberal.)

V. **Commentary Sets**

Anchor Bible (in process; liberal, but some excellent volumes especially Raymond Brown on John's Gospel.)

Barnes's Notes on the OT and NT (old, dated)

Calvin (still worth having)

Expositor's Bible

Expositor's Greek Testament (NT—very good for grammatical exegesis.)

Harper's New Testament Commentaries (in process; liberal but some fine work in places.)

Matthew Henry (devotional Puritan style.)

Hermenia (in process; modern critical scholarship at its best.)

International Critical Commentary (ICC) (very liberal and critical, but useful; now being revised.)

Interpreter's Bible (older version; liberal, often disappointing.)

Keil and Delitzsch (OT, older work, some grammatical insights)

Lange (OT and NT—conservative; helpful homiletical suggestions.)

Layman's Bible Commentary (moderately critical; often too brief.)

Meyer's NT Commentary (laborious grammatical exegesis, and little else)

Moffatt NT Commentary (liberal)

New Cambridge Bible (based on the RSV; liberal, suggestive.)

New Cambridge Bible Commentary (launched 2004, liberal generally)

New Century Bible (critical, but some excellent volumes.)

New International Commentary (OT and NT; conservative scholarship at its best.)

New Interpreter's Bible (Liberal, but attempting to deal with narrative structure)

New Testament Commentary (William Hendriksen/Simon Kistemaker; solid Reformed treatment of most NT books.)

Old Testament Library (Westminster Press/John Knox; critical, but essential.)

Pelican NT Commentaries (in process; critical.)

Poole (whole Bible; Puritan.)

Torch Bible Commentaries (short, liberal.)

Tyndale Bible Commentaries (fine conservative scholarship.)

Westminster Commentaries (old, liberal.)

Word Commentaries (current, evangelical) (on CD-ROM)

VI. **Preaching**

J. T. Dennison, "Building the Biblical-Theological Sermon," Part I & II. *Kerux* 4 (Dec. 1989): 30-43 and 5 (May 1990): 32-46

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VII. Narrative

J.P. Fokkelman, *Reading Biblical Narrative: An Introductory Guide* (certain to be compared with Bar-Efrat; cf. *Kerux* 15/3 [December 2000]: 31-35)

Shimon Bar-Efrat, *Narrative Art in the Bible* (The finest introduction to narrative analysis of the Bible in print)

Alan Culpepper, *Anatomy of the Fourth Gospel* (does for Gospel/NT narrative what Bar-Efrat does for OT narrative). See also Michie and Rhoads, *Mark as Story*.

VIII. Poetry

Wilfred G.E. Watson, *Classical Hebrew Poetry: A Guide to its Techniques* (Massive introduction to Biblical poetry—even in prose sections of the MT—with exhaustive Scripture index. Though expensive, an absolute MUST for working with poetic idiom).

J. P. Fokkelmen, *Reading Biblical Poetry: An Introductory Guide* (cf. review by J. T. Dennison in *Kerux: The Journal of Northwest Theological Seminary* 17/3 (December 2002): 52-55).

IX. Journals

Old Testament Abstracts. The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC 20064.
\$26/year for 3 issues (essential for current commentaries and journal material)

New Testament Abstracts. The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC 20064.
\$39/year for 3 issues (essential for current commentaries and journal material)

X. Commentaries: Series and Individual Books

Key to Abbreviations

C = Conservative L = Liberal (Critical)

AB = Anchor Bible (L)

BO = Berit Olam (L)

BTC =	Biblical-Theological Commentary (L)
DSBS =	Daily Study Bible Series (L)
H =	Hermenia (L) (now on CD-ROM)
ICC =	International Critical Commentary (L)
JPS =	Jewish Publication Society (L)
NAC =	New American Commentary (C)
NCaB =	New Cambridge Bible (L)
NCBC =	New Cambridge Bible Commentary (L)
NCEB =	New Century Bible (L, generally)
NIBC=	New International Biblical Commentary (L)
NIC =	New International Commentary (C)
NTC =	New Testament Commentary (C)
NTL=	New Testament Library (L)
OTL =	Old Testament Library (L)
OTL ² =	Old Testament Library (revised edition)(L)
SP=	Sacra Pagina (L)
T =	Torch (L)
Ty =	Tyndale (C)
W =	Word (C) (now on CD-ROM)

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis

Aalders (C); Baldwin (C); Bandstra (chaps. 1-11; details on Hebrew text; L); Brueggemann (L, disappointing); Candlish (C); Cassuto (C); Clines, *Themes of the Pentateuch* (superb); Coats, *Genesis with Introduction to Narrative Literature* (L); Cotter (BO); John Davis, *Paradise to Prison* (C); Davidson (NCaB); Delitzsch (C); J. T. Dennison, “The Eschatological Reversal of the Protological Reversal: Narrative Analysis and Chiastic Paradigm in Genesis 2:18-3:24,” *Kerux: The Journal of Northwest Theological Seminary* 23/2 (Sept. 2008): 3-13; Dillmann (L); Fokkelman, *Narrative Art in Genesis* (L and sketchy, but good); Gage, *Gospel of Genesis* (interesting, C); Gibson (DSBS); Gunkel (L, classic form critical work); Hamilton (NICOT); Hartley (NIBC); Herbert (T); Janzen, *Abraham and All the Families of the Earth* (Gen. 12-50, helpful); Kidner (Ty); Kline, *Kingdom Prologue* (Reformed biblical theology); Leupold (C); Longacre, *Joseph a Story of Divine Providence* (L, narrative analysis); Maher (BTC); Mathews (NAC); McKeown (L, trendy stuff); North, *Dominion Covenant* (Theonomic); von Rad (OTL); Rendsburg, *Redaction of Genesis* (interesting narrative approach); Richardson (T); Ross, *Creation and Blessing* (dispensational, C); Sarna (L— but a must); Sarna (JPS); Schaeffer (C); Skinner (ICC); Speiser (AB); Stigers (C); Griffith Thomas (C); Tsumura (*Creation and Destruction*, important apologetic book!); Waltke and Fredricks (C); Wenham (W); Westermann (3 vols., L-disappointing, too form-critical, but massive); Young, *Genesis 1-3* (C); Youngblood (C).

Exodus

Bush (C); Cassuto (C); Childs (OTL—stimulating though critical); Clements (NCaB); Coats (Exodus 1-18, L); Cole (Ty); Davies (T); John Davis, *Moses and the Gods of Egypt* (C); J. T. Dennison, “The

Exodus: Historical Narrative, Prophetic Hope, Gospel Fulfillment.” *Presbyterion* 8 (1982): 1-12; Durham (W); Ellison (DSBS); Fretheim (L); Gispén (C); Gowan, *Theology in Exodus* (L, but helpful); Houtman (L, thorough critical work); Hyatt (NCeB); Janzen (L, but helpful); Jordan, *Law of the Covenants* (Theonomic); Knight, *Theology as Narration: Exodus* (L); Langston (L); Meyer, *Message of Exodus* (L); Meyers (NCBC); Murphy (C); Noth (OTL); Plastaras, *The God of the Exodus* (L, but excellent for theology); Propp (AB, very radical); Sarna (JPS); Stuart (NAC).

