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### A Few Good Kings, but Mostly Bad Kings

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KINGS OF ISRAEL & JUDAH		
KINGDOM/KING	YEARS OF REIGN	REFERENCE
<b>United Kingdom</b>		
Saul	32	1 Samuel 9:1-31:13
<b>David</b>	40	2 Samuel
<b>Solomon</b>	40	1 Kings 2:1-11:43
<b>Southern Kings (Judah)</b>		
Rehoboam	17	1 Kings 12:1-14:31; 2 Chronicles 10:-12:16
Abijah	3	1 Kings 15:1-8; 2 Chronicles 13:1-22
<b>Asa</b>	41	1 Kings 15:9-24; 2 Chronicles 14:1-16:14
<b>Jehoshaphat</b>	25	1 Kings 22:41-50; 2 Chronicles 17:1-20:37
Jehoram	8	2 Kings 8:16-24; 2 Chronicles 21:1-20
Ahaziah	1	2 Kings 8:25-29; 2 Chronicles 22:1-9
Athaliah (queen)	7	2 Kings 11:1-16; 2 Chronicles 22:1-23:21
<b>Joash</b>	40	2 Kings 11:17-12:21; 2 Chronicles 23:16-24:27
Amaziah	29	2 Kings 14:1-22; 2 Chronicles 25:1-28
<b>Uzziah (Azariah)</b>	52	2 Kings 15:1-7; 2 Chronicles 26:1-23
<b>Jotham</b>	16	2 Kings 15:32-38; 2 Chronicles 27:1-9
Ahaz	16	2 Kings 16:1-20; 2 Chronicles 28:1-27
Hezekiah	29	2 Kings 18:1-20:21; 2 Chronicles 29:1-32:33
Manasseh	55	2 Kings 21:1-18; 2 Chronicles 33:1-20
Amon	2	2 Kings 21:19-26; 2 Chronicles 33:21-25
<b>Josiah</b>	31	2 Kings 22:1-23:30; 2 Chronicles 34:1-35:27
Jehoahaz	3 months	2 Kings 23:31-33; 2 Chronicles 36:1-4
Jehoiakim	11	2 Kings 23:34-24:7; 2 Chronicles 36:5-8
Jehoiachin	3 months	2 Kings 24:8-16; 2 Chronicles 36:9-10
Zedekiah	11	2 Kings 24:18-25:21; 2 Chronicles 36:11-21
<b>Northern Kings (Israel)</b>		
Jeroboam I	22	1 Kings 12:25-14:20; 2 Chronicles 10:1-12:16
Nadab	2	1 Kings 15:25-31
Baasha	24	1 Kings 15:32-16:7
Elah	2	1 Kings 16:8-14
Zimri	7 days	1 Kings 16:15-20
Tibni	3	1 Kings 16:21-22
Omri	11	1 Kings 16:21-28
Ahab	22	1 Kings 16:29-22:40
Ahaziah	2	1 Kings 22:51-53; 2 Kings 1:1-18
Joram	12	2 Kings 2:1-8:15
Jehu	28	2 Kings 9:1-10:36
Jehoahaz	17	2 Kings 13:1-9
Jehoash	16	2 Kings 13:10-25
Jeroboam II	41	2 Kings 14:23-29
Zechariah	6 months	2 Kings 15:8-12
Shallum	1 month	2 Kings 15:13-15
Menahem	10	2 Kings 15:16-22
Pekahiah	2	2 Kings 15:23-26
Pekah	20	2 Kings 15:27-31
Hoshea	10	2 Kings 17:1-41

(NOTE: Many consider Amaziah and Hezekiah as "good" kings)

SEE ALSO:

[ESV chart - kings of Israel - more information](#)

[ESV chart - kings of Judah - more information](#)

[Another Chart with Variable Dates for Reigns of Kings](#)



