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For the most part, this list considers English language studies and exegetical commentaries that have appeared within the last quarter of a century. However, there is much of value that predates this period. For one of the most useful and wide ranging bibliographies of earlier works, see:

Childs, Brevard S. *Old Testament Books for Pastors and Teachers*. Westminster, 1977.

Our hope is that the following list will continue to prove useful by regular updating. An older form of this annotated bibliography can be found in R. S. Hess and G. J. Wenham, eds., *Make the Old Testament Live: From Curriculum to Classroom*. Eerdmans, 1998, pp. 191-218. The volume itself is a unique collection of essays on teaching the Old Testament from a variety of perspectives. A special note of appreciation is due to Robert Hubbard and the late Robert Alden, whose earlier bibliography formed the basis for what follows.

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Abbreviations:

- AB Anchor Bible
- AOTC Apollos Old Testament Commentary
- BCOTWP Baker Commentary on the Old Testament Wisdom and Psalms


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BST	The Bible Speaks Today
CBC	Cambridge Bible Commentary
ConC	Continental Commentary
DSB	Daily Study Bible
EEC	Eerdmans Exegetical Commentary
FOTL	Forms of Old Testament Literature
HCOT	Historical Critical Commentary of the Old Testament
Herm	Hermeneia
ICC	The International Critical Commentary
Int	Interpretation
JPS	Jewish Publication Society Torah Commentary; and Jewish Publication Society Commentary
NAC	New American Commentary
NCB	New Century Bible
NCBC	New Cambridge Bible Commentary
NIBC	New International Biblical Commentary
NICOT	New International Commentary on the Old Testament
NIVAC	The NIV Application Commentary
OBT	Overtures to Biblical Theology
OTL	The Old Testament Library
SBTS	Sources for Biblical and Theological Study
TOTC	Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries
WBC	Word Biblical Commentary
WeBC	Westminster Bible Companion
WEC	Wycliffe Exegetical Commentary

*Exemplary in its category

Introductions

Archer, Jr., Gleason *A Survey of Old Testament Introduction*. Revised edition. Moody, 1994. A conservative, occasionally polemical, always detailed and informative introduction.

*Arnold, Bill T. and Bryan E. Beyer. *Encountering the Old Testament: A Christian Survey*. Baker, 1999; second edition, 2008. Evangelical undergraduate survey with excellent photos, maps, charts, sidebars, and a CD with lots more photos. Helpful outlines of books and reviews of the most important ideas and term.

Birch, Bruce C., Walter Brueggemann, Terence E. Fretheim, and David L. Petersen. *A Theological Introduction to the Old Testament*. Second edition. Abingdon, 2005. An important survey of literary, theological, and ethical dimensions of the Old Testament.

Broyles, Craig C. ed. *Interpreting the Old Testament. A Guide for Exegesis*. Baker, 2001. Evangelical scholars discuss methods of Old Testament exegesis and criticism for interpreting the text.

Childs, B.S. *Introduction to the Old Testament as Scripture*. Fortress, 1979. A canonical approach to the text and books.

Collins, John J. *Introduction to the Hebrew Bible*. Fortress, 2004. *A Short Introduction*



Classifieds



to the *Hebrew Bible*. Fortress, 2007. An up to date and readable survey of Old Testament (and apocryphal) scholarship from the standpoint of modern criticism.

Dillard, Raymond and Tremper Longman III. *An Introduction to the Old Testament*. Zondervan, 1994. A helpful up-to-date Evangelical contribution. Longman finished the project after the death of Dillard.

Eissfeldt, O. *The Old Testament: An Introduction*. trans. P.R. Ackroyd. Harper and Row, 1965. The classic liberal Protestant introduction.

Harrison, R. K. *An Old Testament Introduction*. Eerdmans, 1979; Hendrickson, 2004. Comprehensive Evangelical discussion of introductory issues for its time.

Hill, Andrew E. and John H. Walton. *A Survey of the Old Testament*. Third edition. Zondervan, 2009. 800 pages of a book-by-book Evangelical summary of the Old Testament with plenty of colorful photos and illustrations.

LaSor, W.S., D.A. Hubbard, and F.W. Bush. *Old Testament Survey*. Eerdmans, 1982. Second edition, 1996. A reasonably up-to-date introduction from a balanced Evangelical perspective.

Soggin, J. Alberto. *Introduction to the Old Testament*. OTL. Westminster, 1989. The current standard in place of Eissfeldt; weak on literary approaches.

Sweeney, Marvin A. *Tanak: A Theological and Critical Introduction to the Jewish Bible*. Fortress, 2011. Scholarly and critical introduction to the Old Testament as Jewish Scriptures, with a close text-by-text interpretation.

Series

In addition to the commentary series noted in the Commentary section.

Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. Baker. A careful, Evangelical discussion of the meaning of the biblical text whose primary purpose is to identify its theological significance.

The Church's Bible. Eerdmans. A series on books of the Bible that assembles significant quotations from Patristic and later Christian commentators passage by passage through the book being studied. Isaiah (Wilken) and Song of Songs (Norris) have appeared thus far.

Dictionary of the Old Testament. InterVarsity Press. Four large volumes provide dictionaries exploring the major topics of the four divisions of the Pentateuch, with contributions from a variety of (mainly) Evangelical scholars: Pentateuch, Historical Books, and Wisdom, Poetry & Writing. The volume on the Prophets has not yet appeared.

Exploring the Old Testament. InterVarsity Press. Four separate volumes provide an introduction to the Pentateuch (Wenham), the Historical Books (Satterthwaite and McConville), and Psalms and Wisdom Literature (Lucas), and the Prophets (McConville). Written from a British Evangelical perspective.

The Expositor's Bible Commentary. Revised edition. Zondervan. These volumes revise the older Expositor's Bible Commentary on the NIV, with important, concise exegesis for the pastor and teacher.

Forms of Old Testament Literature. Eerdmans. Analyses of books of the Old Testament in terms of their structure and the forms of literature found in them.

Guides to Biblical Scholarship: Old Testament Series. Fortress. The best set of paperback surveys of methods of Biblical interpretation.

Moody Press: Four volumes by H. Wolf (Pentateuch), D. Howard (Historical Books), and C. H. Bullock (Poetic Books and Prophetic Books).

Old Testament Guides. Sheffield Academic Press. These are the most useful for current discussions of the major interpretive issues and approaches on each book of the Old Testament.

The Oxford Bible. Oxford University. These volumes deal with collections of books

(e.g., the prophets by J. F. A. Sawyer) and genres (e.g., poetry by S. E. Gillingham).

Septuagint Commentary Series. Brill. The first English attempt to produce a literary commentary on the Septuagint text, with special focus on Codex Vaticanus. Volumes on Genesis, Joshua, and some of the apocryphal books have appeared.

Sources for Biblical and Theological Study. Eisenbrauns. Collections of the most important articles in the particular field, whether specific biblical texts (e.g., R. Hess and D. Tsumura on Genesis 1-11) or on methods (e.g., C. E. Carter and C. L. Meyers on social sciences approaches).

Theology

Anderson, Bernard W. *Contours of Old Testament Theology*. Fortress, 1999. Themes of the holiness of God, covenants, torah/wisdom, and prophecy/apocalyptic are interwoven in this synthesis by an influential scholar.

*Barr, James. *The Concept of Biblical Theology: An Old Testament Perspective*. SCM, 1999. The most important survey of Old Testament theologies at the end of the twentieth century, if not always one that everyone will agree with.