Leviticus

Balentine (L); Bellinger (NIBC); Bonar (C); Budd (NCB); Bush (C); Douglas, *Leviticus as Literature* (L, but will now be the place to start); Gerstenberger (OTL); Harrison (Ty); Hartley (W); Levine (L); Knight (DSBS); Levine (JPS); Milgrom (AB, 3 vols.); Milgrom (L, 1 vol.); Noordtjiz (C); Noth (OTL); Porter (NCaB); Rooker (NAC); Ross (*Holiness to the Lord*—C); Snaith (NCeB); Wenham (NIC, the best).

Numbers

Ashley (NIC); Bellinger (NIBC); Budd (W); Cole (NAC); Davies (NCeB); Gray (ICC); Harrison (C); Knierim/Coats (L, worthless higher critical pap); Levine (AB, 2 vols.); Maarsingh (L); Milgrom (JPS); Noordtjiz (C); Noth (OTL); Olson, *Death of Old and Birth of New: Framework of Numbers* (good structural outline of the theology); also a full commentary by Olson; Riggans (DSBS); Snaith (NCeB); Sturdy (NCaB), Wenham (Ty).

Deuteronomy

Brueggemann (L); Cairns, *Word and Presence* (L); Christensen (W); Clements, *God's Chosen People* (L); Clifford (BTC); Craigie (NIC); Cunliffe-Jones (T); Driver (ICC); Kline, *Treaty of the Great King* (brief); Knight, *Song of Moses* (L); Manley, *Book of the Law* (C); Mayes (NCeB); Merrill (NAC); Miller (L); Phillips (NCAB); Ridderbos (C); von Rad (OTL); Thompson (Ty); Tigay (JPS); Weinfeld (chaps. 1-11, AB); Wright (NIBC)

Joshua

Auld (DSBS); Boling (AB); Blaikie (C); Boling (AB); Butler (W); Creach (L); Davis, *No Falling Words* (C, disappointing); James T. Dennison, Jr., “The Historical Books: A Review.” *Kerux: The Journal of Northwest Theological Seminary* 21/1 (May 2007): 38-46; Goslinga (C); Gray (NCeB); Garstang (C); Goslinga (C); Hamlin (L-good on structure); Harris/Brown/Moore (NIBC); Hawk (BO); Hess (Ty); Hoppe (BTC); Howard (NAC); Keil (old, C); Miller (NCaB); Nelson (OTL²); Schaeffer (C); Soggin (OTL); Woudstra (NIC, very good).

Judges

Auld (DSBS); Boling (AB); Block (NAC); Cundall (Ty); Garstang (C); Goslinga (C); Gray (NCeB); Gunn (L); Hamlin, *At Risk in the Promised Land* (L); Harris/Brown/Moore (NIBC); ; Hoppe (BTC); Jordan, *God's War Against Humanism* (Theonomic); Lindars (chaps. 1-5, L); Martin (NCaB); Matthews (NCBC); Mayes (L); McCann (L); Moore (ICC); Niditch (OTL²); Schneider (BO, feminist reading); Soggin (OTL); Wilcock, *Message of Judges* (C); Wood, *Distressing Days of the Judges* (C).

Ruth

Atkinson, *Wings of Refuge* (C); Auld (DSBS); Block (NAC); Bush (W); Campbell (AB); James T. Dennison, Jr., “Narrative Art and Biblical Theology in the Book of Ruth.” *Kerux: The Journal of Northwest Theological Seminary* 21/1 (May 2007): 3-16; “Ruth: Literary and Biblical-theological Analysis” (2005 Kerux Conference address available from Northwest Theological Seminary, 17711 Spruce Way, Lynnwood, WA 98037); also four sermons on the four chapters of Ruth (available from NWTS); Fuerst (NCaB); Goslinga (C); Gray (NCeB); Hals, *Theology of the Book of Ruth* (L); Hamlin, *Surely There is a Future* (fadish!); Hubbard (NIC); LaCocque (L, UGH!); Leggett, *The Levirate and Goel Institutions in the OT* (C); Linafelt (BO); Matthews (NCBC); Morris (Ty); Nielsen (OTL); Sasson (L); Waard, *Translator’s Handbook*.

1 and 2 Samuel

Ackroyd (NCaB); Anderson (2 S—W); Alter (L); Baldwin (Ty); Bergen (NAC); Birch (in *New Interpreter’s Bible Commentary*; surprisingly helpful); Brueggemann (L); Campbell (L, higher critical wasteland; skip both of them); Conroy, *Absalom! Absalom!* (L, but worth considering); Conroy (BTC); J. T. Dennison, “A King and A Cripple (Mephibosheth)” *Kerux* 1 (Sept. 1986): 18-26, “The Rape of Tamar” *Kerux* 3 (Sept. 1988): 27-35; J.T. Dennison, Presentations on the Life of David, 1 & 2 Samuel (in progress); Eslinger, *Kingship of God in Crisis: 1 Sam. 1-12* (L); Evans (NIBC); Firth (C; useful, but often superficial—another evangelical who does not build on Fokkelman’s brilliant studies; Firth sees very little of the eschatological David in the protological David); Fokkelman, *Narrative Art and Poetry in the Book of Samuel: King David* (Pt. 1), *The Crossing Fates* (Pt. II) *Throne and City* (Pt. III), *Vow & Desire* (Pt. IV) (L, but excellent literary analysis; more helpful than all other commentaries combined); Garsiel (1 Samuel, L); Gordon (L); Gunn, *Story of King David* (L, junk); Hertzberg (OTL); Jobling (BO, not very successful narrative attempt, 1 Samuel); Klein (W); Mauchline (NCeB); McCarter (AB); McKane (T); Miscall (L, disappointing); Omanson/Ellington, *Handbook on 1 and 2 Samuel*; Payne (DSBS); Robinson, *Let Us Be Like the Nations* (L); Smith (ICC); Tsumura (NIC; OK but not great); Youngblood (in Expositor’s Bible; C, decent).

1 and 2 Kings

Auld (DSBS); Cogan (AB); Cohen (2 Kings, BO); Conroy (BTC); Davis and Whitcomb (C); de Vries (1 Kings—W); Fritz (L); Gray (Second ed. OTL); Hens-Piazza (L radical); Hobbs (2 Kings—W); House (NAC); Jones (NCeB); Kaiser, *A History of Israel* (C); Leithart (the books of Kings provide the ostensible basis for “the possibility that the Father of Jesus has established a global American empire as a political means for advancing his purposes” (p. 244; Baker/Brazos ACTUALLY published this rot)—theonomy *uber alles!* Double UGH!!); Long (L, useful); McConville (DBSB); Montgomery (ICC); Mulder (1 Kings, L); Nelson (L); Omanson and Ellington (Translator’s Handbook); Provan (NIC, L); Robinson (NCaB); Thiele, *Mysterious Numbers of the Hebrew Kings* (C); Throntviet (L); Walsh (1 Kings, BO); Wiseman (Ty); Wood, *A Survey of Israel’s History* (C); Wood, *Israel’s United Monarchy* (C).

