

Bibliography

This bibliography represents a compilation of many of the resources quoted (as well as Bibles) on preceptaustin.org.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF POPULAR BIBLE SOFTWARE

First let me put a plug in for my commentary which after 20 years now includes in depth comments on every verse of the **New Testament**. [Here is the link to allow you to select the book, chapter and verse](#) This page also has links to **Old Testament** commentaries of which there are about 22 books finished verse by verse (but not usually as detailed as the NT).

Because the bibliographic listing does not mention every major Bible software product for each resource you will need to check the individual websites for available resources which are being added to continually...:

(1) [Logos](#) - This is the "Cadillac" of Bible software with over **250,000+** resources available. The search engine is free, but the resources can be expensive. Check there website occasionally for sales. **Logos** has a steep learning curve and latest versions require Windows 10 or higher. If you have a blog or website be sure to consider adding their free Scripture popup tool - [Reftagger - Official Site](#)

(2) [BibleWorks](#) - This is my favorite tool for original language studies with a nice selection of add on lexicons. Sadly **they have gone out of business**.

(3) [TheWord Bible Program](#) - Free program. In my opinion it rivals **E-sword** as best free program available. One nice feature is ability to scroll through verses which synch with all commentaries that have related notes. TheWord has most of the same resources (free) that are listed for E-Sword.

NOTE: One feature that I especially love is the ability to highlight a Scripture Book, Chapter and Verse (anywhere - emails, websites, Word docs, etc) which automatically pops up the full text in the version of choice (I prefer the NASB which does have a small cost), and allows you (1) to copy the text and (2) to scroll through a chapter to check the context. I use this feature literally 100's of times per week as I am always working on this website, revising, correcting and adding Biblical content.

(4) [E-Sword](#) - Free program. For a general commentary of the entire Bible, I highly recommend David Guzik [Commentary on OT and NT](#). For one of the best (literal interpretation) commentaries available on the Revelation see Anthony Garland's book [\(Testimony of Jesus Christ\)](#).

(5) [Olive Tree Bible Software](#) - not free but is reasonably priced with excellent selection of resources.

(6) **Online Study Bibles** - Four are available and they are all very good.

(a) [Defender's Study Bible by Henry Morris](#) - free

(b) [NETBible Notes](#) - **free**. Be sure to check this one out by reading the notes [below](#).

(c) [Reformation Study Bible Notes](#)

(7) **Online Study Resources** - In my opinion the best sources of online resources are (not in any specific order)

(a) [StudyLight.org - Bible Commentaries - largest selection on the web](#)

(b) [Biblehub.com](#) - Has a few resources not found on StudyLight

(c) [Blue Letter Bible](#): probably the best for doing word studies.

Don't forget to check preceptaustin "Collections" on all 66 books of the Bible (see drop down list at top of page) - links to literally thousands of resources - commentaries, sermons, journal articles, devotionals

(8) Christian Books that can be borrowed - 1000's of Christian books and commentaries that can be borrowed (some are listed below).

RELATED RESOURCES:

- Bible Commentaries - General Discussion of Resources
- [Bible Commentaries for each book of the Bible - by Tim Challies \(I do not necessarily agree with all of his listings - e.g., in The Revelation there is a distinct paucity of some superb commentaries which may reflect the author's systematic theological bias\)](#)
- [850 Books for Biblical Expositors - compiled by Master's Seminary](#)
- [NT Commentaries for Bible Expositors: 1987-92 by James E Rosscup](#)
- [OT Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: 1987-92 by James E Rosscup](#)
- [Commenting on Commentaries by C H Spurgeon - probably the best way for one to assess the older works, many of which are being digitalized on the internet.](#)
- [Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#)
- [Biblical Commentaries Online - nice compilation](#)

- Cyril Barber's The Minister's Library - Volume 1 (1974) - this book can be borrowed. Barber's works are highly recommended.
 1. [Old Testament Commentaries](#) - excellent resource (borrow)
 2. [New Testament Commentaries](#) - excellent resource (borrow)

- Cyril Barber's The Minister's Library - Volume 2 - online
 1. [General Reference Works and Bible Commentaries](#) - excellent resource
 2. [Old Testament](#) - reviews of commentaries
 3. [New Testament](#) - reviews of commentaries
 4. [Doctrinal Theology](#)
 5. [Doctrinal Literature](#)
 6. [Pastoral Theology](#)
 7. [Social and Ecclesiastical Theology](#)
 8. [Missions and Evangelism](#)
 9. [Christian Education](#)
 10. [Church History Learning About People, Part 2](#)

- Cyril Barber's The Minister's Library - Volume 3 - online
 1. [General Reference Works and Bible Commentaries](#)
 2. [Old Testament](#) - reviews of commentaries
 3. [New Testament](#) - reviews of commentaries
 4. [Doctrinal Theology](#)
 5. [Doctrinal Literature](#)
 6. [Pastoral Theology](#)
 7. [Social and Ecclesiastical Theology](#)

- **See Drop down menu on right side of each page (COLLECTIONS OF COMMENTARIES & SERMONS)** for 1000's of resources including Commentaries, Sermons, Devotionals, Illustrations, Hymns, etc including listing by chapter and verse...

**OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT
COMMENTARY COLLECTIONS**
Also Sermons, Illustrations, Devotionals, etc

USAGE NOTES:

Words in **blue** indicate active links

Comments: Assessment and/or recommendation of the work.

Bible software: Name of company that produces resource on software

Website: Site where the resource is available on the web at no charge.