Brueggemann, Walter. *Theology of the Old Testament: Testimony, Dispute, Advocacy*. Fortress, 1997. A provocative approach that structures the discussion around the metaphor and imagery of the courtroom.

Brueggemann, Walter. *Old Testament Theology: An Introduction*. Fortress, 2008. A useful review of key topics in the field by a leader in Old Testament theology.

Childs, Brevard S. *Old Testament Theology in a Canonical Context*. Fortress, 1986. Classic on canon with a sensitivity to the New Testament.

*Eichrodt, W. *Old Testament Theology*. 2 vols. OTL. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1961-67. Emphasis on the covenant. Along with von Rad, the giant in the field in the twentieth century.

Goldingay, John. *Old Testament Theology. Volume One. Israel's Gospel*. InterVarsity Press, 2003; *Volume Two. Israel's Faith*. InterVarsity Press, 2006; *Volume Three. Israel's Life*. InterVarsity Press, 2009. Evangelical and readable survey of the theological message of the narrative books of the Old Testament. Volume two considers major theological themes related to God, Israel and the nations. Volume three examines relational and personal topics.

Hasel, Gerhard *Old Testament Theology: Basic Issues in the Current Debate*. Eerdmans, 1995. Fourth edition. Detailed survey of authors and issues.

House, Paul R. *Old Testament Theology*. IVP, 1998. A work that outlines God's nature and acts in each book of the Old Testament. A narrative approach designed for college and seminary students.

Kaiser, W.C., Jr. *Toward an Old Testament Theology*. Zondervan, 1978. Evangelical. Emphasis on promise themes.

Martens, Elmer A. ed. *Old Testament Theology*. Bibliographies No. 13. Baker, 1997. A helpful survey of more than five hundred of the most important works, listed by subject.

Ollenburger, Ben C., Elmer A. Marten, and Gerhard F. Hasel, eds. *The Flowering of Old Testament Theology. Sources for Biblical and Theological Study*. Eisenbrauns, 1992. A collection of classic articles. Revised and updated in 2004 by Ben C. Ollenburger.

Preuss, H. D. *Old Testament Theology*. 2 vols. OTL. Westminster/John Knox, 1995-6. Focus on Yahweh.

*Routledge, Robin. *Old Testament Theology: A Thematic Approach*. IVP Academic, 2008. Useful for introducing the major themes discussed in Old Testament theology and the major biblical approaches to them.

Sailhammer, John H. *Introduction to Old Testament Theology: A Canonical Approach*. Zondervan, 1995. Evangelical. Structured study on how to do Old Testament theology.

Smith, Ralph L. *Old Testament Theology: Its History, Method, and Message*. Broadman & Holman, 1993. Evangelical. A helpful source for summaries of debates and positions on a wide breadth of topics.

Terrien, S. *The Elusive Presence: Toward a New Biblical Theology*. Harper and Row, 1978. Focus on the wisdom literature.

*Vanhooser, Kevin J. ed. *Theological Interpretation of the Old Testament: A Book-by-Book Survey*. Baker, 2008. An Evangelical survey of each book of the Old Testament, briefly considering the history of interpretation, the book's role in the canon, and its major theological themes.

Von Rad, G. *Old Testament Theology*. 2 vols. Harper and Row, 1962-65. Salvation history approach that tries to explain how Israelites did theology. Along with Eichrodt, the giant in the field in the twentieth century.

Waltke, Bruce K. *An Old Testament Theology: An Exegetical, Canonical, and Thematic Approach*. Zondervan, 2007. A great conservative Evangelical journey through the Old Testament.

Zimmerli, Walther. *Old Testament Theology in Outline*. John Knox, 1978. Concise discussions with bibliographies by a capable critical scholar of an earlier generation. Yahweh is the central theme.

Zuck, Roy B., ed. *A Biblical Theology of the Old Testament*. Moody, 1991. Evangelical. Dallas seminary faculty contribute their perspectives on each major section of the Old Testament.

Special Studies

Hess, R. S., and G. Wenham, eds. *Zion, City of Our God*. Eerdmans, 1999. History, religion, and theology of Jerusalem as revealed in the variety of Old Testament literature.

Hess, R. S., and M. Daniel Carroll R., eds. *Israel's Messiah in the Bible and the Dead Sea Scrolls*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2003. Current understanding of the role of the Messiah in the Bible and its context.

*Hess, Richard S., and M. Daniel Carroll R., eds. *Family in the Bible: Exploring Customs, Culture, and Context*. Baker, 2003. Unique examination of the family in each of the major sections of the Bible.

Klingbeil, Gerald A. *Bridging the Gap: Ritual and Ritual Texts in the Bible*. BBR 1. Eisenbrauns, 2007. Thorough Evangelical introduction to Old Testament rituals with application to Christian faith and practice.

Satterthwaite, Philip E., Richard S. Hess, and Gordon J. Wenham, eds. *The Lord's Anointed: Interpretation of Old Testament Messianic Texts*. Baker and Paternoster, 1995. A current assessment of the exegesis of key Old Testament texts.

Histories of Israel

Ahlström, Gösta W. *The History of Ancient Palestine from the Palaeolithic Period to Alexander's Conquest*. With a contribution by G. O. Rollefson. Edited by D. Edelman. JSOT Supplement Series 146. Sheffield Academic Press, 1993. The most up-to-date of the major histories of ancient Israel though affected by the author's unconventional opinions and perspectives.

Bright, J. *A History of Israel*. 4th ed. Westminster John Knox, 2000. Standard of the last generation, heir of the Albright school.

Dever, William G. *What Did the Biblical Writers Know and When Did They Know It? What Archaeology Can Tell Us about the Reality of Ancient Israel*. Eerdmans, 2001. Polemical but useful survey of biblical historiography and postmodern interpretations.

*Fleming, Daniel E. *The Legacy of Israel in Judah's Bible: History, Politics, and the Reinscribing of Tradition*. Cambridge University, 2012. A significant, methodological rethinking of Israel's history.

Liverani, Mario. *Israel's History and the History of Israel*. Trans. C. Peri and P. R. Davies. Equinox, 2005. An elegant example of the method that reads the historical texts of the Bible to uncover ideological bias.

Mathews, Victor H. *A Brief History of Ancient Israel*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2002. Moderately critical review of major issues regarding the study of the history of Israel.

Merrill, Eugene. *Kingdom of Priests: A History of Old Testament Israel*. Baker, 1987. Evangelical. Reflects a careful reading of the text and a respect for its witness.

Miller, J. Maxwell and John H. Hayes. *A History of Ancient Israel and Judah*. Second edition. Westminster John Knox, 2006. An updating of a classic critical study.

Provan, Iain, V. Philips Long, and Tremper Longman III. *A Biblical History of Israel*. Westminster John Knox, 2003. An Evangelical historiography.

*Rainey, Anson F. and R. Steven Notley. *The Sacred Bridge. Carta's Atlas of the Biblical World*. Carta, 2006. See under Atlases. A more user friendly abridgement has appeared, *Carta's New Century Handbook and Atlas of the Bible*. Carta, 2007.

Shanks, Hershel, ed. *Ancient Israel. From Abraham to the Roman Destruction of the Temple*. Third edition. Biblical Archaeology Society, 2010. Popular writing with each chapter written by one or two experts in the field.