1 and 2 Chronicles

Ackroyd (T); Braun (1 Chron—W); Coggins (NCaB); Curtis (ICC); De Vries (L); Dillard (2 Chron—W); Dirksen (1 Chron.; very L); Japhet (OTL); Jarick (very L); Klein (1 Chron.; H); Knoppers (rev. AB); McKenzie (L); Myers (AB); Selman (Ty); Thompson (NAC); Tuell (L); Wilcock, *Message of Chronicles* (C); Williamson (NCeB).

Ezra and Nehemiah

Ackroyd (T); Allen/Laniak (NIBC); Batten (ICC); Blenkinsopp (OTL); Breneman (NAC); Brokington (NCeB); Clines (NCeB); Coggins (NCaB); Davies (BO); Eskenazi, *In an Age of Prose* (significant structural comments); Fensham (NIC); Holmgren, *Israel Alive Again*; Kidner (Ty); Levering; McConville (DBSB) Myers (AB); Throntveit (L); Williamson (W).

Esther

Allen/Laniak (NIBC); Baldwin (Ty); Beal (BO); Bechtel (L); Berg (L); Berlin (JPS); Breneman (NAC); Brockington (NCeB); Bush (W); Carson, *Confidence in God* (C); Clines; Coggins, *Israel Among the Nations*; Fox, *Character and Ideology*; Fuerst (NCaB); Lawlor (C); Levenson (OTL); Moore (AB); Paton (ICC); Reid (new Tyndale; replaces Baldwin; also more liberal).

Job

Alden (NAC); Andersen (Ty); Balentine (L); Bergant (BTC); Calvin, Sermons; Caryl (Puritan); Clines (W, careful; later Clines is VERY radical sometimes); Delitzsch (C); Dhorme (L, but classic); Driver (ICC); Ellison, *From Tragedy to Triumph*; Fokkelman, *Major Poems of the Hebrew Bible*, Vols. 1, 2 and 4 cover the entire book (excellent poetic analysis of the Hebrew text); Gibson (DBSB); Wm. H. Green, *Argument of the Book of Job Unfolded* (excellent); Gordis (L); Habel (NCaB; also OTL); Hanson (T); Hartley (NIOC); Janzen (L); Kissane (Classic); M. G. Kline in Wycliff Bible Commentary; Pope (AB); Rowley (NCeB); Snaith (Studies in Biblical Theology Series—L, but interesting); Simundson, *Message of Job* (L); Westermann (L, on structure); Zuck, *Sitting with Job* (collection of essays—some helpful, some too liberal).

Psalms

Alexander (C); Allen (101-150—W); Alter, *Art of Biblical Poetry* (L, but good for structural analysis); Anderson (NCeB); Briggs (ICC); Broyles (NIBC); Brueggemann, *Message of Psalms* (L); Craigie (1-50—W); Dahood (AB, 3 vols.); Dickinson (Puritan); Eaton (T); Eaton (L, T&T Clark); Geller, *Parallelism in Early Biblical Poetry* (L); Fokkelman, *Major Poems of the Hebrew Bible* (Vols 2 and 3; THIS IS THE PLACE TO BEGIN—superb detail on the Hebrew text and its structure); also Fokkelman, *Reading Biblical Poetry* (brilliant introduction to Hebrew prosody, including the Psalms); also Fokkelman, *The Psalms in Form* (lays out the bi-cola and stanza structure of all 150 Psalms); Gersternberger (L); Girard (3 vols. on structure; in French, but the English-only reader can make out the patterns); Goldingay (2 of 3 vol. commentary; Junk, just measure him by Fokkelman); Goulder (several studies, decent); Hossfeld and Zenger (Ps. 51-100; H); Hunter (L); Kidner (Ty); Kirkpatrick (good); Knight (DSBS); Kraus (L, but thorough); Kraus, *Theology of Psalms* (crucial); Kugel, *Idea of Biblical Poetry* (L); Mays (L); Miller, *Interpretation of the Psalms* (L, but good overview); O'Connor, *Hebrew Verse Structure* (L); Oesterley (L); Perowne (good); Rogerson and McKay (NCaB); Sabourin (good); Schaefer (BO); Spurgeon, *Treasury of David* (prolific!); Stuhlmueller (BTC); Tate (51-100, W); Terrien (L, massive strophic and theological analysis); Vos, "The Eschatology of the Psalter," an appendix to *The Pauline Eschatology* (very important starting point for serious biblical theology of the Psalter); Weiser (OTL, fine insights, now dated).

Proverbs

Alden (C); Bridges (C); Clifford (OTL); Fox (AB); Garrett (NAC); Kidner (Ty, too brief); Kidner, *Wisdom of Proverbs, Job and Ecclesiastes* (C); McKane (OTL); Mouser, *Walking in Wisdom* (C); Murphy (W); Murphy/Huwiler (NIBC); Scott (AB); Toy (ICC); Waltke (NIC, now the conservative standard); Whybray (NCaB and NCeB).

Ecclesiastes (Qoheleth/Koheleth)

Barton (ICC); Bergant (BTC); Crenshaw (OTL); Eaton (Ty); Fox (JPS); Fuerst (NCaB); Garrett (NAC); Gordis (Koheleth, L); James Hamilton, *The Royal Preacher* (published in 1852, but this is a GEM. If for no other reason, read the man's prose—what a wordsmith!!); Hengstenberg (C); Kaiser (C); Kidner, *Message of Ecclesiastes* (C); Kruger (H); Loader (L); Lohfink (L); Longman (see Meredith M. Kline's penetrating review in *Kerux* 13/1 [Dec. 1998]: 16-39); Leupold (C); Murphy (W); Murphy/Huwiler (NIBC); Ogden (L); Scott (AB); Seow (AB)

Song of Solomon

Bergant (BO, feminist); Burrowes (Allegorical—C); Carr (Ty); Dillow, *Solomon on Sex* (C); J.T. Dennison, Overview of the Song of Solomon—Audio Tape (Available from Trinity URC, 7350 Kalamazoo Ave., SE, Caledonia, MI 49316); J. T. Dennison, "What Should I Read on the Song of Solomon?" *Kerux* 8/2 (Sept. 1993): 35-41; J.T. Dennison, "Solomon's Sublime Song," *The Outlook* 53/7 [Sept. 2003]: 27-29; J. T. Dennison, Audio tape series on entire book delivered March 2002 (inquire nwts.edu); Dorsey, "Literary Structuring in the Song of Songs." *JSOT* 46 (1990): 81-96 (the place to begin!!); Elliott, *Literary Unity of the Canticle* (superb, but very expensive); Exum (OTL, good on poetic idiom); Falk, *Love Lyrics from the Bible* (L); Garrett (NAC); Garrett (W); Glickman, *Song for Lovers* (excellent, C); Glickman, *Solomon's Song of Love* (revised version of previous title; still very helpful); Gordis (L); Goulder, *Song of 14 Songs* (L); Hess (C, very sane and helpful); Jenson (L); Keel (L); Landy, *Paradoxes of Paradise*, (L); Longman (troubling); Murphy (H); Murphy/Huwiler (NIBC); Pope (AB, perverse!); Snaith (NCeB); Stoop-van Paridon, *The Song of Songs: A Philological Analysis of the Hebrew Book* (thorough examination of the Hebrew text concluding that is a narrative unity; not as reliable as Elliott; expensive and revisionist).