NA = Not Available

Note: For Logos software titles the best resource is Logos.com.

If you are interested in "old fashioned" (paper!) books, I recommend searching Amazon.com where you can search for **used** copies available (usually only a fraction of the cost of the new book -- I have purchased up to 50 used Christian books from Amazon and have yet to be disappointed -- just be sure to read the seller's notes on the condition of the book.

Be aware that many of the Christian writings prior to the early 1900's are now available online at no charge. I have found the **Archive.org** invaluable in this regard. It takes some practice but you will be amazed at what is now online at **Archive.org**. For example, just to get some idea of the amount of material which is online enter *Spurgeon* and under media type select **Texts** (otherwise you will get audios, etc) to retrieve over 350 resources!

Ash, A. L. Philippians, Colossians & Philemon. The College Press NIV commentary. Joplin, Mo.: College Press. (1994)

Comments: The College Press NIV Commentary series is a reasonably good commentary but I would recommend using it only as a secondary resource to supplement a more classic work such as [Bible Knowledge Commentary](#)

Bible software: [Logos](#).

Website: Other Philippians commentaries which can be BORROWED

1. [Mentor Commentary by Matthew Harmon which can be borrowed.](#)
2. [Exposition of Philippians : Hendriksen, William, 1900-1982](#)
3. [Philippians : an expositional commentary : Boice, James](#)
4. [The life of joy and peace : an exposition of Philippians Lloyd-Jones, David Martyn](#)
5. [Philippians : Bruce, F. F. \(Frederick Fyvie\), 1910-1990](#)
6. [The epistle to the Philippians : a devotional commentary F B Meyer](#)- this is online with no restrictions
7. [Let's study Philippians : Ferguson, Sinclair B](#)
8. [The message of Philippians : Jesus our joy : Motyer, J. A](#)
9. [Philippians, Colossians, Philemon : Gould, Dana, 1951 \(Shepherd Notes\)](#)
10. [Epistles to the philippians and colossians : W.E Vine , MA](#)
11. [A commentary on the Epistle to the Philippians by Bockmuehl, Markus N. A \(Black's NT Commentaries\)](#)
12. [Philippians : Fee, Gordon D :](#)
13. [Philippians : where life advances : Laurin, Roy L](#)
14. [Philippians : Martin, Ralph P](#) (Tyndale NT Series)
15. [New Century Bible Commentary on Philippians Martin, Ralph P](#)
16. [A NavPress Bible study on the book of Philippians](#)
17. [Paul's joy in Christ; studies in Philippians : Robertson, A. T.](#)
18. [A critical and exegetical commentary on the Epistles to the Philippians and to Philemon](#)Marvin Vincent
19. [Pressing on when you'd rather turn back : studies in philippians](#) by Getz, Gene
20. [A profile of Christian maturity : a study of Philippians](#)by Getz, Gene
21. [Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians](#) by Lane, William L - Only 98 pages.
22. [Philippians, Colossians and Philemon](#) by MacDonald, William (1972) 160 pages
23. [Philippians : Bible study commentary](#) by Vos, Howard Frederic
24. [Be joyful](#) (Philippians) by Wiersbe, Warren
25. [Philippians in the Greek New Testament : for the English reader](#) by Wuest, Kenneth
26. POSB - [The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible : New Testament, King James Version](#)- Acts, Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians

Barclay, William. The Daily study Bible series, Rev. ed. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press.

Comments: Barclay's commentaries are not always theologically conservative (note) and/or evangelical but they do contain some of the best cultural and historical insights available as well as some excellent Greek word studies. Barclay did not hold orthodox views concerning such non-negotiable topics such as the virgin birth of Jesus, the deity of Jesus, the way of salvation, eternal judgment, et al. A balanced evaluation of Barclay's theological aberrations is found [here](#) and the cautious student is advised to read this review before utilizing his commentaries.

Bible software: [The New Daily Study Bible New Testament - Logos](#)

Website: [William Barclay's Daily Study Bible](#)

Barnes, Albert. Barnes' Notes on the Bible

Comments: Notes on the Old and New Testament can be a useful supplemental resource. C H Spurgeon's comments that:

"Albert Barnes is a learned and able divine, but his productions are unequal in value, the gospels are of comparatively little worth, but his other comments are extremely useful for Sunday School teachers and persons with a narrow range of reading, endowed with enough good sense to discriminate between good and evil. If a controversial eye had been turned upon Barnes's Notes years ago, and his inaccuracies shown up by some unsparing hand, he would never have had the popularity which at one time set rival publishers advertising him in every direction. His Old Testament volumes are to be greatly commended as learned and laborious, and the epistles are useful as a valuable collection of the various opinions of learned men. Placed by the side of the great masters, Barnes is a lesser light, but taking his work for what it is and professes to be, no minister can afford to be without it, and this is no small praise for works which were only intended for Sunday School teachers. (from Commenting and Commentaries by CH Spurgeon)

Bible software: Available free from "[e-sword](#)".

Website: [StudyLight has notes on the NT](#);

Barton, B. B. Life Application Bible Commentary: Romans, Philippians, Colossians, et al. Wheaton, Ill.: Tyndale House Publishers.

Comments: Well done, conservative, evangelical and as you might gather from the name usually with good applications.

Bible software: [Logos](#).