**THE DOWNWARD SPIRAL**



**Israel and Judah in 2 Kings**  
(Source: ESV maps)

1 Chronicles covers the same period of time as 2 Samuel and both describe the reign of David (See the Timeline above) whereas 2 Chronicles covers the same period of time as 1 Kings and 2 Kings and both describe the time from Solomon to the Babylonian Captivity. In Chronicles the kings of Israel (See table below where Jeroboam I identifies first of the kings of the 10 Northern tribes) are not mentioned unless they do something that relates to the kings of Judah. Note that the word "chronicle" means "a continuous and detailed account of historical events arranged in order of time." In First and Second Chronicles God has given us a very accurate history so that we can know all that He wants us to know about the period of the kings.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SAMUEL, KINGS & CHRONICLES	
SAMUEL & KINGS	FIRST & SECOND CHRONICLES
Prophetic Perspective: Message of Judgment	Priestly Perspective: Message of hope
Prophetic authorship: Emphasizes the prophetic ministry and moral concerns	Priestly authorship: Emphasizes the priestly ministry and spiritual concerns
The Fortunes of the Thrones	Continuity of the Davidic line
More Negative: Rebellion & Tragedy	More Positive: Apostasy, but hope in face of tragedy
Record of both Israel and Judah	Record primarily of Judah
Man's Failings	God's Faithfulness
Morality	Redemption
Emphasizes the throne of earthly kings	Earthly throne (temple) of the heavenly King

Emphasizes Kings and Prophets	Emphasizes the Temple and the Priests
Political and kingly	Religious and priestly
Compiled by authors soon after the events	Compiled by by a priest: Ezra many years after the events
Written shortly after the beginning of the captivity in Babylon	Written shortly after the return from the captivity
Adapted Wilkinson's Talk thru the Bible & Jensen's Survey of the OT	

## ARCHIVE.ORG BOOKS AVAILABLE TO BORROW OR READ

**Explanation** - The following list includes not only commentaries but other Christian works by well known evangelical writers. Most of the resources below are newer works (written after 1970) which previously were available only for purchase in book form or in a Bible computer program. The resources are made freely available by archive.org but have several caveats - (1) they do not allow copy and paste, (2) they can only be checked out for one hour (but can be checked out immediately when your hour expires giving you time to read or take notes on a lengthy section) and (3) they require creating an account which allows you to check out the books free of charge. To set up an account click archive.org and then click the picture of the person in right upper corner and enter email and a password. That's all you have to do. Then you can read these more modern resources free of charge! I have read or used many of these resources but not all of them so ultimately you will need to be a Berean (Acts 17:11+) as you use them. I have also selected works that are conservative and Biblically sound. If you find one that you think does not meet those criteria please send an email at <https://www.preceptaustin.org/contact>. The resources are listed in alphabetical order by the author's last name and some include reviews of the particular resource.

**HINT WHEN BOOKS SAY "UNAVAILABLE" - "Borrow unavailable"** means that someone else has it checked out for an hour. And if they are savvy and really like using it, they will immediately check it out after the hour expires and this keeps it from being shown as "Available." I use a few tricks when this happens and will use a popular commentary in Genesis to demonstrate.

(1) If I have the exact quote from the book and want to see the context, I search with a few words from the quote (putting them in quotation marks so that they are the specific words searched). That will allow me to open the page and see the context. Here is an example from Gordon J Wenham's Genesis 1-15 which is almost always listed as "Borrow Unavailable."

(a) So I have this quote from Genesis 3 and want to see the context - *'Now, explicit characterization of actors in the story is rare in Hebrew narrative, so it seems likely that in noting the snake's shrewdness the narrator is hinting that his remarks should be examined very carefully'*

(b) I selected "*Now, explicit characterization*" and searched it (with the quotes) and found 1 hit, clicked it and retrieved the page with the quote in context. [See the page with this quote](#) and notice it allows you to read 2 pages.

(2) A second trick I use is to put one word in the title in search.

(a) E.g., I searched "genesis" and retrieved 522 hits. Note the page numbers it retrieved which is most of the pages.

(b) You will have to hunt to find what you want but this can occasionally be helpful.

(c) Sometimes you encounter "Limited Preview. Some pages are omitted!" You can try trick #4 but it may not work. **Then you have to wait until you can borrow the book.**

(3) Now let's say you want to look up comments on Genesis 15, the story of Abraham.

(a) Search "genesis 15" and you retrieve 8 hits and notice you have access to almost 12 pages of comments. Remember each hit gives you access to 2 pages.

(b) [Click this one](#) and you see beginning comments on Genesis 15:1-21.

(4) **ONE CAVEAT** - Let's say you perform the maneuvers listed above, click on the page and it is **blacked out**. What you can try to REFRESH that page and many times (not always) it will allow you to read that page. Note this will not always work because it will say "Some pages are omitted."