Prophets in General

Chisholm, *Handbook to the Prophets* (C, not penetrating); Koch, *The Prophets* (fair); Miller, *Meet the Prophets* (L, adequate); Payne, *Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophets* (C); Ward, *Prophets* (L, weak); Stephen Winward, *A Guide to the Prophets* (L, but excellent theological insights and homiletical suggestions); Leon Wood, *A History of Israel* (best conservative history of OT); Leon Wood, *Prophets of Israel* (watch the dispensationalism); E. J. Young, *My Servants the Prophets*.

Isaiah

Achtemeier, *Community and Message: Is. 56-66* (L); Alexander (conservative classic); Baltzer (H; chaps. 40-55); Beyer, *Encountering the Book of Isaiah* (C; defends unity of Isaiah; would be a good resource for lay Bible study on the book); Blenkinsopp (AB, 3 vols.); Brueggemann (L); Clements (1-39), (NCeB); Clifford, *Fair Spoken and Persuading* (L, but good); Conrad (L); de Waard (Translator's Handbook); Delitzsch (C); J. T. Dennison, *Kerux* 4 (May 1989): 36-40 and (Sept 1989):

33-41; Gileadi (unique approach to structure, but note he's a Mormon); Goldingay (NIBC, takes critical positions on authorship); Goldingay (40-55, ICC², 2 vols.); Gray (ICC); Hanson (40-66, L); Herbert (NCeB); Jensen (BTC); Jones (T); Kaiser (OTL); Knight, *Deutero-Isaiah* (L); Koole (28-66, so far; L); McKenzie (AB); Mauchline (T); Motyer (Ty); North (L); Oswalt (NIOC, conservative choice); Ridderbos (C); Sawyer (DSBS); Scullion (BTC); Seitz (L); Smith, *Expositor's Bible* (old liberal classic); Sweeney (1-39, L but good); Watts (W); Westermann (OTL); Whybray (NCeB); Wildberger (3 vols., To date, chaps. 1-39, L); Young (NIC, still quite good); Youngblood (C).

Jeremiah

Allen (OTL²); Blackwood; Boadt (BTC); Bright (AB); Brueggemann (L); Carroll (OTL); Carroll, *From Chaos to Covenant* (L); Clements (L); Craigie (W); Cunliffe-Jones (T); Davidson (DSBS); de Waard (Translator's Handbook); Fretheim (L); Harrison (Ty); Holladay (H); Huey (NAC); Jones (NCeB); Keown (W); Kidner, *Message of Jeremiah* (C); Kinsler; Laetsch (C); Lundbom (AB); Martens (C); McKane (ICC); Nicholson (NCaB); O'Connor, *Confessions of Jeremiah* (L); Orelli (C); Stulman (L); Thompson (NIC).

Lamentations

Berlin (OTL); J. T. Dennison, "Lamentations: A Review," *Kerux* 12:2 (Sep 1996): 32-37, "The Lament and the Lamentor," *Kerux* 12:3 (Dec. 1997): 30-34; Fuerst (NCaB); Gerstenberger (with Psalms, v. 2, L); Gottwald (L); Harrison (Ty); Hillers (AB); House (W); Huey (NAC); Kaiser, *Biblical Approach to Personal Suffering* (C); Provan (NCeB); Renkema (the place to begin); Schaeffer, *Death of a City* (not actually a commentary); Westermann (L, disappointing).

Ezekiel

Allen (20-48,W); Blenkinsopp (L); Block (NIOC); Brownlee (W); Calvin; Carley (NCaB); Cody (BTC); Cooke (ICC); Cooper (NAC); Craigie (DSBS); Eichrodt (OTL); Fairbairn (C); Greenberg (AB, 2 vols.); Hals (L); Hummel (C); Joyce (L); Stalker (T); Stuart (C); Taylor (Ty); Wevers (NCeB); Zimmerli (H, massive; the place to start).

Daniel

Anderson, *Signs and Wonders* (L); Baldwin (Ty, excellent); Collins (BTC); Collins (L); Collins (H); Ferguson (C); Ford; Goldingay (W); Hammer (NCaB); Hartman and DiLella (AB); Heaton (T); Lacocque (L); Leupold (C); Lucas; Miller (NAC); Montgomery (ICC); Pace (L); Porteus (OTL); Russell (DSBS); Russell (L); Towner (L); Wallace (C); Wood (dispensational, but essential for historical detail); Young (C).

Hosea

Anderson and Freeman (AB); Ben Zvi (L); Ben Zvi (again, more higher critical rubbish); Buss (L); Davies (NCeB, poor); J.T. Dennison, "Prophetic Narrative Biography and Biblical Theology: The Prophet Hosea," *Kerux: The Journal of Northwest Theological Seminary* 22/2 (Sept. 2007): 3-14; J.T. Dennison, Audio Tapes covering chapters 1-13 available from New Life Mission Church, La Jolla, CA; J.T. Dennison, "What Should I Read on Hosea?" *Kerux* 12:1 (May 1997): 10-22; J.T. Dennison, "Enveloped by God (Hosea 14:4-8)," *Kerux* 13/1 (May 1998): 35-41; Garrett (NAC); Harper (ICC); Hubbard (Ty, very good); Kidner, *Love to the Loveless* (C); King (L); Knight (T); Landy (politically

correct!); Limburg, *Hosea-Micah* (L); McKeating (NCaB); Mays (OTL); Snaith, *Mercy and Sacrifice* (L); Stuart (W); Vawter (BTC); Wolff (H).

Joel

Allen (NIC); Barton (OTL); Crenshaw (AB); Finley (C); Garrett (NAC); Hubbard (C); Kapelrud (L); Lena Lee, "The Structure of the Book of Joel." *Kerux* 7:3 (Dec 1992):4-24; Smith (ICC); Stuart (W); Watts (NCaB); Wolff (H)

Amos

Allen (NIC); Anderson and Freedman (AB); Auld (L); Beeley (C); Coote (L); Cripps (L); Finley (C); Hammershaimb (L, but very good); Hasel (C); Harper (ICC); Hayes (L); Hubbard (C); Jeremias (OTL²); King (L); McKeating (NCaB); Marsh (T); Mays (OTL); Moller (*A Prophet in Debate*—very important rhetorical treatment of Amos 1-4 with rhetorical outline of the entire book; excellent work with the Hebrew text); Motyer, *Day of the Lion* (C); Paul (H, massive!); Smith (C); Smith and Page (NAC); Stuart (W); Vawter (BTC); Wolff (H); *Translator's Handbook*.