Website: [CAN BE BORROWED](#)

Book Version: [James. Life Application Bible Commentary. Wheaton, Ill.: Tyndale House Publishers](#)

Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures. Walvoord, J. F. Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

Comments: This is a "modern classic" which is conservative and evangelical. It is recommended as one of the basic commentaries for your library. One note of caution is the commentaries by Zane Hodges on Hebrews and 1-3 John which advocate a "[Free Grace](#)" theology - basically the belief that salvation is by grace alone, by faith alone (with which I AGREE!) but then this "saved" person does not need to show fruit (I DISAGREE - fruit/works do not save in my opinion but simply demonstrate one's faith is genuine James 2:14-26+). For more discussion of this important topic see [The Unusual Teachings of Zane Hodges](#). See also [What is the relationship of faith, works, and security in salvation?](#)

Bible software: [Logos](#), [E-Sword](#)

Website: [BORROW OLD TESTAMENT](#)

Black, A. 1 & 2 Peter. The College Press NIV commentary. Joplin, Mo: College Press Pub. (1998).

Comments: The College Press NIV Commentary series is a reasonably good commentary but I would recommend using it only as a secondary resource to supplement a more classic work such as [Bible Knowledge Commentary](#)

Bible software: [Logos](#).

Website: NA

Calvin, John: Commentaries

Comments: Classic reformed commentary but be wary of his comments on prophetic passages in the Old Testament.

Bible software: [Logos](#).

Website: [Christian Classics Ethereal Library](#)

Carson, D. A. New Bible Commentary: Downers Grove, Ill., USA: Inter-Varsity Press. (1994)

Comments: Not good enough to be your primary single volume commentary on the entire Bible (see MacDonald's Believer's Bible Commentary or the [Bible Knowledge Commentary](#), both of which are better commentaries on the entire Bible). This should be a secondary resource.

Bible software: [Logos](#);

Website: NA

Clarke, Adam: [Clarke's Commentary](#)

Comments: Adam Clarke (1760-1832) is the author of a commentary on the entire Bible that is found on many websites as well as computer Bible programs. Clarke was a Methodist, a Wesleyan, and an [Arminian](#), (e.g., Clarke "suggested that although God can know all future events, He chooses not to know some events beforehand" Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible, page 808). He did not always interpret Scripture literally and thus not surprisingly was amillennial (did not believe Messiah would reign 1000 years in His earthly Kingdom - he interpreted Revelation as a Historicist) which led him to misinterpret the church as fulfilling many Old Testament promises given to and yet to be fulfilled to Israel. He was influential in the development of the doctrine of entire sanctification. Although Clarke affirmed the authority and sufficiency of Scripture, thus holding to a belief of "plenary dynamic inspiration" (idea of every thought inspired), he fell short of a belief in the "plenary verbal inspiration" (every single word inspired) (Bibliotheca Sacra: Volume 125, p 163, 1968). Click for full discussion of Clarke's interpretative approach.

Bible software: [E-sword](#) as well as most commercial software programs

Website: [StudyLight](#)

Cottrell, J. [Romans : Vol 1. College Press NIV commentary. Volume 2.](#) Joplin, Mo.: College Press Pub (1996-c1998)

Comments: The College Press NIV Commentary series is a reasonably good commentary but I would recommend using it as a secondary resource to supplement an excellent commentary such as [MacArthur's Commentary on Romans](#)

Bible software: [Logos](#).

Website: NA

Craigie, P. C. [Ezekiel. The Daily Study Bible Series.](#) Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press.

Comments: Interesting and well written commentary. The Daily Study Bible series on the Old Testament (the counterpart to William Barclay's Daily Study Bible Series on the New Testament) like the NT counterpart can have some useful discussions but is not conservative nor literal in interpretative approach and thus should be used with considerable discernment.

Bible software: Not available as of Feb, 2012.

Website: NA

The New Defender's Study Bible by Henry M Morris

Comments: The comments are brief but this is one of the best Study Bibles available because of Morris' stalwart adherence to a **literal interpretation** of the Scriptures. If you are not familiar with his work (e.g., commentaries such as The Genesis Record and The Revelation Record), you won't be disappointed if you are looking for a conservative resource that has short comments on the entire Bible. Note that there are not comments on every verse.

Comment from the Institute for Creation Research (ICR) website: "In 1995 Dr. Henry Morris, ICR's founder, released The Defender's Study Bible, a study Bible "defending" all Scripture passages which had come under attack, and presenting creation and inerrancy as foundational doctrines of Christianity. Many consider this his life's work, containing the results of 50 years of Bible study and belief. Over 6,400 explanatory notes and 18 appendices aid the reader in understanding even the difficult passages, especially those which deal with the vital doctrine of creation. Now he has added 3,000 more notes and two new appendices to increase its value and usability."

Bible software: None

Website: [Defender's Study Bible Notes free online](#) - Excellent, conservative, literal study Bible notes from a leading Creationist. **Instructions:** (1) **Enter** book name and chapter. (2) **Select "Only the Defender's Notes"**. (3) Press "Search". **Additional Notes:** (a) Books that begin with a number (eg. 1, 2 Timothy, etc) **must** have a space between the number and name (e.g., "2 Timothy 1" retrieves hits but "2Timothy 1" returns no results). (b) Searches of first chapter of any book will also retrieve Dr Morris' introductory comments on that book.

Discipleship Journal

Comments: Practical articles on living out your Christian faith, calling us all to a walk of holiness. I would recommend buying one of the software versions which makes all 150 volumes fully searchable.

Bible software: Logos,

Website: [Discipleship Journal](#)

Elwell, W. A. Evangelical Commentary on the Bible. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Book House

Comments: Single volume commentary on the entire Bible. If you are considering buying a modern single volume, **William MacDonald's** Believer's Bible Commentary (below) is recommended.