Soggin, J. Alberto, *A History of Ancient Israel: From Beginnings to the Bar Kochba Revolt, A.D. 135*. Westminster, 1985. This is a classic liberal interpretation of Israel's history that, though now out of date, represents an important synthesis of Continental scholarship.

Special Studies in History

*In the first decade of the twenty-first century a series of symposia by Evangelical (and other) Old Testament historians explored the current state of the field with special concern to answer recent challenges to the authenticity of biblical, historical claims. Some of the most important of these papers have appeared in the following four volumes:

Block, Daniel I., Bryan H. Cribb, and Gregory S. Smith eds. *Israel: Ancient Kingdom or Late Invention?* B&H Academic, 2008;

Hess, Richard S., Gerald A. Klingbeil, and Paul J. Ray Jr. eds. *Critical Issues in Early Israelite History*. Bulletin for Biblical Research Supplement 3. Eisenbrauns, 2008;

Hoffmeier, James, K. and Alan Millard, eds., *The Future of Biblical Archaeology: Reassessing Methodologies and Assumptions*. Eerdmans, 2004;

Long, V. Philips, David W. Baker, and Gordon J. Wenham, eds. *Windows into Old Testament History: Evidence, Argument, and the Crisis of "Biblical Israel."* Eerdmans, 2002.

Hoffmeier, James K., and Dennis R. Magary, eds. *Do Historical Matters Matter to Faith? A Critical Appraisal of Modern and Postmodern Approaches to Scripture*. Crossway, 2012. A study of historical and introductory issues in light of current research and challenges.

Long, V. Philips. *The Art of Biblical History. Foundations of Contemporary Interpretation vol. 5*. Zondervan, 1994. The balance of historicity, literary art, and theology in the history writing of the Old Testament.

Millard, Alan R., James K. Hoffmeier, and David W. Baker, eds. *Faith, Tradition, and History: Old Testament Historiography in Its Near Eastern Context*. Eisenbrauns, 1994. Important articles on the methods and interpretation of various Old Testament passages in the light of ancient Near Eastern comparisons.

Römer, Thomas. *The So-Called Deuteronomistic History: A Sociological, Historical and Literary Introduction*. T & T Clark, 2005. A useful and readable survey of this critical approach to the primary historical books of the Bible, from a position sympathetic to the theory.

Thiele, E. R. *A Chronology of the Hebrew Kings*. 2nd ed., Zondervan, 1983. Remains the most convincing interpretation of the chronology of the monarchy.

Archaeology

Aharoni, Y. *The Archaeology of the Land of Israel*. Trans. A.F. Rainey. Westminster, 1982. A classic work.

Ben-Tor, Amnon (ed). *The Archaeology of Ancient Israel*. trans. R. Greenberg. Yale, 1992.

Dever, William G. *Who Were the Early Israelites and Where Did They Come From?* Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003. Important archaeological arguments against the historicity of the biblical exodus and in favor of a largely indigenous people in Canaan who became Israel. Israel can be ethnically identified in the twelfth highlands of Palestine.

Hoerth, Alfred *Archaeology and the Old Testament*. Baker, 1998. An important evangelical guide to the subject.

*King, Philip J. and Lawrence E. Stager. *Life in Biblical Israel. Library of Ancient Israel*. Westminster John Knox, 2001. With color photos and drawings, this is the best discussion of the realia of life in biblical times.

*Kitchen, Kenneth A. *On the Reliability of the Old Testament*. Eerdmans, 2003. Evangelical application of archaeology and especially ancient Near Eastern texts to the Bible.

Levy, Thomas E. (ed.). *The Archaeology of Society in the Holy Land*. Facts on File, 1995. Although it covers a larger period than that of the Biblical time, it is the first systematic presentation of social archaeology in Israel as written by leading archaeologists.

Mazar, Amihai. *Archaeology of the Land of the Bible: 10,000-586 B.C.E.* Doubleday, 1992. A more recent work by an experienced Israeli archaeologist.

Meyers, Eric M. (ed.). *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Archaeology in the Near East*. Five vols. Oxford University, 1997.

Stern, Ephraim (ed). *The New Encyclopedia of Archaeological Excavations in the Holy Land*. Simon and Schuster, 1995. 4 volumes. Supplementary Volume 5, Biblical Archaeology Society, 2008. Essential reference guide for sites.

Stern, Ephraim. *Archaeology of the Land of the Bible. Volume II. The Assyrian, Babylonian, and Persian Periods (732-332 B.C.E.)*. Doubleday, 2001. The most comprehensive and up-to-date survey of the later Old Testament period.

*Walton, John H. *Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary: Old Testament*. 5 volumes. Zondervan, 2009. Enlisting dozens of Evangelical scholars, this work provides the most comprehensive and up-to-date discussion of the relationship between the Bible and all relevant primary sources contemporary with its origins.

Journals

Near Eastern Archaeology (formerly Biblical Archaeologist)

Biblical Archaeology Review

Atlases

Aharoni, Yohanan, Michael Avi-Yonah, Anson F. Rainey, and Zeev Safrai, eds. *The Carta Bible Atlas*. Macmillan, 2002. A standard atlas that provides individual maps for many significant Bible events.

Beitzel, Barry J. *Biblica the Bible Atlas: A Social and Historical Journey Through the Lands of the Bible*. Global Book Publishing, 2006. A beautifully presented atlas with helpful surveys through the historical and geographical texts of the Bible. Evangelical.

Bimson, J. and J. Kane. *New Bible Atlas*. Tyndale, 1985. Excellent combination of price, color maps and illustrations, and archaeological commentary. Evangelical.

Brisco, Thomas V. *Holman Bible Atlas*. Broadman & Holman, 1998. Up-to-date images, maps, and photos with running commentary. Evangelical.

Cleave, Richard. *The Holy Land: A Unique Perspective*. Photography and Satellite Cartography. Lion, 1993. Stunning aerial and satellite photography.

Pritchard, J.B., ed. *Harper's Atlas of the Bible*. Harper and Row, 1987. Best on indices and gazetteer in relation to the maps.

*Rainey, Anson F. and R. Steven Notley. *The Sacred Bridge. Carta's Atlas of the Biblical World*. Carta, 2006. Synthesizes both a comprehensive history of the Levant and a geographical study of the region, with the focus on the land of Israel during the biblical period. A more user friendly abridgement has appeared, *Carta's New Century Handbook and Atlas of the Bible*. Carta, 2007.

Rasmussen, Carl G. *Zondervan Atlas of the Bible*. Revised edition. Zondervan, 2010. Excellent on the "big picture" maps and perspectives of the terrain. Many large maps and color photos.

Rogerson, J. *The Atlas of the Bible*. Facts on File, 1985. Visually dazzling color photographs as well as discussion of geography and archaeology.

Special Studies

Useful teaching tools

Abingdon Bible Map Transparencies. Abingdon. This is a wonderful set of full color maps for both Old and New Testament events and places. One of the best for overhead projection.

Smith, George Adam. *The Historical Geography of the Holy Land*. 25th edition. Hodder & Stoughton, 1936; Harper & Row, 1966. This is an 1894 classic with vivid word pictures of the Holy Land.

Survey of Israel Maps. Survey of Israel, continuously updated. Hebrew and English. This is a set of scale 1:100000 maps that cover the entire area occupied by modern Israel. Includes all significant political and topographic features with many sites of antiquity noted.

Translations of Collected Ancient Near Eastern Texts

Beyerlin, W. (ed.). *Near Eastern Religious Texts Relating to the Old Testament*. OTL. Westminster, 1978.