Obadiah

Allen (NIC); Baker (Ty); Barton (OTL); Ben Zvi (thorough, but radical); Finley (C); Marbury (Puritan); Raabe (AB); Renkema (L, but good on structure); Smith (ICC); Smith and Page (NAC); Stuart (W); Sweeney (BO); Watts (NCaB); *Translator's Handbook*; Wolff (L).

Jonah

Aalders, *The Problem of the Book of Jonah* (C); Allen (NIC); Baker (Ty); J. T. Dennison, "The Sign Of Jonah." *Kerux* 8 (Dec. 1993): 31-35; Fairbairn (C); Fretheim (L); Limburg (OTL); Magonet (L); Martin (C); Mitchell (ICC); *Translator's Handbook*; Sasson (AB); Simon (JPS); Smith and Page (NAC); Stuart (W); Tucker (grammatical details on Hebrew text; no theology; L); Watts (L); Wolff (L).

Micah

Allen (NIC); Andersen and Freedman (AB); Baker (Ty); Barker and Bailey (NAC); J. T. Dennison, "Micah's Bethlehem and Matthew's," *Kerux: The Journal of Northwest Theological Seminary* 22/3 (December 2007): 3-9; Hillers (H); Marsh (T); Mays (OTL); McKeating (MCab); Micah (L); Smith (ICC); Smith (W); *Translator's Handbook*; Vawter (BTC); Waltke (new conservative standard; weak on eschatological intrusion); Wolff (L, but good), Zvi (Structure).

Nahum

Baker (Ty); Barker and Bailey (NAC); Eaton (T); Kidner (Ty); Maier (C); O'Brien (L, even radical); Patterson (C); Roberts (OTL); Robertson (NIC); Smith (ICC); Smith (W); Spronk (may be the most helpful); Watts (NCaB).

Habakkuk

Andersen (AB, massive); Baker (Ty); Barker and Bailey (NAC); Gowan (L); Haak (L, massive!); Kidner (Ty); Lloyd-Jones, *From Fear to Faith*; Marbury (Puritan); Smith (ICC); Patterson (C); Roberts (OTL); Robertson (NIC); Smith (W); Watts (NCaB).

Zephaniah

Baker (Ty); Ivan Ball (Dissertation: superb rhetorical analysis); Barker and Bailey (NAC); Ben Zvi (very liberal); Berlin (AB); Kapelrud; Kidner (Ty); Patterson (C); Roberts (OTL); Robertson (C); Smith (ICC); Smith (W); Sweeney (H); Vlaardingerbroek (L, hyper-critical); Watts (NCaB); Wendland, "The Drama of Zephaniah: A Literary-Structural Analysis of a Proclamatory Prophetic Text." *Journal for Semitics* 16 (2007): 22-67 (Superb work with the Hebrew text. Now the place to begin with this marvelous book).

Haggai

Baldwin (Ty); Mason (NCaB); Meyers (AB); Mitchell (ICC); Moore (C, weak); Petersen (OTL, disappointing); Redditt (NCeB); Smith (W); Benjamin Swinburnson, "The Rhetoric of Post-Exilic Prophetic Reversal: Chiasmus in Haggai 1:1-15, A Structural and Biblical-Theological Analysis." *Kerux: The Journal of Northwest Theological Seminary* 23/3 (December 2008): 54-74; "The Glory of the Latter Temple: A Structural and Biblical-Theological Analysis on Haggai 2:1-9." *Kerux: The Journal of Northwest Theological Seminary* 23/1 (May 2008): 28-46 (This is now the place to begin; both articles are excellent!); Taylor (NAC); Verhoef (NIOC); Wolff (L, good).

Zechariah

Baldwin (Ty); Conrad (L); M. G. Kline, Series on Zechariah's Night Visions (chapters 1-6) in *Kerux* beginning 1990; Now available in book form, *Glory in the Midst*; Leupold (C); Mason (NCaB); Meyers (AB); Mitchell (ICC); Moore (C, weak); Petersen (OTL, disappointing); Redditt (NCeB); Smith (W); Unger (C, dispensational).

Malachi

Baldwin (Ty); Clendenen (NAC); Hill (AB); Kaiser (C); Mason (NCaB); Mitchell (ICC); Moore (C, weak); Petersen (OTL); Pohlig, *Exegetical Summary* (helpful with the text); Redditt (NCeB); Smith (W); Taylor (NAC); Verhoef (NIOC).

NEW TESTAMENT

Parables of Jesus

Bailey, *Poet and Peasant*; Blomberg (disappointing); Crossan (L); Dodd; Jeremias; Kissinger (Bibliography); Kistemaker (C); Ridderbos, *Coming of the Kingdom* (excellent); Tolbert; Trench.

Miracles of Jesus

J. T. Dennison, “Understanding the Miracles of Jesus.” *Banner of Truth* 135 (Dec. 1974): 16-19; Hendrickx; Laidlaw (very good); Richardson (good); Ridderbos, *Coming of the Kingdom*; Trench; van der Loos, *Miracles of Jesus* (L, but exhaustive).

Matthew

Albright and Mann (AB, poor); Allen (ICC); Anderson, *Matthew’s Narrative Web* (helpful literary and narrative reading); Argyle (NCaB); Allison, *Sermon on the Mount* (L); Betz, *Sermon on the Mount* (L); Blomberg (NAC); Bruner, *Christbook* and *Churchbook*; Carter, *Matthew and the Margins* (L, sociopolitical reading); Cox (T); Davies (L); Davies and Allison (ICC, massive); Carter (C); J. T. Dennison, “A Babe and the Babes of Bethlehem.” *Kerux* 3 (Dec. 1988): 27-34; “Born of the Virgin Mary.” *Kerux* 18/3 (Dec 2003): 16-25; “The Law from the New Mount.” *Kerux* 21/1 (May 2006): 42-48; Fenton (L); Filson (L); France (NICNT; major new massive work); France (Ty, quite good); Gundry, *Use of the OT in Matthew’s Gospel*; Gundry (L); Hagner (W); Harrington (SP); Hendriksen (NTC); Hill (NceB—good); Keener (C, predictable); Kingsbury (all his material on Matthew is excellent); Lenski (C); Luz (H, 3 vols.); McNeile (L); Minear, *The Good News According to Matthew* (unique and suggestive); Mounce (NIBC); Neyrey, *Honor and Shame in the Gospel of Matthew* (L, but may be helpful); Nolland (massive, moderately critical, NIGTC); Patte (L); Ridderbos (disappointing full-length commentary, shorter study [*Matthew’s Witness to Jesus Christ: The King and the Kingdom*] is better); Ryle; Sabourin (L); Senior (L, feeble attempt at a narrative reading); Snackenburg (L); Schweizer (L); Smith (L); Stendahl (L); Talbert (Sermon on Mount); Tasker (Ty); Thompson, *Matthew’s Story* (L); Turner (C); Witherington (C).