Bible software: Logos

Website: NA

ESV Study Bible - Crossway (2008)

Comments: Excellent study Bible. If you purchase the book, you have access to the web edition.

Jerry Bridges writes "'The ESV Study Bible is the finest study tool I have seen in fifty years of Bible teaching. The notes, articles, maps, and illustrations are all of the highest quality. It is a great achievement!"

R Albert Mohler writes: "The ESV Study Bible is a treasure—a beautiful volume, filled with a wealth of resources. It will be just as useful for the seminarian and long-time pastor as it will be accessible to the brand-new Christian."

Bible software: Logos;

Website: [ESVBible.org](#)

Exell, Joseph, Editor: The Biblical Illustrator: (1887)

Comments: 55 Volume, 34,752 page work. If you do expositional preaching or teaching, you will definitely benefit from the many illustrative comments from multiple sources.

Bible software:

Website: [Biblical Illustrator](#)

Gaebelein, F, et al: Expositor's Bible Commentary: Old and New Testament (12 Volumes)

Comments: One of the better conservative, evangelical Bible commentaries covering both the Old and New Testament. It is more detailed than the two volume Bible Knowledge Commentary. A free alternative is David Guzik's commentary below.

Bible software: Logos

Website: NA

Garland, Anthony: [A Testimony of Jesus Christ](#) (Commentary on the Revelation)

Comments: Recommended for any serious study of the Revelation. Does a nice job of discussing alternative views but the main focus is verse by verse commentary from a conservative, futuristic (literal) viewpoint. [A Testimony of Jesus Christ](#) is one of the best commentaries that has ever been written on the Revelation. Garland's well researched, straightforward approach will help you unravel the truth of this wonderful book, which far too often has been confounded by commentaries that stray from a literal interpretative view of Scripture. See related topic Revelation Commentaries which includes listing of commentaries categorized by their interpretative approach:

Bible software: View the HTML version of the commentary [online](#). Also available in printable [Adobe Acrobat \(PDF\) format](#).

Website: See Revelation Commentaries on Preceptaustin - Links are primarily to resources that hold to a literal interpretation of God's Word, but there is a list of non-literal commentaries.

Gill, John: [John Gill's Exposition of the Entire Bible:](#)

Comments: Lengthy comments on Scripture using Scripture as the main source of the commentary. As with all "older vintage" commentaries, although Gill is conservative, his comments tend not to be literal (and futuristic) in his interpretation of Old Testament prophetic passages, which are better handled by modern commentaries (such as Guzik below). Spurgeon has this to say concerning Gill:

"Beyond all controversy, Gill was one of the most able Hebraists (interpreters of Hebrew resources) of his day, and in other matters no mean (no less) proficient...Probably no man since Gill's days has at all equaled him in the matter of Rabbinical learning. Say what you will about that lore, it has its value: of course, a man has to rake among perfect dunghills and dust heaps, but there are a few jewels which the world could not afford to miss. Gill was a master cinder sifter among the Targums, the Talmuds, the Mishna, and the Gemara...He was always at work; it is difficult to say when he slept, for he wrote 10,000 folio pages of theology...He is far from being so interesting and readable as Matthew Henry...For good, sound, massive, sober sense in commenting, who can excel Gill? Very seldom does he allow himself to be run away with by imagination, except now and then when he tries to open up a parable, and finds a meaning in every circumstance and minute detail; or when he falls upon a text which is not congenial with his creed, and hacks and hews terribly to bring the word of God into a more systematic shape."

Bible software: E-sword, TheWord

Website: [StudyLight \(free\)](#)

Guzik, David: [Commentary on the Whole Bible \(except a few books\)](#)

Comments: **Recommended** conservative brief verse by verse commentary on most of the Bible. [Guzik](#) is one of the few entire Bible commentaries from a contemporary writer which is freely available on the internet. The comments on prophecy are definitely conservative, evangelical and literal. A good guide to determine whether a given author interprets Scripture literally, is to read their comments on Revelation 20, specifically regarding the "1000 years" mentioned six times (eg read [Guzik's notes on Revelation 20](#))

Bible software: [CD from Enduring Word Media](#); Free book for Libronix (not for Logos 4 as of Feb, 2012) at [Stilltruth.com](#); [Free download for E-sword](#)

Website: [StudyLight](#)

Haldane, Robert: [An Exposition of Romans](#)

Comments: Classic commentary. Can be a bit wordy and often less practical than a more modern commentary such as John MacArthur's commentary on Romans.

Website: See [Links by Chapter - Romans](#)

Harris, R. L. Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament Chicago: Moody Press.

Comments: This two volume set is one of the best resources available (along with that by Zodhiates below) for scholarly and yet not overly technical Hebrew word studies. There are more and better definitions than Vine's OT Lexicon.

Bible software: Logos

Website: NA

Henry, Matthew: Commentary on the Whole Bible (1700's) This resource is also available free for download from "".

Comments: Well done classic, conservative and devotional comments on all of Scripture. As with all "older vintage" commentaries, Henry's comments tend not to be literal (and futuristic) in his interpretation of Old Testament prophetic passages, which are better handled by modern commentaries (such as Guzik above). Henry occasionally misinterprets literal OT promises to Israel as fulfilled in the NT church.