Chavalas, Mark W. ed. *The Ancient Near East: Historical Sources in Translation*. Various specialists provide introduction and commentary as well as translation of key texts.

*Hallo, William W. and K. Lawson Younger, Jr. (eds.). *The Context of Scripture. Volume 1. Canonical Compositions from the Biblical World*. Brill, 1997. *Volume 2. Monumental Inscriptions from the Biblical World*. Brill, 2000. *Volume 3. Archival Documents from the Biblical World*. Brill, 2002. This is the new Pritchard (see next entry) as a current compendium of ancient Near Eastern texts in English. There is an abundance of footnotes and cross references to biblical texts.

Nissinen, Martti, with contributions by C. L. Seow and Robert K. Ritner. *Prophets and Prophecy in the Ancient Near East*. Society of Biblical Literature Writing from the Ancient World. Society of Biblical Literature, 2003. A compendium of prophecy texts from the ancient Near East.

Pritchard, J.B. (ed.). *Ancient Near Eastern Texts Relating to the Old Testament*. 3rd. ed. Princeton University Press, 1969. Two volumes of a paperback epitome of this larger volume have also appeared.

*Society of Biblical Literature Writings from the Ancient World. A multi-volume series that continues to grow and to present full translations with notes (and sometimes transliterations) of texts from the across the ancient Near East.

Sparks, Kenton L. *Ancient Texts for the Study of the Hebrew Bible: A Guide to the*

Background Literature. Hendrickson, 2005. A superb introduction and commentary on the most important ancient Near Eastern literature related to the Bible; with full and complete bibliographies.

Wyatt, N. *Religious Texts from Ugarit: The Words of Ilmilku and His Colleagues.* Sheffield, 1998. Contemporary translation of religious texts that provide the essential background for understanding "Canaanite" religion.

Ancient Near Eastern Histories

Briant, Pierre. *From Cyrus to Alexander: A History of the Persian Empire.* Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2002. At more than 1,000 pages this corrected English translation represents the best synthesis on the Persian Empire.

Chavalas, Mark W., and K. Lawson Younger, Jr., eds. *Mesopotamia and the Bible: Comparative Explorations.* Grand Rapids: Baker, 2002. A collection of approaches to different archives of Syrian and Mesopotamian text and their relation to the Bible.

Collins, Billie Jean. *The Hittites and Their World.* Society of Biblical Literature, 2007. An up-to-date review of the history and society of ancient Anatolia.

Gurney, O. R. *The Hittites.* Revised edition. Penguin, 1990. A classic of a culture with important relevance to the Bible.

Hallo, W.W., and W.K. Simpson. *The Ancient Near East: A History.* Second edition. Wadsworth, 1997. One of the most widely used brief histories.

Hoerth, Alfred, Gerald Mattingly, and Edwin Yamauchi (eds.). *Peoples of the Old Testament World.* Baker, 1994. Updating of Wiseman's Peoples of Old Testament Times by U.S. Evangelicals.

*Kemp, Barry J. *Ancient Egypt: Anatomy of a Civilization.* 2nd edition. Routledge, 1991. A social study of Egyptian life and culture.

Oppenheim, A. Leon. *Ancient Mesopotamia.* University of Chicago, 1977.

*Van de Mieroop, Marc. *A History of the Ancient Near East: ca. 3000-323 BC.* Second edition. Wiley-Blackwell, 2006. The most readable and current survey of the subject.

Von Soden, Wolfram. *The Ancient Orient: An Introduction to the Study of the Ancient Near East.* Translated by D.G. Schley. Eerdmans, 1993. Traditional approach to ancient Near Eastern history.

Hebrew Lexicons

Brown, F., S.R. Driver, and C.A. Briggs. *Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament.* Hendrickson, 1979. The best of the older lexicons.

Clines, David J. A. (ed.). *The Dictionary of Classical Hebrew.* 8 vols. Sheffield Academic Press, 1993-. Six volumes have appeared. Designed for a contextual and usage approach to understanding the meaning of words.

Clines, David J. A. (ed.). *The Concise Dictionary of Classical Hebrew.* Sheffield Phoenix, 2009. An abridgement of *The Dictionary of Classical Hebrew.*

Holladay, W.L. *A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament.* Eerdmans, 1971. Useful, quick reference.

*Koehler, L., and W. Baumgartner et al. (eds.). *The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament.* 3rd ed. 5 vols. Brill, 1994-2001; Study edition, 2 vols. Brill, 2001. A translation of the most complete Hebrew and Aramaic German lexicon. New and less expensive versions of this lexicon are being produced.

Biblical-Theological Dictionaries

*Botterweck, G. J., H. Ringgren, H.-J. Fabry (eds.). *Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament.* Eerdmans, 1977-2006. Fifteen volumes have appeared in English

translation. The standard work.

Harris, R.L., G.L. Archer, Jr., and B.K. Waltke (eds.). *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament*. 2 vols. Moody, 1980. Brief discussions from an Evangelical perspective.

Jenni, E. and C. Westermann (eds.). *Theological Lexicon of the Old Testament*. 3 vols. Hendrickson, 1997.

VanGemeren, Willem A. (ed.). *New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology and Exegesis*. 5 vols. Zondervan, 1997. The most recent and complete Evangelical contribution.

Concordances

*Accordance at [accordancebible.com](http://www.accordancebible.com). Gramcord. The most comprehensive computer concordance for Masoretic Text, Septuagint, and English versions. Accordance now provides a free PC emulator. It can be downloaded from <http://www.accordancebible.com/downloads/other.php>

*Even-Shoshan, E. *A New Concordance of the Old Testament Using the Hebrew and Aramaic Text*. 2nd edition. Baker, 1989. The best concordance for the Hebrew text of the Old Testament.

Goodrick, E.W., and J.R. Kohlenberger, III. *The NIV Exhaustive Concordance*. Zondervan, 1990.

Hebrew Grammars

Introductory

Kelley, P. *Biblical Hebrew: An Introductory Grammar*. Eerdmans, 1992. Continues and updates the Weingreen approach to learning Hebrew.

*Pratico, G. D. and M. V. Van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew*. Zondervan, 2001. Systematic approach to the grammar and basic syntax of Biblical Hebrew. Accompanied by a CD with answer key to Workbook exercises, Visual aids for each lesson, Audio for vocabulary, and Flashworks for vocabulary.

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Baldwin, Joyce G. *1 & 2 Samuel*. TOTC. InterVarsity, 1988. Helpful exegetical commentary with some attention given to theological issues. Evangelical.

Bergen, R. D. *1 and 2 Samuel*. NAC. Broadman, 1996. Evangelical reflecting a knowledge of the Hebrew and modern linguistics.

Brueggemann, Walter. *First and Second Samuel*. Int. Westminster John Knox, 1990. Focus on text as literature (vs. historical questions) to probe how its ideology impacts human experience.

Campbell, Anthony F. *1 Samuel and 2 Samuel*. FOTL 7,8. Eerdmans, 2003 and 2005, respectfully. Form-critical analysis that attempts to identify the genre, setting, and literary features of the narratives.

Evans, Mary. *1 and 2 Samuel*. NIBC. Hendrickson, 2000. Comments on sections and

paragraphs, followed by more detailed endnotes. Evangelical.