(5) You need to be "creative" in how you search for specific "unavailable" book. Sometimes I just put a number in the search queue. E.g., I put 7 in the search box and it retrieved 518 hits. Yes, you have to hunt around, but this might allow you to read the comments you are seeking.

(6) One other trick I use since these book do not allow copy and paste is I will do my search and find a quote I want to copy in the actual search column. E.g., [search Wenham's popular book on Genesis 1-15 for "genesis 15."](#) Notice the first hit on page 300. You can copy and paste this hit quote shown below.

Page 300 The uncountability of Abram's descendants is a perennial theme of **Genesis: 15:5**; 16:10; 28:14; 32:12. Balaam, the prophet hired by the king of Moab to curse Israel, said Israel was already beyond counting in his day (Num 23:10). Solomon said the same thing some centuries later (1 Kgs 3:8), though of course both eras were famed for their censuses. The NT sees believing Gentiles as well as faithful Jews as being counted as Abram's descendants (Rom 4:16—18; Gal 3:29), so that in heaven there will be "a great multitude which no man can number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues" (Rev 7:9).

(7) The more you play around with this on a "Borrow unavailable" book, the better you will become at finding what you are looking for.

**ADDENDUM:** As this resource grows in popularity, you will occasionally encounter a commentary marked "Borrow Unavailable." This simply indicates that another user has it checked out for the current hour. Because users may immediately renew their one-hour loan, a volume can remain unavailable for an extended period. Below are several practical strategies that I have found helpful to see portions of a book which is unavailable:

**1. Search by page number.**

Use the search box on the left side of the page and enter a number; this often retrieves a specific page. For example, With the Word was recently unavailable, so I searched for 100, which produced a two-page preview for that work.

**2. Search by keyword or title phrase.**

Enter a distinctive word or phrase from the title. If you use more than one word, place the phrase in quotation marks for a more precise search.

**3. Search using part of a known quotation.**

If you have a sentence or phrase from the book, search a short portion of that line, putting phrases in quotation marks. If the initial attempt yields no results, try a different phrase in the quotation.

**4. Search on a word that that will likely be on almost every page of the book.**

E.g., take the commentary by John Stott on [The Epistles of John](#). Let's say it was unavailable. Then I do a search on the word **John** and retrieved over 500 hits which allows me access to most of the book. This does not always work and you make need to experiment.

**5. Refresh limited previews.**

Occasionally a page will open but fail to render fully (displaying only "Limited Preview"). Try refreshing the page—F5 on Windows or Command + R on Mac—which sometimes allows the content to load correctly.

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[1, 2 Kings Commentary](#) (New American Commentary).By: Paul House (440 pages, 1995)

James Rosscup - This is one of the most helpful more concise evangelical studies. He opens each section with comments relating it with the wider biblical picture, often gives pertinent remarks on verses, and ends sections with apt principles to apply. The well-researched work benefits teachers and preachers and is lucid for lay people. The introduction (27–84) shows carefully informed conservative convictions, with some detail about a single author, chronology, the political context, miracles (which he believes did occur), literary issues, the structure and plot of the two books, theological issues (monotheism vs. idolatry, etc.), and other matters. House often supports comments with pertinent data from other Scripture or outside ancient sources. He deals with many of the problems. The verse by verse remarks at times could offer more, but other works can supplement him (cf. Patterson/Austel, for example).

[Expositor's Bible Commentary](#) - Volume 4 - 1-2 Kings, 1-2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job - 1092 pages (1976)

James Rosscup - Patterson, R. D. and Hermann J. Austel. "1 and 2 Kings," Expositor's Bible Commentary is a "Staunch conservative work very well done in detail verse by verse, handling problems, using a wide range of relevant literature, **The reader finds both the regular commentary and the notes sections packed with pertinent information.**"

[2 Kings: The Power and the Fury](#) Dale Ralph Davis

One of the best commentaries on 2 Kings. Very picturesque writer so that this is not dull!

[Exposition of 1 Kings \(MP3 Series\)](#) Dale Ralph Davis

[Bible Knowledge Commentary - Old Testament](#) - 1-2 Kings Dallas Theological Seminary Faculty

James Rosscup - Constable shows awareness of Hebrew word meanings, has much good exegesis and judicious comments on many of the verses, even if brief. On several problem areas he offers helpful data, and reflects awareness of literature. This is a contributive conservative effort.