Bible software: Widely available

Website: [StudyLight](#)

Hiebert, D. Edmond Commentaries: Gospel of Mark, 1, 2 Thes, 1, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, James, 1, 2 Peter, 1-3 John

Comments: Hiebert's use of the Greek language and insightful comments make anything by this author of use for pastors, teachers or for anyone who studies the Word in depth. Hiebert has other works on Mark, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, James, epistles of John. In short, his commentaries are **highly recommended!**

John Walvoord - "While our generation has produced many notable scholars, few have achieved excellence in writing biblical commentaries from the standpoint of evangelical theology. The tendency has been in religious literature to discuss the views of men rather than the inspired Word of God. Dr. D. Edmond Hiebert has manifested extraordinary gifts as a leading scholar in the field of biblical exegesis. In his writings he has shown thorough research, a comprehensive review of pertinent literature, and, more importantly, a penetrating discernment of the precise meaning of the scriptural text. He has combined depth in scholarship with practical application and has manifested an ability to communicate the results of his study in an understandable way. His works have benefited both the scholar and the lay reader and have served to provide a solid basis for interpreting Scripture for a generation which has deviated more from biblical truth than any generation in the past. God has raised up men such as Dr. Hiebert to provide a sure word in an age that is groping for eternal truth."

Bible software: Logos

Website: Preceptaustin has links to some of Hiebert's writings, which function to a degree like commentaries - see Hiebert in the following links - 1 John Commentaries; 1 Peter Commentaries.

Hodge, C. Romans. Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans, 1835

Comments: Classic conservative commentary on Romans. Can be a bit wordy sometime and therefore often less practical than for example modern works such as John MacArthur's commentary on Romans (see below).

Bible software: Logos

Website: [Chapter by Chapter](#)

Holman Christian Standard Bible -Study Bible (HCSB Study Bible)

Comments: Enter Scripture. Study notes synch with Scripture. Mouse over underlined words pops up the Greek or Hebrew word. Activate this feature by selecting the "Alpha & Omega" icon on bar above the Scripture. Notice that under the "Study Bible Notes Tool" if you click "Read" the notes are now visible in the middle (scrollable) window which includes any pictures or tables that might be present. The HCSB is a very well done, literal translation.

[Hughes, R. K.](#) **Colossians and Philemon: The supremacy of Christ.** Crossway (1989)

[Hughes, R. K.](#) **Hebrews: Vol 1 & 2: An Anchor for the Soul: Preaching the Word**(1993)

[Hughes, R. K.](#) **Romans : Righteousness from heaven.** (1991)

Comments: Well written conservative commentary with frequent interesting illustrations and practical applications.

Bible software: Logos

Website: NA

IVP New Testament Commentary Series: Towner, P. 1-2 Timothy & Titus. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press.

Comments: Reasonably good commentary but tends to be wordy and sometimes hard to follow.

Bible software: Logos

Website: Select books (Matthew, Luke, John, Acts, 2Cor, Gal, Php, Col, 1Tim, 1John, 2John, 3John, Revelation) are available free -see links at Intervarsity Press Commentaries

Jamieson, R., Fausset, A. R. & Brown, D. A Commentary, Critical & Explanatory, on the Old and New Testaments.

Comments: Relatively brief verse by verse comments. As with all "older vintage" commentaries, although generally conservative, the comments are not always literal (and futuristic) in interpretation of Old Testament prophetic passages, which are better handled by modern commentaries (such as Guzik above). That said, of the pre-1900 commentaries, JFB is probably one of the better in interpretation of prophetic writings.

C H Spurgeon wrote that JFB is "to some extent a compilation and condensation of other men's thoughts, but it is sufficiently original to claim a place in every minister's library: indeed it contains so great a variety of information that if a man had no other exposition he would find himself at no great loss if he possessed this and used it diligently."

Bible software: Widely available

Website: [StudyLight](#)

Keener, C. S. **The IVP Bible background commentary : New Testament.** Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press. (1993)

Comments: Interesting background insights.

Bible software: Logos

Website: NA

Keil & Delitzsch: Commentary on the Old Testament.

Comments: A classic commentary covering the entire Old Testament, but not always conservative or literal.

James Rosscup writes that "This is the best older, overall treatment of a critical nature on the Old Testament Hebrew text verse by verse and is a good standard work to buy. The student can buy parts or the whole of this series. Sometimes it is **evangelical**, at other times **liberal** ideas enter." ([Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works](#))

Bible software: Widely available

Website: [Commentary](#)

King James Version Study Bible (Radmacher, E. D., Allen, R. B., & House, H. W. (1997). The Nelson study Bible : New King James Version) Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Comments: Well done notes on all Bible

Bible software: Logos

Website: NA

KJV Bible commentary. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Comments: Well done notes on all Bible

Bible software: Logos

Website: NA

Lenski, R. The Interpretation of 1 & 2 Epistles of Peter, the Three Epistles of John, and the Epistle of Jude. Augsburg Publishing. (1966)

Comments: Well known, respected Lutheran commentator. Warren Wiersbe's favorite NT commentary.

Bible software: Logos

Website: NA

Lightfoot, J. B. Colossians and Philemon. The Crossway Classic Commentaries. Wheaton, Ill.: Crossway Books. (1996)

Comments: Classic commentary. Selectively useful

Bible software: Logos

Website: Free at Archive.org - [Galatians](#), [Philippians](#), [Colossians & Philemon](#)

Louw, Johannes & Nida, Eugene: Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament based on Semantic Domains.

Comments: Well done Greek lexicon which supplements a more complete lexicon like Zodhiates' (see below) or BDAG ([Arndt, W., Danker, F. W., & Bauer, W. A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature](#)).