Fokkelman, J. P. *Narrative Art and Poetry in the Books of Samuel: A Full Interpretation Based on Stylistic and Structural Analyses*. 4 vols. Van Gorcum, 1981-1993. More than two thousand pages of careful literary analysis of the books of Samuel.

Gordon, R.P. *1 and 2 Samuel*. Zondervan, 1986. Evangelical historical and grammatical study of the book.

Jobling, David. *1 Samuel*. Berit Olam. Liturgical Press, 1998. Feminist and deconstructionist essays on the book's structure and message from a modern critical perspective.

Klein, R.W. *1 Samuel*. WBC. Word, 1983. Second edition, Word, 2009. A commentary concerned with the final form of the text.

*McCarter, P. Kyle, Jr., *I Samuel and II Samuel*. AB. Doubleday, 1980, 1984. The most important study of the Hebrew text in relation to Greek and Dead Sea Scroll witnesses.

Smith, James E. *1 & 2 Samuel*. College Pres NIV Commentary. College Press, 2000. Moderate detail from an evangelical perspective.

*Tsumura, David T. *The First Book of Samuel*. NICOT. Eerdmans, 2007. Takes seriously the Hebrew text with strong grammatical, literary, and cultural insights. Evangelical.

Also:

Halpern, Baruch. *David's Secret Demons. Messiah, Murderer, Traitor, King*. Eerdmans, 2001. A biblical historian takes a critical look at the text and its chief human character.

1 & 2 Kings

Brueggemann, Walter. *1 & 2 Kings*. Smith & Helwys Commentary. Smith & Helwys, 2000. Mid-level commentary with helpful sidebars and accompanying CD-Rom. $\frac{1}{2}$ Connections $\frac{1}{2}$ section designed to stimulate theological reflection.

*Cogan, Mordechai. *I Kings*. AB 10. Doubleday, 2000. Thorough discussion of the textual, critical, and archaeological problems and data.

*Cogan, M., and H. Tadmor. *II Kings*. AB. Doubleday, 1988. Essential discussion of the Assyrian context of Judah during the latter period of the Monarchy and especially the time of Hezekiah.

DeVries, Simon J. *1 Kings*. WBC. Word, 1985. Useful Evangelical commentary written without apology for the difficulties in the book.

Fretheim, Terence E. *First and Second Kings*. WeBC. Westminster John Knox, 1999. A popular discussion that focuses on the literary and rhetorical direction and purpose of the texts.

Hobbs, T.R. *2 Kings*. WBC. Word, 1985. Evangelical literary and theological interpretation of 2 Kings.

*House, P. R. *1 and 2 Kings*. NAC. Broadman, 1995. Evangelical theological and literary synthesis of recent approaches.

Jones, G. H. *1 and 2 Kings*. Volumes I and II. NCB. Eerdmans, 1984. Historical and textual criticism dominate the concerns of these volumes.

Knoppers, Gary N. *Two Nations under God: The Deuteronomistic History of Solomon and the Dual Monarchies*. 2 vols. Scholars, 1993, 1994. A doctoral dissertation that provides a historical and critical commentary on Kings.

Long, Burke O. *1 Kings with an Introduction to Historical Literature*. FOTL 9. Eerdmans, 1984. Moderate form-critical approach with concise discussion of structure, genre, setting, and intention of each passage.

Long, Burke O. *2 Kings*. FOTL 10. Eerdmans, 1991. See preceding. Closes with extensive glossary of form-critical terminology.

Mulder, Martin J. *1 Kings. Volume 1: 1 Kings 1-11*. HCOT. Peeters, 1998. A remarkably

detailed exegetical study of the Hebrew text, with sensitivity to versions and literary forms and sympathy to historical value.

Nelson, Richard *First and Second Kings*. Int. John Knox, 1987. Theological approach to the narrative designed to seek lessons for preaching and teaching.

*Provan, Iain W. *1 and 2 Kings*. NIBC. Hendrickson, 1995. Literarily and theologically sensitive, with helpful endnotes and four excurses on canonical connections. Evangelical.

Sweeney, Marvin A. *I & II Kings: A Commentary*. OTL. Westminster John Knox, 2007. An excellent analysis of the form and reason for inclusion of the various contents, written from a critical perspective.

Walsh, Jerome T. *1 Kings*. Berit Olam. Liturgical, 1996. Commentary in the context of a study of literary and narrative forms of 1 Kings.

Wiseman, Donald J. *1 and 2 Kings*. IVP, 1993. Evangelical application of archaeological and historical studies to the interpretation and application of the message of Kings.

1 & 2 Chronicles

Braun, R. *1 Chronicles*. WBC. Word, 1986. An Evangelical contribution with appreciation of the historical worth of the text.

Dillard, R.B. *II Chronicles*. WBC. Word, 1987. Similar to Braun for 1 Chronicles, with appreciation of Williamson's work in several cases.

Hill, Andrew E. *1 & 2 Chronicles*. NIVAC. Zondervan, 2003. Comprehensive engagement with oft-neglected books with a careful eye to contemporary relevance. Evangelical.

Japhet, Sara. *I & II Chronicles*. OTL. Westminster John Knox, 1993. A detailed theological commentary that is sensitive to Chronicles as history.

Johnstone, William. *1 & 2 Chronicles*. 2 volumes. Sheffield, 1997. A literary and rhetorical study of Chronicles as a text of hope for restoration in future generations.

*Knoppers, Gary N. *I Chronicles 1-9: A New Translation with Introduction and Commentary*. *I Chronicles 10-29: A New Translation with Introduction and Commentary*. AB. Doubleday, 2003, 2004. A detailed and insightful historical and exegetical commentary sympathetic to Evangelical concerns.

Selman, Martin J. *1 Chronicles*. *2 Chronicles*. 2 vols. TOTC. IVP, 1994. Evangelical study with special emphasis upon the theological significance and application.

Thompson, John A. *1 and 2 Chronicles*. NAC. Broadman, 1995. Evangelical appreciation of the books as historically reliable.

Williamson, H.G.M. *1 and 2 Chronicles*. NCB. Eerdmans, 1982. Presents the books as basically historical with creative development for theological purposes.

Ezra & Nehemiah

Allen, L. and T. Laniak. *Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther*. NIBC. Hendrickson - Paternoster, 2003. Good exposition from an evangelical perspective. Good attention to literary, historical, and cultural issues.

Blenkinsopp, J. *Ezra-Nehemiah*. OTL. Westminster, 1988. An important discussion reflecting opinions held by many scholars and stressing the importance of the period for Judaism.

Breneman, Mervin. *Ezra Nehemiah Esther*. NAC. Broadman, 1993. An Evangelical conservative review of the recent discussions and applications regarding these books.

Clines, D.J.A. *Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther*. NCB. Eerdmans, 1984. Strong bibliographies and introductions. In *Esther God's existence is a premise not requiring mention*.

Fensham, F.C. *The Books of Ezra and Nehemiah*. NICOT. Eerdmans, 1982. Evangelical focus on the historical and archaeological background.

Kidner, D. *Ezra and Nehemiah*. TOTC. IVP, 1979. Evangelical discussion of the theological message of the book.

Throntveit, Mark A. *Ezra-Nehemiah*. Int. John Knox, 1992. A more up-to-date discussion of theological and interpretative issues.

*Williamson, H.G.M. *Ezra-Nehemiah*. WBC. Word, 1985. A judicious survey of the historical and major exegetical issues with an awareness of the archaeological component.

Esther

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Allen, L. and T. Laniak. *Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther*. NIBC. Hendrickson - Paternoster, 2003. See above under Ezra.