[New International Biblical Commentary: 1 and 2 Kings \(NIBC, 7\)](#) Iain W Provan

[Moody Bible Commentary - see page 520](#) - John Shields

[First and Second Kings](#) by Hubbard, Robert L., 1943- (1991) 252 pages (Everyman's Bible Commentary)

[Bible Exposition Commentary - Old Testament](#) - Warren Wiersbe - always worth checking

[With the Word](#) - Devotional Commentary - Warren Wiersbe - chapter analysis

[Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the Old Testament](#) by Wiersbe, Warren W

"Even the most difficult Scriptures come alive as Warren Wiersbe leads you book-by-book through the Old Testament and helps you to see the "big picture" of God's revelation. In this unique volume, you will find: • Introductions and/or outlines for every Old Testament book • Practical expositions of strategic chapters • Special studies on key topics, relating the Old Testament to the New Testament • Easy-to-understand expositions that are practical, preachable, and teachable If you have used Dr. Wiersbe's popular BE series, you know how simple and practical his Bible studies are, with outlines that almost teach themselves. If not, you can now discover a wonderful new resource. This work is a unique commentary on every book of the Old Testament. It contains new material not to be found in the BE series.

[Be distinct : standing firmly against the world's tides : OT commentary 2 Kings & 2 Chronicles](#) by Wiersbe, Warren

[IVP Background Commentary - OT - John Walton](#) - more historical comments.

[Zondervan Atlas of The Bible](#) By Carl G Rasmussen - 676 pages. Excellent maps, charts, pictures with commentary. A very nice resource.

[Dictionary of Biblical Imagery](#) - **NO RESTRICTIONS.** (i.e., you do not need to borrow this book). Editors Leland Ryken, J C Wilhoit, Tremper Longman III - This is a potential treasure chest to aid your preaching and teaching as it analyzes the meaning of a host of Biblical figures of speech. Clue - use the "One-page view" which then allows you to copy and paste text. One downside is there is no index, so you need to search 3291 pages for entries which are alphabetical.

[The Kings of Israel and Judah](#) - George Rawlinson - **online, no restrictions** (see [table of contents below](#))

**Cyril Barber** - Rawlinson's handling of the remainder of 1 Kings 10-2 Kings 25 provides **one of the finest syntheses of biblical history that has ever been written.** Rawlinson's chronology is lacking, but this in itself is not sufficient to condemn his work to oblivion....***What is important is that here we have a work that makes the OT come alive.***

[1 & 2 Kings](#) by McGee, J. Vernon

[Elijah: Confrontation, Conflict, and Crisis](#) by Howard G Hendricks

James Rosscup - Here are expository messages by one of America's long-time noted spiritual life speakers, a professor at Dallas Theological Seminary. Hendricks developed these lessons in Bible conference ministry, making them practical to effect change. **They are suggestive for preachers and devotionally stimulating**

for any readers.

[The Communicator's Commentary. 1, 2 Kings](#) By: Dilday, Russell H (Now published as Preacher's Commentary)

Cyril Barber - Dilday, Russell H. One [and] Two Kings. The Communicator's Commentary. Waco, TX: Word Books, 1987. A well-articulated commentary. The Introduction is brief and to-the-point. Dilday sees the purpose of these book as illustrating the "Sovereign Lord of History using men and nations to work out his redemptive purposes." Throughout there is evidence of the author's wide reading. Prominence is given, however, to liberal and Baptist writers (a strange mix when one considers the historic roots of the Southern Baptist movement). The comments on the text are very brief. While the chapters are well-written, they lack a homiletic outline. They do follow the text, and Dilday's rhetorical acumen is evident on every page.

James Rosscup - The president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas has given a thoroughly studied, clear, well-illustrated and applied work that **furnishes rich assistance to an expositor**. Dilday frequently gives different views on an issue and includes many footnotes with further sources for added help.

[2 Kings \(Word Biblical Commentary\)](#) - T R Hobbs

James Rosscup - He places the writing in the early part of the captivity by one writer, and is thorough on literature pertaining to 2 Kings as well as on matters of text, exegesis and theology. Students can glean considerable material that is worthwhile.

[The Politics of God and the Politics of Man](#) Ellul, Jacques

Cyril Barber - Basing his political theory on the fact that the problems of our times are theological and not sociological, the writer shows from a study of 2 Kings how God has provided a blueprint for self government in the Bible. Rewarding reading.