Mark

Anderson (NCEB); Boring (NTL); Bratcher, *Translator’s Handbook*; Broadhead, *Prophet, Son, Messiah* (chapters 14-16, very helpful); Brooks (NAC); Carrington (L); Cole (Ty); Collins (H, massive new critical commentary); Cranfield; Culpepper (L, disappointing); J. T. Dennison, Audio Tapes covering the entire Gospel available from New Life Mission Church, La Jolla, CA; J. T. Dennison, “The Gospel of Mark from Beginning to End.” *Kerux* 9 (Dec. 1994): 3-10; Donahue and Harrington (SP); Dowd, *Reading Mark* (L, but good narrative and structural insights); Edwards (C); Evans (chap. 8:27-16:20, W); France (C); France (full-length, NIGTC); Gould (ICC); Guelich (chap. 1-8:26, W); Gundry (cf. *Kerux* 12 [Sept. 1997]: 32-63; Harrington (BTC); Heil (OK, but his journal articles are better); Hendriksen (NTC); Hunter (T); Hurtado (NIBC); Johnson (L); Juel (L, but helpful); Kingsbury, *Theology of Mark* (good); Lane (NIC, still the best complete commentary and conservative too); Lenski; Malbon, *Narrative Space & Mythic Meaning in Mark* (L, but fascinating; anything she has written on Mark is essential reading and she has written **many** journal articles; she is working on a new narrative commentary on the gospel; see her “The Beginning of a Narrative Commentary on the Gospel of Mark,” *Society of Biblical Literature Seminar Papers 1996*, 98-122); Malbon, *In the Company of Jesus*; Malbon, *Hearing Mark: A Listener’s Guide* (short and very suggestive overview of the entire gospel); Marcus (AB); Martin; Michie & Rhoads, *Mark as Story* (L, but good narrative analysis); Minear (L); Moloney (L); C. F. D. Moule (NCaB); Nineham (Pelican); Painter (L, but helpful); Ryle; Schweizer (L); Smith, *Lion with Wings* (good narrative analysis); Stein (predictable Stein, i.e., unexciting; also, too many concessions to higher criticism from an alleged ‘evangelical’); Taylor (L); Turner (careful); Van Iersel, *Reading Mark* (L, but interesting); Van Iersel, *Mark: A Reader-Response Commentary* (new reader-response commentary from JSOT Press); Williams, *Other Followers of Jesus* (well done); Williamson (L).

Luke

Bock (C); Bovon (H, massive 3-volume set); Browning (T); J. T. Dennison, “Pax Romana; Pax Christi.” *Kerux* 2 (Dec. 1987): 3-9; J.T. Dennison, “Simeon’s Farewell.” *Kerux* 16/3 (Dec. 2001): 10-17; Caird (L); Conzelmann, *Theology of Luke* (L); Creed; Danker, *Jesus and the New Age* (very good); Ellis (NceB—good); Evans (NIBC); Fitzmeyer (AB); Geldenhuys (NIC); Gooding (C); Green (NIC); Hendriksen (NTC); L. T. Johnson (L); Kingsbury; Knight (L); La Verdere (BTC); Lenski; Marshall (good); McComiskey (structure); Morris (Ty); Navonne (excellent theological suggestions); Nolland (W); Parsons (interesting); Reiling, *Translator’s Handbook*; Ryle; Sabourin (L); Schweizer (L); Stein (NAC); Talbert, *Reading Luke* (L, not up to his usual standard of helpful literary insights); Tannehill (Luke-Acts, L, but good narrative pointers); Tiede (L); Tinsley (NCaB); Wilcock (C).

John

Barrett (L); Beasley-Murray (W); Bernard (ICC); Boice (C); Borchert (NAC, 2 vols.); Brown (AB—critical, but very good for theology, 2 vols.); Bruce (C); Culpepper, *Anatomy of the Fourth Gospel* (L, stimulating); Culpepper, *Gospel and Letters*; J. T. Dennison, “The Eagle and the Lamb: Christology, Soteriology and Eschatology in the Fourth Gospel” (Overview of the biblical theology of the Gospel of John)—Audio Tape (available from Trinity URC, 7350 Kalamazoo Ave., SE, Caledonia, MI 49316); J. T. Dennison in *Kerux* 5/1 (May 1990): 47-50 and *Kerux* 7/1 (May 1992): 37-42, *Kerux* 8/2 (Sept. 1993): 3-9, *Kerux* 9/2 (Sep 1996): 3-6; J.T. Dennison, Complete set of 2005 lectures on CDs covering the entire gospel, available from Northwest Theological Seminary (nwts.edu); “Symmetries of Equivalence: Logos and Theos” (Jn. 1:1, 2). *Kerux* 18/1 (May 2003): 29-36; “*Abscondita cum Christo*: The Blind Man and Jesus (John 9).” *Kerux: The Journal of Northwest Theological Seminary* 23/3 (December 2008): 3-11; Duke, *Irony in Fourth Gospel* (excellent); Edwards (L); Ellis, *Genius of John* (L, good); Godet (old, C); Haenchen (radical, H); Hendriksen (safe, NTC); Hoskyns (L—good); Hunter (NCaB); Keener (massive, don’t expect anything spectacular); Koester, *Symbolism in the Fourth Gospel* (some insights); Kostenberger (C, not penetrating); Kruse (C); Kysar (*Preaching John*, cf. review by J.T. Dennison, *Preaching John. Kerux: The Journal of Northwest Theological Seminary* 17/2 (September 2002): 73-75); Lenski; R. H. Lightfoot (good); Lincoln (moderate); Lindars (NCeB); Maloney (SP, useful narrative material); Maloney (3 vol. set from Fortress, L); Marsh (Pelican); Michaels (NIBC); Mlakuzhyil, *Christocentric Literary Structure of the Fourth Gospel* (the place to begin); Moloney (SP); Morris (NIC); Morris, *Studies in the Fourth Gospel* (good); Neyrey (NCBC); Richardson (T); Ridderbos (C, he could not write a good commentary); Ryle; Sanders (L); Schnackenburg (very good); Sloyan (L); Stibbe (has written several books, all of which are helpful; perhaps the best is the JSOT Press 1993 imprint with ISBN: 1-85075-433-0); Talbert (good); Tasker (Ty); Tenney (C); Turner; Whitacre (C)