Baldwin, J.G. *Esther*. TOTC. IVP, 1984. Evangelical with a strong introduction and discussion of the book's contemporary theological relevance.

*Berlin, Adele. *Esther*. JPS. Jewish Publication Society, 2001. Good exposition of text written by a scholar skilled in literary approaches.

Day, Linda M. *Esther*. Abingdon Old Testament Commentaries. Nashville: Abingdon, 2005. Careful exegesis with applications and perspectives in a post-9/11 world.

Fox, Michael V. *Character and Ideology in the Book of Esther*. University of South Carolina Press, 1991. A text critical and literary study that stresses how open ended the book is with uncertainty about many aspects including the role of God.

Jobes, Karen J. *Esther*. NIV Application Bible. Zondervan, 1999. Very useful commentary that offers theological reflection and practical applications based on solid exegesis. Evangelical.

Levenson, Jon D. *Esther*. OTL. Westminster John Knox, 1997. A master of biblical theology from a Jewish perspective examines the book of Esther.

Job

Alden, Robert A. *Job*. NAC. Broadman, 1994. A balanced and Evangelical discussion of the Biblical text.

Anderson, F.I. *Job*. TOTC. IVP, 1976. Evangelical and linguistic study of the text.

Balentine, Samuel E. *Job*. Smyth & Helwys Bible Commentary. Smyth & Helwys, 2006. A profound theological and exegetical study that is creative and hermeneutically aware.

*Clines, D.J.A. *Job 1-20*. WBC 17. Word, 1989. *Job 21-37*. WBC 18A. Thomas Nelson, 2006. Remarkable study in its detail, with profound reflection on the implications of the rhetoric, and a major bibliography at the end.

Gordis, R. *The Book of Job: Commentary, New Translation and Special Studies*. Ktav, 1978. A Jewish perspective with attention to the interpretation of difficult words and phrases.

Habel, Norman C. *The Book of Job*. OTL. Westminster, 1985. Detailed linguistic notes with insights of literary structure.

Hartley, J. *Job*. NICOT. Eerdmans, 1988. Good Evangelical survey and interaction with relevant secondary literature.

Janzen, J.G. *Job*. Interp. John Knox, 1985. Existentialist approach stressing the element of free will in creation; at times more technical in its discussion.

*Longman, Tremper, III. *Job*. BCOTWP. Evangelical discussion of the book's theology guided with special strength in the Hebrew poetry.

*Seow, C. L. *Job 1-21: Interpretation and Commentary*. Illuminations. Eerdmans, 2013. A detailed study with focus on the history of interpretation and on the exegetical details of the argument.

Psalms

Allen L.C. *Psalms 101-150*. WBC. Word, 1983. A balanced and comprehensive Evangelical survey of exegesis in these psalms.

Cohen, A. *Psalms. Hebrew Text, English Translation and Commentary*. Revised by E. Oratz. Soncino, 1992. A Jewish perspective on the interpretation of the Psalms.

*Craigie, P. *Psalms 1-50*. WBC. Word, 1983. A clearly written Evangelical combination of comparative Ugaritic studies and theological insights with practical application.

*Goldingay, John. *Psalms: Volume 1: Psalms 1-41. Volume 2: Psalms 42-89. Volume 3: Psalms 90-150*. BCOTWP. Baker, 2006, 2007, 2008. A detailed postmodern exegesis with theological insight. Evangelical.

Hossfeld, Frank-Lothar and Erich Zenger. *Psalms 2*. Hermeneia. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2005. A detailed scholarly commentary on Psalms 50-100 with much discussion about multiple stages of redaction in many psalms.

Kidner, D. *Psalms 1-72 and Psalms 73-150*. TOTC. IVP, 1973, 1975. An Evangelical musical artist and theological exegete brings the psalms to life.

Kraus, H.-J. *Psalms 1-59*. Translated by H. C. Oswald. Continental. Fortress, 1988. A comprehensive review of scholarship and detailed commentary on the Psalms.

Kraus, H.-J. *Psalms 60-150*. Translated by H. C. Oswald. Continental. Fortress, 1989.

Mays, J. L. *Psalms*. Int. Westminster John Knox, 1994. This is a theological and practical commentary set within the contexts of the canon of Scripture and the history of interpretation.

Tate, M. E. *Psalms 51-100*. WBC. Word, 1990. An Evangelical focus on review of scholarship, exegesis and word studies, and the relation of psalms to one another.

*Terrien, Samuel. *The Psalms. Strophic Structure and Theological Commentary*. ECC. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003. A theological and practical exegesis of the Psalms from an expert in Wisdom literature; with translation.

Weiser, A. *Psalms*. OTL. Westminster, 1962. Focus on annual festivals and the psalms' role in them.

Williams, D. M. *Psalms*. CC. 2 vols. Word, 1986. Evangelical.

Also:

Bullock, C. Hassell. *Encountering the Book of Psalms: A Literary and Theological Introduction*. Baker, 2001. The best college survey of the teaching of the Psalms.

Grogan, Geoffrey. *Prayer, Praise & Prophecy: A Theology of the Psalms*. Mentor. Christian Focus, 2001. Encounter the great themes of God, suffering, and the expectation of the Messiah in this introduction to the theology of the Psalms.

Proverbs

Alden, Robert L. *Proverbs: A Commentary on an Ancient Book of Timeless Advice*. Baker, 1983. Evangelical exegesis.

Clifford, Richard J. *Proverbs*. OTL. Westminster John Knox, 1999. Concise, original discussion of the meanings of each of the proverbs and their place in their original context, as well as attention to the overall structure of the book.

*Fox, Michael V. *Proverbs 1-9*. Anchor Bible. Doubleday, 2000. A detailed and careful study, with full awareness of the key issues.

Garrett, Duane A. *Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Songs*. NAC. Nashville: Broadman, 1993. Evangelical discussion of these three Solomonic books with useful exegesis and theological application.

Heim, Knut Martin. *Like Grapes of Gold Set in Silver: An Interpretation of Proverbial Clusters in Proverbs 10:1-22:16*. Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft Band 273. Walter de Gruyter, 2001. Best exegesis of this difficult middle section of the book, with emphasis on context in understanding and relating the individual proverbs.

Hubbard, D.A. *Proverbs. Mastering the Old Testament*. CC. Word, 1989. Evangelical exposition and application.

Kidner, D. *Proverbs*. TOTC. IVP, 1964. Evangelical balanced reflections on the meaning of each of the proverbs.

Longman III, Tremper. *Proverbs*. Baker Commentary on the Old Testament Wisdom and Psalms, Baker, 2005. Most useful one-volume Evangelical study for the practical application of well informed exegesis.

McKane, W. *Proverbs: A New Approach*. OTL. Westminster, 1970. Learned discussion based on original secular wisdom that evolved to theologically oriented wisdom literature.

*Waltke, Bruce K. *The Book of Proverbs Chapters 1-15*. and *The Book of Proverbs Chapters 15-31*. NICOT. Eerdmans, 2004 and 2005. Evangelical with excellent linguistic and structural discussion of each part of the book, and a strong introduction.

Ecclesiastes

*Bartholomew, Craig G. *Ecclesiastes*. BCOTWP. Baker, 2009. An Evangelical and sophisticated literary interpretation of this difficult book with strong emphasis on theological implications.

Crenshaw, J.L. *Ecclesiastes*. OTL. Westminster, 1987. A master of biblical wisdom literature considers this book.