[The first book of the Kings : with map, introduction and notes](#) - Lumby, Joseph Rawson, 1831-1895 - NO RESTRICTIONS. Brief but well done notes.

J. Rawson Lumby (1831–1895) was a British theologian, biblical scholar, and professor of divinity at Cambridge known for his work in biblical commentary and textual criticism. While he was a respected academic in his time, his commentaries are not among the most widely referenced today but that is primarily because he is not as well known. His theological influence was more academic than pastoral, for his works are often technical rather than devotional.

[I and II Kings: A Commentary. Old Testament Library.](#) Gray, John

Cyril Barber - An expansion and revision of the writer's earlier commentary. Includes a vast amount of archaeological and exegetical material, covers every significant verse, and makes a valuable though critical contribution to the study of these books.

James Rosscup - This is an attempt to provide a fresher technical, liberal commentary than the work of Montgomery which preceded it by 13 years. It uses works of the German form critical approach.

[Second Kings. Forms of the Old Testament Literature.](#) Long, Burke

Cyril Barber - Walter Bruggemann wrote of this book, "Long has written a shrewd, discerning, and comprehensive study that will become an enduring point of reference for future study. It is evident that Long knows all the literature in a thorough and masterful way. He is, moreover, intentional about method, and works his method with power and insight.... The focal point of his study is form analysis ... [and] in his case the study of the text spills over, well beyond form criticism into a wealth of analytic and interpretive insight. His book is a model for mobilizing detail into a sensible and illuminating whole."

[Readings in I Kings: An Interpretation Arranged for Personal and Group Bible Study, with Questions and Notes](#) Wallace, Ronald S

Cyril Barber - "In this concise, practical commentary on I Kings, Wallace succeeds in giving 'fresh thoughts fresh clothing.'... He draws readers into biblical characters' lives ... and his love for the Bible is evident as he bridges the centuries to show each stories' modern practicality. He sees 'persons like ourselves in situations that we can easily match with our own today,' and he pulls no punches exposing their human foibles and weaknesses."--Bookstore Journal. (See also [Elijah And Elisha Expositions From The Books Of Kings](#) By: Ronald S. Wallace - BORROW)

[Solomon to the Exile: studies in Kings and Chronicles](#) Whitcomb, John Clement, Jr.

Cyril Barber - An ideal book for discussion groups. Recreates the OT setting, graphically depicts the cause of decline in Israel and Judah, and draws valid lessons from these incidents that are applied to the needs of the present.

[Golden nuggets from forgotten places : selected studies from Kings and Chronicles](#) by Swindoll, Charles

[Evangelical Commentary on the Bible](#) - editor Walter Elwell (1989) 1239 pages.

[Come walk in my ways](#) 1 & 2 Kings/ 2 Chronicles by Arthur, Kay,

[All the kings and queens of the Bible : tragedies and triumphs of royalty in past ages](#) by Lockyer, Herbert

[Layman's Bible Book Commentary: 1 & 2 Kings, 2 Chronicles Volume 6](#) - John H Traylor

[Survey of Israel's History - Revised Edition](#) - Leon Wood - 416 pages (1986).

James Rosscup - This is one of the most rewarding surveys available from the standpoint of giving a survey and yet pausing on key problem areas to state a well-considered view and specific supports marshalled briefly. It is firmly evangelical.

[Israel: from Conquest to Exile : a Commentary on Joshua-2 Kings](#) By: John James Davis and John C Whitcomb (548 pages)

**Comment** - This book is highly rated ([see reviews](#)).

[Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture - 1-2 Kings, 1-2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther](#) edited by Marco Conti

## STUDY BIBLES

[KJV Bible Commentary](#) - **NO RESTRICTIONS**. Hindson, Edward E; Kroll, Woodrow Michael. Over 3000 pages of the entire OT/NT. Well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective. Pre-millennial.

Very well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective

The King James Version Bible Commentary is a complete verse-by-verse commentary. It is comprehensive in scope, reliable in scholarship, and easy to use. Its authors are leading evangelical theologians who provide practical truths and biblical principles. Any Bible student will gain new insights through this one-volume commentary based on the timeless King James Version of the Bible.