Bible software: Logos

Website: NA

MacArthur, John: Commentaries on Multiple NT Books including: **Romans, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus. Hebrews** Chicago: Moody Press.

Comments: One of the leading expositors of the Scripture in the 21st century. You will always be edified and equipped by Dr. MacArthur's sound Scripturally saturated exposition.

Bible software: Logos

Website: NA

Book Source: Matthew in 4 Volumes: Highly recommended (computer or book): [Matthew 1-7 MacArthur New Testament Commentary Chicago: Moody Press](#), [Matthew 8-15](#), [Matthew 16-23](#), Matthew 24-28

MacArthur, John. The MacArthur Study Bible: Thomas Nelson (1997)

Comments: The best study Bible available in my opinion. Highly recommended.

Bible software: Logos

Website: NA

MacDonald, William & Farstad, A. Believer's Bible Commentary: Old and New Testaments. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Comments: **Highly recommended.** One of the **best single volume commentaries available** covering both the Old and New Testament. Thoroughly conservative, literal, evangelical, and devotional. This resource is an excellent companion to the MacArthur Study Bible.

John MacArthur says: "...concise yet comprehensive - the most complete single-volume commentary I have seen."

Warren Wiersbe says that this commentary is "...for the student who is serious about seeing Christ in the Word."

Bible software: Logos; E-Sword

Website: NA

McGee, J. Vernon. Thru the Bible Commentary. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Comments: Highly Recommended. Pithy, practical, conservative comments on every book of the Bible.

Bible software: Logos

Website: Mp3's of Thru the Bible are free - [List of Books by Individual Tracks](#)

Maclaren, Alexander: Expositions of Holy Scripture (1826-1910)

Comments: Maclaren was one of Great Britain's most notable and famous preachers. Maclaren published a number of books of sermons and climaxed his ministry by publishing his monumental [Expositions of Holy Scripture](#) which consists of expository essays covering most books of the Bible and are characterized by a devotional flavor. While pastoring the Union Chapel, Manchester (1858-1903), he was known as "the prince of expository preachers." If you are not familiar with Maclaren's style, click here for a few of his quotes to wet your appetite (or read his exposition Jehovah Jireh based on Genesis 22:14):

Bible software: Widely available

Website: [StudyLight.org](#)

Marshall, I. H. 1 Peter. The IVP New Testament Commentary. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press. (1991).

Comments: The College Press NIV Commentary series is a reasonably good commentary but I would recommend using it only as a secondary resource to supplement a more classic work such as [Bible Knowledge Commentary](#)

Bible software: Logos

Website: NA

Meyer, F B The Epistle to the Philippians. E-Sword Step program from Heritage Educational Systems.

Comments: Devotional commentary.

Bible software: E-sword

Website: Online at [preceptaustin.org](#)

Mills, M. Ruth: A Study Guide to the Book of Ruth. Dallas: 3E Ministries

Comments: NA

Bible software: Logos

Website: NA

Mounce, R. H. Romans. The New American Commentary. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

Comments: Conservative, evangelical. A reasonably good commentary but in my opinion not the best as it is often too verbose.

Bible software: Logos

Website: NA

NET Bible notes: Study notes and **much more** in the free online version ([see instructions below](#))!

Comments: These tend to be more technical notes on the New English Translation, but you will often discover some very useful insights. The NET Bible is synchronized with the NET Notes, Constable's Commentary and relevant articles on the Bible.org website. Very helpful!

Bible software: Logos; e-Sword

Website: [NetBible](#)

Newell, William: Romans Verse by Verse (published 1938) [N](#)

Comments: **Recommended.** An excellent, generally conservative, expositional and devotional commentary.

Bible software: Multiple

Website: [StudyLight](#)

New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament, The by Fritz Rienecker, Cleon L., III Rogers

Comments: Brief comments on Greek word meanings. Knowledge of Greek is not a prerequisite. Occasionally you will find some real "treasures" in these short definitions.

Bible software: [Book on Amazon.com](#)

Website: NA

Pink, A W Expositions on numerous Old and New Testament books (1886-1952)

Comments: Pink's expositional and devotional commentaries can be an excellent resource with the caveat that the reader be cognizant of Pink's tendency toward a **supernaturalistic** approach in interpretation (See brief discussion at Interpretation of God's Word) See link to Pink.

Bible software: Logos

Website: [Pink's Archive](#)

Piper, John. Desiring God Ministries

Comments: One of the finest expositors of Scripture in the 20-21st Century. He is always worth consulting.

Bible software: Logos

Website: [Link](#) to John Piper's extensive online library of sermons which includes most of his books available as a free Pdf download.

Pfeiffer, C. F. The Wycliffe Bible commentary: Old and New Testament. Chicago: Moody Press. (1962)

Comments: Well done theologically conservative resource covering the Old and New Testament in one volume. Named as one of the 850 Books for Biblical Expositors by the Master's Seminary.

Bible software: Logos

Website: NA

Pulpit Commentary by H. D. M. Spence and Joseph S. Exell

Comments: Brief verse by verse comments plus homilies (sermons). Although the Pulpit Commentary (PC) is impressive in size, one must be discerning especially in interpretation of the Old Testament, as the PC frequently misinterprets the promises that were addressed primarily to Israel as promises that apply to the New Testament Church. E.g., in the PC's comments on Isaiah, the word "church" is mentioned 827 times despite the fact that the word "church" is not found once in the Old Testament! Paul's "commentary" accurately states that the "church" was "the **mystery** which **has been hidden** from the past ages [including the age of Isaiah]" (Colossians 1:26-note)! In another example, the PC has only a single mention of the "millennium" in Isaiah and even this comment is not accurate. By contrast, the conservative, literal Bible Knowledge Commentary mentions the **church** 4 times and the **millennium** 52 times in its much more concise commentary on Isaiah. Click for a specific example of misinterpretation from the Pulpit Commentary.