Eaton, Michael A. *Ecclesiastes. An Introduction and Commentary*. TOTC. IVP, 1983. Evangelical appreciation of a positive interpretation to the book as an apologetic in a world of faithlessness.

Fox, Michael V. *A Time to Tear Down and a Time to Build Up: A Rereading of Ecclesiastes*. Eerdmans, 1999. A highly regarded authority on biblical wisdom literature considers Ecclesiastes as a tract on the absurdity of life.

Fox, Michael V. *Ecclesiastes*. The JPS Bible Commentary. Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 2004. A mature scholar of Hebrew wisdom literature provides a readable commentary with much of value in the history of Jewish interpretation.

Gordis, R. *Koholeth: The Man and His World*. Schocken, 1951. A philological commentary on the Hebrew text that remains useful.

Krüger, Thomas. *Qoheleth : A Commentary*. Translated by O.C. Dean, Jr. Edited by Klaus Baltzer. Hermeneia. Fortress, 2004. A careful and critical exegetical study.

Longman III, Tremper. *Ecclesiastes*. NICOT. Eerdmans, 1997. With great linguistic and literary skill, this Evangelical study demonstrates the argument of Ecclesiastes as a warning against negative, skeptical conclusions about God and human existence.

Murphy, Roland E. *Ecclesiastes*. WBC. Dallas, 1992. Lengthy introduction with standard exegesis, the author adds a monologue on the traditional wisdom that the book challenged.

Provan, Iain. *Ecclesiastes/Song of Songs*. NIVAC. Zondervan, 2001. Evangelical approach, taking a negative view of the book's main teaching with an appreciation of the theological and philosophical implications.

*Seow, C.-L. *Ecclesiastes*. AB. Doubleday, 1997. Important summary of recent research with a careful exegesis of what is regarded as a Persian period book.

Whybray, R.N. *Ecclesiastes*. NCB. Eerdmans, 1989. Good survey of secondary literature with exegesis that argues a middle of the road position for the Hellenistic author.

Song of Songs

Bergant, Dianne. *The Song of Songs*. Berit Olam. Michael Glazier, 2001. Literary insights and analysis.

Carr, G. Lloyd. *The Song of Solomon. An Introduction and Commentary*. TOTC. IVP, 1984. Evangelical discussion of this book as love poetry.

Exum, J. Cheryl. *Song of Songs. A Commentary*. OTL. Westminster John Knox, 2005. A thorough exegetical commentary from a feminist perspective.

Garrett, Duane, and Paul R. House. *Song of Songs/Lamentations*. WBC 23B. Nelson, 2004. Thoroughly researched, evenly balanced, and reasonable application of the text by an Evangelical scholar (Garrett writes on the Song) who has produced his second major commentary on this book in eleven years.

*Hess, Richard S. *Song of Songs*. BCOTWP. Baker, 2005. An Evangelical and exegetical study of the Song with an integrated analysis of the Hebrew text, the poetic macro- and microstructure, and the theological significance for the Christian.

Keel, Othmar. *Song of Songs*. Translated by F. J. Geiser. ConC. Fortress, 1994. An authority on Israelite iconography interprets the images of the book.

Longman, Tremper, III. *Song of Songs*. NICOT. Eerdmans, 2001. Evangelical study of a collection of different love songs joined together by literary techniques into a progression.

Murphy, R.E. *The Song of Songs*. Hermeneia. Fortress, 1990. A thorough commentary with theological as well as exegetical insight.

Pope, M.H. *Song of Songs*. AB. Doubleday, 1977. A large commentary with frequent digressions into comparative customs.

Provan, Iain. *Ecclesiastes/Song of Songs*. NIVAC. Zondervan, 2001. Interprets the Song as a drama with three main characters. See under Ecclesiastes.

Isaiah

Baltzer, Klaus. *Isaiah 40-55*. Hermeneia. Fortress, 2001. Careful linguistic analysis of the chapters, assumes the rhetorical form of a Greek drama.

Beyer, Bryan E. *Encountering the Book of Isaiah: A Historical and Theological Study*. Encountering Biblical Studies. Baker, 2007. A very helpful and wide-ranging, illustrated introduction with good side discussions and charts on a variety of theological themes. Conservative Evangelical.

Blenkinsopp, Joseph. *Isaiah 40-55*. Doubleday, 2000; *Isaiah 56-66*. Doubleday, 2003. AB. A careful and balanced analysis of the language and forms of the second half of Isaiah.

Brueggemann, Walter. *Isaiah 1-39 and Isaiah 40-66*. Westminster John Knox, 1998. Canonical approach focused on ascertaining how the text speaks with power to modern realities.

Childs, Brevard S. *Isaiah: A Commentary*. OTL. Westminster John Knox, 2001. The founder of the canonical approach comments with theological and literary sensitivity as well as an appreciation for the history of its interpretation.

*Goldingay, John. *The Message of Isaiah 40-55: A Literary-Theological Commentary*. London: T. & T. Clark, 2005. Careful exposition with theological and literary sensitivities. Designed to complement forthcoming volume in ICC series. Critical evangelical.

Goldingay, John and David Payne. *Isaiah 40-55*, volume 1. ICC. T. & T. Clark, 2006. Exhaustive linguistic, philological, and text critical study with extensive bibliographies typical of this series. Technical, helpful exegesis. First of two volumes.

Motyer, J. Alec. *The Prophecy of Isaiah: An Introduction & Commentary*. InterVarsity, 1993. Attention to textual details within the literary structure of the book. Evangelical.

*Oswalt, John N. *The Book of Isaiah*. 2 volumes. NICOT. Eerdmans, 1986, 1998. Solid Evangelical exposition of the biblical text. Introduction could be stronger.

*Oswalt, John N. *The Book of Isaiah*. NIVAC. Zondervan, 2003. Helpful theological and applicational sections. Author also has published technical commentary on Isaiah. Evangelical.

Paul, Shalom M. *Isaiah 40-66: Translation and Commentary*. EEC. Eerdmans, 2012. Exceptional commentary by a foremost Israeli scholar with wealth of textual, literary,

and comparative details.

*Smith, G. V. *Isaiah 1-39, Isaiah 40-66*. NAC 15A, 15B. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2007, 2009. Detailed exposition with careful attention to exegetical details. Theological reflections for discussion of each unit. Evangelical.

*Webb, Barry G. *The Message of Isaiah*. BST. InterVarsity, 1996. Good Evangelical exposition with an eye to literary structure, historical background, and broader canonical connections.

*Williamson, H.G.M. *Isaiah 1-5*. ICC. London: T. & T. Clark, 2006. Exhaustive linguistic, philological, and text critical study with helpful exegesis. Redaction critical approach. First of three volumes to cover chs. 1-27.

Jeremiah

* Allen, Leslie C. *Jeremiah: A Commentary*. OTL. Westminster John Knox, 2008. Well-informed detailed textual study focused primarily on the canonical form. Little theological reflection.

Carroll, Robert P. *Jeremiah*. OTL. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1986. Argues that the text is an ideological creation.

Clements, Ronald E. *Jeremiah*. Interpretation. Atlanta: John Knox Press, 1988. An effort by a critical scholar to deal with the final form of the text.

Craigie, Peter C., Page H. Kelley, and Joel F. Drinkard, Jr. *Jeremiah 1-25*. WBC. Dallas: Word, 1991. Completed by the other authors after the death of Craigie. Accordingly, it is uneven in amount and quality of detail. Evangelical.