[Jewish Study Bible from The Jewish Publication Society with TANAKH Translation](#)- **NO RESTRICTIONS** - has some interesting notes from Jewish perspective.

[NKJV Study Bible: New King James Version Study Bible](#) **NO RESTRICTIONS** (formerly "The Nelson Study Bible - NKJV") by Earl D Radmacher; Ronald Barclay Allen; Wayne H House. 2345 pages. (1997, 2007). Very helpful notes. Conservative. Pre-millennial.

[The MacArthur Study Bible](#) - John MacArthur. Brief notes

[ESV Study Bible](#) - Excellent resource but not always literal in eschatology and the nation of Israel

[The King James Study Bible Second Edition](#) 2240 pages (2013) (Thomas Nelson) General Editor - Edward Hindson with multiple contributing editors. . Pre-millennial. See [introduction on How to Use this Study Bible](#).

[HCSB Study Bible](#) - conservative notes.

[The Holman Illustrated Study Bible](#) Includes the excellent Holman maps but otherwise of little help in serious study.

[NIV Study Bible](#) - (2011) 2570 pages - Use this one if available as it has more notes than edition below. This resource has been fully revised in 2020.

[Life Application Study Bible](#): New Living Translation. Has some very helpful notes.

[The Defender's Study Bible : King James Version](#) by Morris, Henry M. Excellent notes for well known creationist.

[Ryrie Study Bible Expanded Edition](#) (1994) 2232 pages

[The David Jeremiah study bible](#) - (2013) 2208 pages. [Logos.com](#) - "Drawing on more than 40 years of study, Dr. David Jeremiah has compiled a legacy resource that will make an eternal impact on generations to come. 8,000 study notes. Hundreds of enriching word studies"50+ Essentials of the Christian Faith" articles."

[The Apologetics Study Bible Understand Why You Believe](#) by Norman Geisler

[NIV Archaeological Study Bible](#) (2005) 2360 pages (See also [Archaeology and the Bible - OT and NT](#))

[NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible. Bringing to Life the Ancient World of Scripture](#) Keener, Craig and Walton, John. Editors (2017)

[Believer's Bible Commentary](#) by MacDonald, William (1995) 2480 pages. One of my favorites. Often has some excellent devotional comments.

Dr. John MacArthur, Jr. - "Concise yet comprehensive - the most complete single-volume commentary I have seen."

Warren Wiersbe - "For the student who is serious about seeing Christ in the Word."

[The Word in life Study Bible](#) - interesting format. Not your routine study Bible. Worth checking the very informative notes. (e.g., [here is a picture of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances.](#))

[Wycliffe Bible Commentary](#) - Charles Pfeiffer - 1560 pages (1962). Less detailed than the KJV Bible Commentary. Conservative. Notes are generally verse by verse but brief.

Rosscup - Conservative and premillennial scholars here have been experts in their fields. The work contains brief introductions and attempts to give a verse-by-verse exposition, though it does skip over some verses. The treatments vary with the authors, but as a whole it is a fine one-volume commentary for pastors and students to use or give to a layman. Outstanding sections include, for example: Whitcomb on Ezra-Nehemiah-Esther; Culver on Daniel; Ladd on Acts; Harrison on Galatians; Johnson on I Corinthians; and Ryrie on the Johannine Epistles.

[New Bible Commentary](#) - (1994)

[The Experiencing God Study Bible : the Bible for knowing and doing the will of God](#) - Blackaby, Henry (1996) 1968 pages - CHECK THIS ONE! Each chapter begins with several questions under the title "PREPARE TO MEET GOD." Then you will interesting symbols before many of the passages. The chapter ends with a "DID YOU NOTICE?" question. This might make a "dry chapter" jump off the page! Read some of the [48 ratings](#)

[Compact Bible commentary](#) by Radmacher, Earl D; Allen, Ronald Barclay; House, H Wayne, et al - 954 pages. Multiple contributors to the comments which are often verse by verse. The comments are brief but meaty and can really help your study through a given book. A sleeper in my opinion.

[NIV archaeological study Bible](#) (2005) 2360 pages (See also [Archaeology and the Bible - OT and NT](#))

[NIV cultural backgrounds study Bible. bringing to life the ancient world of scripture](#) Keener, Craig and Walton, John. Editors (2017)

## MISCELLANEOUS RESOURCES

[Dictionary of deities and demons in the Bible \(DDD\)](#) - 950 pages (1995) Read some of the [65 ratings](#) (4.8/5 Stars). A definitive in depth resource on this subject. Very expensive to purchase.