Bible software: Logos, E-sword, TheWord

Website: [Pulpit Commentaries](#)

[Radmacher, E. D.](#) Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Commentary . Nashville: T. Nelson Publishers. (1999) (Note: Identical to Nelson's NKJV Study Bible)

Comments: Brief well worded conservative comments.

Bible software: Logos

Website: NA

Richards, Lawrence O:

The Teacher's Commentary. Wheaton, Ill.: Victor Books. (1987)

The Bible Reader's Companion (BRC) Wheaton, Ill.: Victor Books.

[The 365 Day Devotional Commentary](#). (365) Wheaton, Victor Books

Expository Dictionary of Bible Words. Zondervan(New Name for this work = New International Encyclopedia of Bible Words)

Comments: The Teacher's Commentary is reasonably good but comments are not on every verse nor do they tend to be very detailed. The entire Bible—Genesis 1 to Revelation 22—is divided into teachable units. There are many "link-to-life" ideas to help teach each unit to any age group.

BRC is reasonably good but comments are not on every verse nor do they tend to be very detailed. BRC does provide introductions and outlines, summaries, cross-references, definitions, explanations of difficult passages, archeological reports, Bible customs, charts, realistic art, and much more!

365 Day Devotional is reasonably good but comments are not on every verse nor do they tend to be very detailed. Each day you will find a core passage of scripture with devotional commentary, a personal application, and a quote from a well-known Christian.

Bible software: Logos

Website: NA

Robertson, A. T. Word Pictures in the New Testament

Comments: A classic text on the original Greek language covering all NT books. The comments are brief but occasionally give very useful insights into how a word was used in the original Greek language.

Bible software: Logos

Website: [StudyLight](#)

Ryrie, Charles: The Ryrie Study Bible

Comments: Brief comments on select verses. Conservative. Evangelical. Especially good on prophetic passages (if you hold to the literal approach to interpretation of the Scriptures!)

Bible software: Logos

Website: NA

Stedman, Ray. The Ray Stedman Library. [Ray C. Stedman Memorial Home Page](#)

Comments: If you are not familiar with Ray Stedman's material, now is the time. It is always conservative and filled with practical comments and applications. Highly recommended.

Bible software: The complete Ray C. Stedman Library plus 67 messages in MP3 format is available on a free CD from [Firefighters for Christ](#)

Website: [The Ray C. Stedman Library](#); [Commentary Page](#); [Online Books](#); [Mp3 Index](#)

10,000 Sermon Illustrations CD

Comments: Excellent sermon illustrations indexed by topic and by Scripture.

Bible software: Logos

Website: [Sermon Illustrations - Bible.org](#)

Theological Dictionary of the New Testament. G. Kittel, G. W. Bromiley & G. Friedrich, Ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.

Comments: A classic resource for those doing in depth Greek word studies.

Bible software: Logos

Website: NA

Theological Journal Library

Comments: An incredible product that gives you a veritable seminary library (including journals from multiple different seminaries) on your computer.

Bible software: Logos

Website: Yes, and there is an annual \$50 fee [\[click\]](#) required to view the entire journal article this fee gives you access to literally thousands of conservative articles that are searchable by topic and by Scripture - an incredible resource for serious study ([recommended](#))

Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament, Harris, R. L., Harris, R. L., Archer, G. L., & Waltke, B. K. (1999, c1980). Chicago: Moody Press.

Comments: This is the best resource available for the lay person who cannot read Hebrew. Highly Recommended for anyone interested in original word studies.

Bible software: Logos

Website: How to Perform a Hebrew Word Study Using Web Resources

Greek Word Studies - 2000 as of May, 2015

Hebrew Word Studies - over 400 as of May, 2015

UBS: Helps for translators; UBS handbook series: Bratcher, R. G., & Nida, E. A. (1993], c1977). New York: United Bible Societies.

Comments: Verse by verse analysis with emphasis on translation the original language into English. Often has some interesting insights but it is not strictly speaking a commentary.

Bible software: Logos - Old and New Testament

Website: NA

Vincent, M. R Word Studies in the New Testament

Comments: Greek Word Studies. A classic. Does not cover every NT book as does A T Robertson's Word Pictures. Often has insights found no where else.

Bible software: Logos; E-sword

Website: [StudyLight](#)

Vine, W. E. [The Collected Writings of W. E. Vine](#). Thomas Nelson

Comments: This collection is a **real "sleeper"** because it includes Vine's well done commentaries (rich with Greek word study comments as one might expect). Here is a list of the included works and commentaries (many are verse by verse exposition) ---

Critique of W E Vine by F F Bruce (interesting!), Isaiah, The Leading Themes of the Gospels (10 chapters representing a series of papers-The Prologue of the Gospel, Christ as the Word, Christ as the Light, Christ as the Life, Christ the Sent One, The Subject of Believing, Witnesses to Christ, Divine Love, The Death of Christ, The Holy Spirit), John, Romans, 1Corinthians, Galatians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Hebrews, Outline Studies in the Epistle of James, 1, 2 and 3 John, The Person and Work of Christ, The Whole Gospel, The Church, Missions and Christian Service, The Second Coming and the Last Days, The Evolution Theory in the Light of Genesis, Spiritism Unmasked.