Acts

Alexander (C); Arrington (Charismatic); Barrett (L); Blaiklock (Ty); Bock (C; bland, evangelical treatment); Bruce (NIC); Conzelmann (H); J. T. Dennison, “Paul on the Damascus Road.” *Kerux* 2 (Sept. 1987): 21-28; Crowe (BTC); Dunn (L); Fitzmyer (AB); Foakes-Jackson (a classic—L); Gaventa (L); Haenchen (L—but thorough); L. T. Johnson (L); Kistemaker (NTC); Larkin (C); Lenski; Marshall (Ty); Munck (AB—weak); Neil (NCeB); Packer (NCaB); Parsons (L, but has some promise; watch the reconstruction of the narrative); Pervo (H); Peterson (C, solid, but no biblical theology); Polhill (NAC); Spencer (*Journeying Through Acts*, L); Talbert (*Reading Acts*); Tannehill; Williams (L); Williams (NIBC); Williams (T); Willmon (L); *Translator’s Handbook*; Witherington (C)

Romans

Achtemeier (L); Barrett (L); K. Barth (L); Best (NCaB); Black (NCeB); Bruce (Ty); Byrne (L); Cranfield (new ICC—excellent, L); James T. Dennison, Jr., “The Eschatological Aspect of Justification.” *Kerux* 10/1 (May 1995): 10-16; Dunn (W); Edwards (NIBC); Fitzmyer (AB, not much); Haldane (C); Hendriksen (NTC); Hodge (standard Reformed work; get unabridged ed.); Hunter (T); Jewett and Epp (H; massive 1100 pages; now the liberal-critical standard); Johnson (L); Kasemann (L); Keck (L); Lenski; Lloyd-Jones (C); Luther; Moo (NIC); Morris (C); Mounce (NAC); Murray (NIC—very good); Newman, *Translator’s Handbook*; Nygren (L, but penetrating); Osborne (C); Sanday and Headlam (ICC); Schlatter (C); Schreiner (C); Shedd (older Reformed work still valuable); Steiner (C); Stuhlmacher (L); Talbert (L); Witherington; Ziesler (L).

1 Corinthians

Barrett (L); Bruce (NCeB); Gordon Clark (C); Collins (SP); Conzelmann (H); Fee (NIC); Fitzmyer (AB); Garland (C); Groshiede (NIC); Harrisville (L); Heil, *Rhetorical Role of Scripture in 1 Corinthians*; Hering; Hodge (C); Horsley (radical); Johnson (C); Keener (NCBC); Kistemaker (NTC); Lenski; Morris (Ty); Orr and Walther (AB, poor); Prior (C); Robertson (ICC); Simon (T); Soards (NIBC); Talbert (L); Thistleton (probably the new standard, but watch it); Thrall (NCeB).

2 Corinthians

Barnett (NIC); Barrett (L); Belleville; Best (L); Betz (chs. 8-9, H); Bruce (NCeB); Bultmann (L); Danker (L); Furnish (AB); Garland (NAC); Hanson (T); Harris (NIGTC); Hering; Hodge (C); Hughes (NIC); Keener (NCBC); Kistemaker (NTC); Lambrecht (SP); James Lee, Sermons on entire epistle available from New Life Mission Church of La Jolla, CA; Lenski; Martin (W); Matera (NTL); Scott (NIBC); Spencer (L); Tasker (Ty); Thrall (NCeB); Thrall (ICC).

Galatians

Allan (T); Betz (H); Bruce (C); Bruce (NIGTC); Burton (ICC); Cole (Ty); Cousar (L); Fee (Pentecostal); Fung (NIC, replaces Ridderbos; very good); George (NAC); Guthrie (NCeB); Hansen (C); Hendriksen (NTC); Jervis (NIBC); Lenski, Lightfoot; Longenecker (C); Leuhrmann (L); Luther (classic); Martyn (AB, unique!); Matera (SP); Neil (NCaB); Ridderbos (NIC, weak); Stott, *Message of Galatians* (very good); *Translator’s Handbook*; Ziesler (L).

Ephesians

Abbott (ICC); Allan (T); M. Barth (AB, useful, 2 vols.); Bayne (Puritan); Best (L); Bruce; Calvin, *Sermons on Ephesians*; Foulkes (Ty); Heil (finds chiasms everywhere); Hendriksen (NTC); Hodge (C); Hoehner (C); Lenski; Liefeld (C); Lightfoot; Lincoln (W); Lloyd-Jones (C); Martin (L); Mitton (NCeB); Morris (C); Muddiman (L); O’Brien (C, may become the conservative standard); Patzia (NIBC); Schnackenburg (L, stimulating); Simpson and Bruce (NIC); Stott (C); Talbert (L, disappointing); Thompson (NCaB); Thurston, *Reading Ephesians* (L); *Translator’s Handbook*; Westcott.

Philippians

Beare (L); Boice (C); Bruce (C); Cousar (NTL); Craddock (L); Fee (C); Fowl (NTC, watch the Catholicism); Grayston (NCaB); Hawthorne (W); Hendriksen (NTC); Lenski; Lightfoot; Marshall (C); Martin, *Carmen Christi* (excellent); Martin (Ty); Martin (NCeB); Melick (NAC); Motyer, *Message of Philippians* (C); Muller (NIC—weak); O'Brien (NIGTC); Reumann (AB); Silva (C); Thurston and Ryan (SP); Vincent (ICC); *Translator's Handbook*; Witherington, *Friendship and Finances in Philippi*.

Colossians

Abbott (ICC); Barth and Blanke (AB), Bratcher, *Translator's Handbook*; Bruce (also NIBC); Carson (Ty); Clark (C); Dunn (NIGTC, L); Harris (C); Harrison (C); Hendriksen (NTC); Lenski; Lightfoot; Lloyd-Jones (C); Lohse (H); Lucas (C); Martin (Zondervan title); Martin (NCeB); Melick (NAC); C. F. D. Moule (superb); O'Brien (W); Patzia (NIBC); Pokorny; Talbert (L, disappointing); Thompson (NCaB); Schweizer (L); Sumney (NTL); Thompson (L); Wall (C); Wilson (ICC); Wright (Tyndale)

1 and 2 Thessalonians

Beale (C); Best (L); Bruce (W); Collins (1 Thess.—thorough, L); J.T. Dennison, “Eschatology and the Structure of 1 Thessalonians.” *Kerux: The Journal of Northwest Theological Seminary* 19/3 (Dec. 2004): 31-35; Frame (ICC); Furnish (L); Grayston (NCaB); Green (C); Hendriksen (NTC); Hiebert (C); Lenski; Malherbe (AB); Marshall; Martin (NAC); Moore (NceB—very good); Morris (Ty); Morris (NIC); Neil (T); Paddison (theology, 1 Thess., careful); Richard (SP); Wanamaker (C); Ward (C); Weima (forthcoming, C); Weima (excellent grammatical-historical audio tapes on 1 Thess. from NWTs Conference 2002—see nwts.edu); Williams (NIBC); Williams, *Translator's Handbook*; Witherington (C).