Dearman, J. Andrew. *Jeremiah, Lamentations*. NIVAC. Zondervan, 2002. Brief comments on text with primary focus on modern application. Evangelical.

*Holladay, William L. *Jeremiah 1-25; Jeremiah 26-52*. Hermeneia. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1986, 1989. A massive technical commentary with a wealth of textual and exegetical notes.

Keown, Gerald L., Pamela J. Scalise, and Thomas G. Smothers. *Jeremiah 26-52*. WBC. Dallas: Word, 1995. See above under Craigie. Evangelical.

*King, Philip J. *Jeremiah: An Archaeological Commentary*. Westminster John Knox, 1993. Very illuminating resource for understanding background to book.

Longman III, Tremper. *Jeremiah, Lamentations*. NIBC. Hendrickson/Paternoster, 2008. Solid mid-level exposition with footnotes on technical matters. Evangelical.

*Lundbom, Jack R. *Jeremiah 1-20: A New Translation with Introduction and Commentary*. AB, 21A. New York: Doubleday, 1999. An exhaustive work. Study of each passage divided into Rhetoric & Composition, Notes, and Message & Audience.

*Lundbom, Jack R. *Jeremiah 21-36: a new translation with introduction and commentary*. AB, 21B. New York: Doubleday, 2004. See above, 1999. Adds a series of informative and detailed appendices.

*Lundbom, Jack R. *Jeremiah 37-52: a new translation with introduction and commentary*. AB, 21A. New York: Doubleday, 2004. See above, 1999. Contains supplemental bibliography.

McKane, William. *A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on Jeremiah 1-25; Jeremiah 26-52*. ICC. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1986, 1989. Focus on textual and philology issues.

Pixley, Jorge. *Jeremiah*. Chalice Commentaries. Chalice, 2004. Comments on larger sections, with an eye to political and ideological implications for today.

Stuhlman, Louis. *Jeremiah*. AOTC. Abingdon, 2005. Insightful theological and ethical comments on the canonical shape of the book.

Thompson, John A. *The Book of Jeremiah*. NICOT. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1980. The standard Evangelical commentary for the last two decades.

Lamentations

Berlin, Adele. *Lamentations*. OTL. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2002. A very good commentary, sensitive to literary issues and backgrounds, by a Jewish scholar.

*Hillers, Delbert R. *Lamentations: A New Translation with Introduction and Commentary*. Second edition. Doubleday, 1992. Update of 1972 commentary. Attentive to poetry and structure.

*Parry, Robin A. *Lamentations*. Two Horizons OT Commentary. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010. Solid commentary with emphasis on how to read lament and engage suffering from an explicitly Christian theological perspective. Evangelical.

Provan, Iain. *Lamentations*. New Century Bible Commentary. Eerdmans, 1991. A timely commentary by an author known for literary sensitivity. Evangelical.

Ezekiel

Allen, Leslie C. *Ezekiel 1-19, 20-48*. WBC, 2 vols. Waco: Word Books, 1990. The first volume replaces the earlier initial volume by Brownlee. Helpful commentary with concern for Ancient Near Eastern background. Evangelical.

Blenkinsopp, J. *Ezekiel*. Interpretation. Atlanta: John Knox Press, 1990. An effort by a critical scholar to judiciously utilize scholarship for preaching concerns.

*Block, Daniel I. *The Book of Ezekiel*. 2 volumes. NICOT. Eerdmans, 1997, 1998. Evangelical. The most comprehensive study of the book available, it incorporates a wealth of linguistic and ancient Near Eastern comparative knowledge.

Craigie, P.C. *Ezekiel*. DSB. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1983. Good example of a devotional commentary that incorporates serious exegesis. Evangelical.

Cooper, Lamar Eugene, Jr. *Ezekiel*. NAC. Broadman & Holman, 1994. Solid exposition from a balanced dispensational premillennial perspective.

Duguid, Iain M. *Ezekiel*. NIVAC. Zondervan, 1999. Solid, informed exposition of Hebrew text, whose theology and applications are grounded in a Reformed perspective. Evangelical.

Eichrodt, Walter. *Ezekiel*. OTL. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1970. The classical critical commentary of a generation ago.

Greenberg, M. *Ezekiel 1-20; Ezekiel 21-37*. AB. New York: Doubleday, 1983, 1997. Sees work as substantially from hand of the prophet and focuses on final form of the prophetic text. Jewish.

Tuell, Steven. *Ezekiel*. NIBC. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2009. Detailed analysis and theological; does not take the future temple of chapters 40-44 as literal.

*Rooker, Mark. *Ezekiel*. HOTC, 17. Evangelical. Designed to help with teaching and preaching. Brief but solid exposition with focus on application by a seasoned scholar. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2005.

*Zimmerli, Walther. *Ezekiel 1-24 and Ezekiel 25-48*. 2 vols. Hermeneia. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1979, 1983. Massive commentary within the form critical and tradition history traditions.

Daniel

Baldwin, Joyce G. *Daniel*. TOTC. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1978. Helpful with attention to background, textual, and theological issues. Evangelical.

*Collins, John J. *Daniel*. Hermeneia. Fortress, 1993. Best available critical study of the text with full interaction with intertestamental literature.

*Goldingay, John. *Daniel*. WBC. Waco: Word Books, 1989. Detailed comments with comparisons with biblical and non-biblical parallels. Defends a late date. Evangelical.

Hartman, Louis F. and Alexander A. DiLella. *Daniel*. AB. Garden City: Doubleday, 1978. Places comments against a late reconstruction of background. Roman Catholic.

Longman III, Tremper. *Daniel*. NIVAC. Zondervan, 1999. Helpful exposition and thoughtful theological reflections and applications from a Reformed perspective.

Evangelical.

Longman III, Tremper and David E. Garland (eds.). *Daniel—Malachi*. The Expositor's Bible Commentary. Rev. ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2008. Helpful one volume commentary with a mid-level exposition of the biblical text. Evangelical.

Montgomery, J.A. *Daniel*. ICC. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1927. Though now dated in many ways, this critical commentary is still a benchmark in terms of textual data and philology.

Porteous, N. *Daniel*. OTL. Second edition. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1979. An important critical commentary of a generation ago. The second edition has a Supplement to update original 1962 commentary.

The New Interpreter's Bible, vol. VII: *Introduction to Apocalyptic Literature, Daniel, The Twelve Prophets*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1996. Exposition and theological reflections (with occasional excurses) of the primary units of each book. Reflections of uneven value. Designed for teaching and preaching.

Young, Edward J. *The Prophecy of Daniel*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1949. A classical commentary of earlier decades. Much attention given to millennial debates. Evangelical.

Hosea

Andersen, Francis I. and David N. Freedman. *Hosea*. AB. New York: Doubleday, 1980. Detailed commentary with attention to literary unity and style.

Davies, G.I. *Hosea*. NCB. Eerdmans, 1992. Brief comments coupled with a unique understanding of the relationship between the prophet and Gomer.

Garrett, Duane A. *Hosea, Joel*. NAB. Broadman & Holman, 1997. Detailed Evangelical exposition with many helpful excurses.

Harper, William Rainey. *Hosea and Amos*. ICC. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1905. The classic commentary of early critical scholarship. Much attention to textual and philological matters.

Hubbard, David A. *Hosea*. TOTC. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1989. Helpful commentary with some concern for literary features. Evangelical.

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