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COMMENTARIES IN THE REFERENCE COLLECTION

The Anchor Bible, Doubleday, edited by William Foxwell Albright and David Noel Freedman.

This ecumenical and critical work contains some of the best Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant scholarship and is an indispensable tool for scholars. Each volume contains an introduction, a new translation, and exegetical notes. The historical and linguistic studies are particularly helpful. While it is written for the general reader, The Anchor Bible's long and detailed analyses appeal more to the student and specialist.

Expositor's Bible Commentary, Zondervan, Frank E. Gaebelein, editor.

This twelve-volume set provides a collection of comprehensive, scholarly commentaries for exposition and teaching that are committed to Evangelicalism. The initial volume contains introductory articles on the Old and New Testaments. The commentaries are based on the NIV translation and have excellent introductions and outlines to each biblical book.

The International Critical Commentary, T. & T. Clark, Alfred Plummer and C. A. Briggs, editors.

This highly respected series reflects a rigorous standard for scholarship and is most useful for advanced students with an understanding of Hebrew and Greek. It offers a highly technical study of philology and text, with Greek and Latin texts cited without translation. The authors remain strictly analytical and avoid homiletical issues.

New International Commentary on the Old Testament, Eerdmans, R. K. Harrison, general editor; **New International Commentary on the New Testament**, F. F. Bruce, general editor.

The NICOT/NICNT is a conservative Protestant series primarily addressing exegetical and theological issues. The series is evangelical and scholarly, yet written with the lay person in mind. Technical matters are relegated to footnotes and appendixes, where some knowledge of Hebrew, Greek, and Latin is presupposed.

The New Interpreter's Bible, Abingdon

This twelve-volume set bridges the gap between critical philology and practical application. It uses both the NIV and NRSV texts in parallel columns, providing passage overviews, commentary, and reflections. Its introductory material and exegetical comments are particularly strong and useful for beginning research and homiletical preparation.

New Testament Commentary, Baker, by William Hendriksen; completed by Simon Kistemaker.

This conservative and Reformed series was written for people interested in basic research and practical application. Each book provides an introduction, the author's translation of the text, summary, and notes. The volume on Matthew also has an excellent introduction on the four gospels.

Wesleyan Bible Commentary, Eerdmans, Charles W. Carter, general editor.

This six-volume work is non-technical, devotional, uses the ASV, and offers moderate Protestant views. The authors exhibit a wide knowledge of secondary literature and focus on exposition at the paragraph level and homiletics.

COMMENTARIES IN THE CIRCULATING COLLECTION

The Bible Speaks Today, Intervarsity, John W. Stott, Old Testament editor.

Based on the RSV, this highly readable and culturally relevant series is good for both sermon preparation and personal devotion. Each commentary provides a concise topical outline. It will not be useful for the student looking for assistance with Greek or Hebrew words.

Holman Old Testament and New Testament Commentaries, Max Anders, general editor.

Each book in this series follows an eight step approach to studying the biblical text: introduction, commentary, conclusion, life application, prayer, deeper discoveries, teaching outline, and issues for discussion. The series is also characterized by excellent illustrations and clear outlines. The Holman commentaries are excellent practical resources for preachers, teachers, and undergraduate students.

New American Commentary, Broadman/Holman, E. Ray Clendenen, general editor.

This conservative series from the Southern Baptist Convention lends itself to the practical work of preaching and teaching. It assumes the inerrancy of Scripture, focuses on theological and exegetical concerns, and engages issues that are raised in contemporary biblical scholarship. Usually the NIV text is used, though at times the authors develop their own translations from the Greek and Hebrew texts.

New Century Bible Commentary, Eerdmans, Ronald E. Clements and Matthew Black, editors.

Written by American and British scholars, these RSV based commentaries provide non-technical explanations of the biblical text and ignore expository and theological issues. They are especially suited for the beginning learner.

New International Biblical Commentary, Hendrickson, Robert K. Johnston and Robert L. Hubbard, Old Testament editors; W. Ward Gasque, New Testament editor.

This series provides competent but not overly technical guidance to understanding the Scriptures. Each volume contains an introduction featuring background material and surveying significant textual themes.

NIV Application Commentary, Zondervan, Terry Muck, general editor.

Designed as a practical guide for teaching the biblical text today, this commentary seeks to help its readers bridge the gap between the text's ancient message and its relevance for the modern world. Each passage is treated in three sections: *Original Meaning*, *Bridging Contexts*, and *Contemporary Significance*. Students seeking exegetical or theological insights into the texts should consult one of the other commentaries on the list.

The Preacher's Outline and Sermon Bible, Leadership Ministries Worldwide.

Based on the NIV text, this series offers practical assistance for preaching and teaching. It does offer detailed studies of key words and concepts and an outline for each Scriptural passage. Each volume also contains a useful index.

Tyndale Old Testament and New Testament Commentaries, Intervarsity, Leon Morris, general editor.

This conservative series is intended for the knowledgeable layperson, providing an explanation of the text with minimal interaction with secondary literature. The volumes are suitable for reference inquiries by beginning students.

Word Biblical Commentary, Word Books, David A. Hubbard and Glen W. Barker, general editors.

This evangelical series addresses both exegetical and literary-critical concerns. The exegesis and commentary are based on the author's own translations. It provides the student with assistance in translating, identifying form and structure, and ascertaining textual meaning.

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