Pastoral Epistles

Calvin, *Sermons*; Clark (C); Collins (NTL); Dibelius (H); Fairbairn (C); Fee (NIBC); Fiore (SP); Gromacki (C); Guthrie (Ty); Hanson (NCaB); Hendriksen (NTC); Johnson (AB); Kelly (L); Knight (C); Knight (NIGTC); Krause (1 Tim., feminist); Lea and Griffin (NAC); Lock (ICC); Marshall (C, but will compete with Quinn and Wacker); Oden (L); Quinn (AB, Titus); Quinn and Wacker (L, does not include Titus; Paul not the author; but may become the standard); Stott (2 Tim.); Taylor (Titus—Puritan); Towner (NIC, as massive as Grant and Wacker and more conservative); Van Neste (structure; watch it); Verner, *Household of God* (L); Ward (C); Witherington (*Letters and Homilies for Hellenized Christians*)

Philemon

Barth (L, massive); Bratcher, *Translator's Handbook*; Bruce; Carson (Ty); Cousar (NTL); J. T. Dennison, “Paul, Philemon, Onesimus and the New Creation in Christ Jesus.” *Kerux* 6:3 (Dec 1991): 38-45; Dunn (NIGTC, L); Harris (C); Hendriksen (NTC); Fitzmyer (AB); Lenski; Lightfoot; Lohse (H); Lucas (C); Martin (NCeB); Melick (NAC); C. F.D. Moule; Muller (NIC); Nordling (C); O'Brien (W); Patzia (NIBC); Peterson, *Rediscovering Paul* (L, fascinating); Thompson (NCaB); Thompson (NTC, but L); Thurston and Ryan (SP); Vincent (ICC); Wilson (ICC); Wright (Tyndale)

Hebrews

Attridge (H); Brown (C); Bruce (NIC); Buchanan (AB, disappointing); Davies (NCaB); deSilva, *Perseverance in Gratitude* (theologically ambiguous); Ellingsworth (NIGTC); Gordon (L); Guthrie (C); Hagner (NIBC); Hewitt (Ty); Hughes (C); Kasemann, *Wandering People of God* (L); Johnson (NTL); Kistemaker (NTC); Koester (AB); Lange (C); Lane (W, now the best); Lenski; Wm. Manson (good); Mitchell (SP); Moffatt (ICC); Montefiore (L); Neil (T); Owen (Puritan); Stedman (C); Vos, *Teaching of the Epistle to the Hebrews* (C, not a full commentary, but important for orientation); *Translator's Handbook*; Westcott.

James

Adamson (NIC); Adamson, *James: Man and Message* (C); Bauckham (L); Brosend (NCBC); Davids (strange; also NIGTC); Dibelius (H); Hartin (SP); Johnson (AB); Johnstone (C); Kistemaker (NTC); Laws (L); Lenski; Manton (Puritan); Martin (W); Mayor (C); Mitton (C); Moo (Helpful); Motyer, *Tests of Faith* (C); Penner, *The Epistle of James and Eschatology* (the place to begin); Reicke (AB); Richardson (NAC); Ross (NIC); Sidebottom (NCeB); Stulac (C); Tasker (Ty); Williams (NCaB).

1 Peter

Achtemeier (H, massive); Beare (L); Best (L); Bigg (ICC); Boring (L, narrative attempt); John Brown (C); Clark (C); Clowney (C); Cranfield (L); Elliott (AB); Feldmeier (linguistic analysis; L); Goppelt (L, fascinating); Grudem (Ty); Green (new); Hiebert (C); Hillyer (NIBC); Jobes (careful); Kelly (L); Kistemaker (NTC); Leaney (NCaB); Leighton (C); Marshall (C); Michaels (W); Reicke (AB); Schreiner (NAC); Selwyn (L); Senior/Harrington (SP); Stibbs (Ty); *Translator's Handbook*; Witherington (*Letters and Homilies for Hellenized Christians*).

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2 Peter

Bauckham (W); Clark (C); Davids (L); Green (Ty); Hillyer (NIBC); Kelly (L); Kistemaker (NTC); Lloyd-Jones (C); Neyrey (AB); Reicke (AB); Schreiner (NAC); Senior/Harrington (SP); Sidebottom (NCeB); Witherington (*Letters and Homilies for Hellenized Christians*).

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Johannine Epistles

Akin (NAC); Brooke (ICC); Brown (AB, but disappointing); Bruce; Bultmann (H); Candlish (C); Dodd; Grayston (NCeB); Houlden; Jackman (C); Johnson (NIBC); Kistemaker (NTC); Kruse; Law, *Tests of Life*; Lieu (NTL, worthless; she argues the epistles are a redactional morass, constructed from a plurality of "traditions". UGH!); Marshall (NIC); Painter, *John: Witness and Theologian* (very good); Painter (SP); Rensberger (L); Ross (NIC); Smalley (W); Stott (Ty); Strecker (H, massive); *Translator's Handbook*; Thompson (not much); Westcott; Williams (NCaB); Witherington (*Letters and Homilies for Hellenized Christians*); Yarbrough (C).

Jude

Bauckham (W, with some reservations on vv. 5-7, a decent evangelical commentary); Bigg (ICC); Brosend (NCBC); J. Daryl Charles, *Literary Structure in the Epistle of Jude*, plus numerous journal articles by Charles (begin with Charles!); Davids (L); James T. Dennison, Jr., "What Should I Read on the Epistle of Jude?" *Kerux* 10/1 (May 1995): 25-31; Hiebert (C); Hillyer (NIBC); Kelly (L);

Kistemaker (NTC); Lawlor (C, good); Leaney (NCaB); Manton (Puritan); Mayor (C); Morris (Ty); Neyrey (AB, helpful); Perkins (L); Reicke (AB); Schriener (NAC); Senior/Harrington (SP); Sidebottom (NCeB); Watson, *Invention, Arrangement and Style: Rhetorical Criticism of Jude and 2 Peter* (good).

Revelation

Aune (W, good for structure); Beale (new conservative standard, NIGTC); Beasley-Murray (NCeB); Beckwith; Blount (NTL); Boring (L); Boxall (L); Caird; Charles (ICC); Chilton, *Days of Vengeance* (Theonomic); Collins (L); Fiorenza (L); Ford (AB—strange!); Glasson (NCaB); Harrington (L); Hemer, *Seven Letters* (superb); Hughes (C); Hendricksen, *More Than Conquerors* (probably still the best Reformed work); Kovacs and Rowland (L); Ladd (historic premil); Lenski; Lupieri (L); Michaels; Minear, *I Saw a New Heaven and a New Earth*; Morris (Ty); Mounce (NIC); Osborne (C, will compete with Beale); Preston (T); Resseguie (useful summary of commentary literature on each chapter); Smalley (L); Swete; Walvoord (dispensational); Wall (NIBC); Wilcock, *I Saw Heaven Opened* (C); Witherington (NCBC).