Bible software: Logos

Website: NA

Vine, W. E. [Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words](#). Nashville: T

Comments: One of the classic lexicons and often quoted or paraphrased by commentators and pastors alike. Makes a good companion to the more exhaustive Zodhiates' dictionary. Add Wuest, Vincent's and A T Robertson and you have a nice group of books for performing Greek word studies.

Bible software: (see preceding note on "Collected Writings"); Logos

Website: [NT](#); [Old Testament](#)

Greek Word Studies - 2000 as of May, 2015

Hebrew Word Studies - over 400 as of May, 2015

Wall, R. W. Colossians & Philemon. The IVP New Testament Commentary. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press. (1993).

Comments: The College Press NIV Commentary series is a reasonably good commentary but I would recommend using it only as a secondary resource to supplement a more classic work such as [Bible Knowledge Commentary](#)

Bible software: Logos

Website: [InterVarsity Press Commentaries](#)

Walvoord, J. F. The Bible Knowledge Commentary : An Exposition of the Scriptures. Wheaton, IL: Victor Books. [A](#)

Comments: One of the modern classics with separate single volumes on the Old and New Testaments. This belongs in every student's library, whether in print or on the computer.

Bible software: Logos

Website: [Free Online works by Dr John Walvoord, including his complete books on Daniel, Revelation, etc - highly recommended if you are studying prophetic literature!](#)

Wiersbe, W. W. The Bible Exposition Commentary. Wheaton, Ill.: Victor Books

Wiersbe, W. W: Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the New Testament. Wheaton, IL: Victor Books

Wiersbe, W. W: Be Committed. An Old Testament Study. Ruth and Esther Wheaton, Ill.: Victor Books

Comments: Excellent commentary on the NT books. If Wiersbe has written something on a given verse, his comments are always worth checking. The Expository Outlines offer brief but meaty comments that do not duplicate Wiersbe's Bible Exposition Commentary.

Bible software: Logos

Website: NA

Word Biblical Commentary: Multi-volume set: Old and New Testament: Word Biblical Commentary Dallas: Word, Incorporated.

Comments: Detailed commentary but not always conservative, literal and evangelical. This is a secondary resource that must be used with discernment.

Bible software: Logos

Website: NA

Wuest, K. S. Wuest's Word Studies from the Greek New Testament : For the English Reader. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.

Comments: One of the best Greek word studies tools available and also has an excellent commentary on select books. **Highly recommended.**

Bible software: Logos

Books:

- [Wuest Word Studies - Eerdman Publishing Company Volume 1, Volume 2, Volume 3](#) - used by permission
- [Wuest's Expanded Paraphrase of the New Testament - Eerdmans Publishing](#) - used by permission)

NOTE; Quotations on Preceptaustin.org from Wuest's Expanded New Testament and Wuest's Word studies are used by the kind permission of [Eerdman Publishing Company](#)

Zodhiates, S. The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament and Old Testament Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers.

Comments: This is a excellent Greek and Hebrew word study (along with [TWOT](#)).

Bible software: Logos

Website: See How to Perform a Greek Word Study

Greek Word Studies - 2000 as of May, 2015

Hebrew Word Studies - over 400 as of May, 2015

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AMP	Amplified : Scripture quotations taken from the Amplified® Bible, Copyright © 1954, 1958, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1987 by The Lockman Foundation Used by permission. (www.Lockman.org)
ASV	American Standard Version (1901) Available on E-Sword
BBE	Bible in Basic English : No obvious copyright stated.
Brenton	English translation of the Lxx (Septuagint). Available on E-Sword
CEV	Contemporary English Version. Available on E-Sword
DNT	Darby's New Testament Available on E-Sword
DRB	Douay-Rheims Bible Available on E-Sword
ESV	English Standard Version : Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version, copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.
GWT	God's Word Translation is a copyrighted work of God's Word to the Nations. Quotations are used by permission.
HCSB	Holman Christian Standard Bible : Copyright © 2002 by Holman Bible Publishers, Nashville Tennessee. All rights reserved.
ICB	International Children's Bible
ISV	International Standard Bible. Available on E-Sword
NASB	New American Standard Bible : Scripture quotations taken from the New American Standard Bible®, Copyright © 1960, 1962, 1963, 1968, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1995 by The Lockman Foundation Used by permission.
LITV	Literal Translation. Available on E-Sword
LXX	Septuagint (Greek Translation of the Hebrew Old Testament). Available on E-Sword
MKJV	Modern KJV. Available on E-Sword
NJB	New Jerusalem Bible : Biblical text copyright © 1985 by Darton, Longman & Todd Ltd and Doubleday, division of Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group

NKJV	New King James Version . Copyright © 1982 by Thomas Nelson, Inc. All rights reserved. Used by permission.
NIV	New International Version : Scripture taken from the HOLY BIBLE, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION®. NIV®. Copyright©1973, 1978, 1984 by International Bible Society. Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved.
NLT	New Living Translation : Scripture quotations marked NLT are taken from the Holy Bible, New Living Translation, copyright © 1996. Used by permission of Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., Wheaton, Illinois 60189. All rights reserved.
TEV	Today's English Version : (or Here) Scripture taken from the Good News Bible in Today's English Version - Second Edition, Copyright © 1992 by American Bible Society. Used by Permission.
TLB	The Living Bible Scripture quotations marked (TLB) are from The Living Bible, copyright ©1971. Used by permission of Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., Wheaton, IL 60189 USA. All rights reserved.
WNT	Weymouth New Testament Available on E-Sword