[Unger's bible handbook : a best-selling guide to understanding the bible](#) by Unger, Merrill F

[Halley's Bible Handbook](#) Henry H. Halley - (2000) 2720 pages (much larger than original edition in 1965 and no time limit on use). ([Halley's Bible handbook : an abbreviated Bible commentary - one hour limit](#) 1965 872 pages)

Rosscup - A much-used older evangelical handbook bringing together a brief commentary on Bible books, some key archaeological findings, historical background, maps, quotes, etc. It is helpful to a lay Bible teacher, Sunday School leader, or pastor looking for quick, pertinent information on a Bible book. This is the 72nd printing somewhat revised. Halley packed in much information. Unger's is better overall, but that is not to say

that Halley's will not provide much help on basic information.

[The Shaw Pocket Bible Handbook](#) - Editor - Walter Elwell (1984) 408 pages.

"This hardback is small in size but packed full of content: Brief summaries of every book of the bible, cultural, archaeological and historical info, word definitions, pictures, maps and charts." Worth checking!

[Eerdmans' Handbook to the Bible](#) (1983) 688 pages

[The New Unger's Bible Dictionary](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick, 1909-

[Every prophecy of the Bible](#): Walvoord, John F

J.Sidlow Baxter: Explore The Book - pdf [Vol. 2 Judges to Esther](#)

[Jensen's Survey of Bible \(online\)](#) by Jensen, Irving [140 ratings](#) (NT) [133 ratings](#) (OT) This is a classic and in conjunction with the following three resources should give you an excellent background to the Bible book you are studying. Jensen has some of the best Book charts available and includes "key words." He also gives you some guidelines as to how to begin your inductive study of each book.

[What the Bible is all about](#) by Mears, Henrietta. This is a classic and is filled with "pearls" from this godly teacher of God's Word.

[Talk thru the bible](#) by Wilkinson, Bruce [The Wilkinson & Boa Bible handbook : the ultimate guide to help you get more out of the Bible](#)

[Today's Handbook of Bible Times & Customs](#) by Coleman, William L

[Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Manners & Customs : How the People of the Bible Really Lived](#) by Vos, Howard Frederic

[The New Unger's Bible Dictionary](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick, 1909-

[Nelson's Expository Dictionary of the Old Testament](#) by Unger, Merrill. Indexed by English word and then any related Hebrew nouns or verbs. Definitions are solid and geared to the lay person.

[Nelson's Expository Dictionary of the Old Testament](#) by Unger, Merrill

## HEBREW WORD STUDIES

[Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament](#) by Harris, R. Laird - (5/5 Stars) One of the best OT lexicons for studying Hebrew words.

[Here is a link to TWOT](#) which has no time limit on use and does allow copy and paste. Can be downloaded as PDF.

[Hebrew honey : a simple and deep word study of the Old Testament](#) by Novak, Alfons, (332 pages) Indexed by English words. No Strong's numbers to help you determine if you are researching the correct Hebrew word. Here is a "work around" - go to page 289 and see if there is an annotation of the Scripture you are studying. E.g., say you want to see if there is anything for "heart" in [Ezek 11:19](#). In the Scripture list find an entry for [Ezek 11:19](#) with the English word "Heart." Now go look up "Heart" (on page 123). It does take some effort, but you might glean an insight not described in other Hebrew lexicons.

[Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words](#) - pdf. The old standby. You can also borrow [Vine's complete expository dictionary of Old and New Testament words](#)

[Nelson's Expository Dictionary of the Old Testament](#) by Unger, Merrill. Indexed by English word and then any related Hebrew nouns or verbs. Definitions are solid and geared to the lay person.

[Expository Dictionary of Bible Words](#) by Richards, Larry, It does not go into great depth on the Greek or Hebrew words but does have some excellent insights.

[So That's What it Means \(Theological Wordbook\)](#) - Formerly titled "Theological Wordbook" edited by Charles Swindoll. It is now under this new title [So That's What it Means](#) and can be borrowed - it is more like a dictionary than a lexicon but the comments are superb! The contributors include Donald Campbell, Wendell Johnston, John Witmer, John Walvoord

[Synonyms of the Old Testament-Robert Girdlestone](#)

## APOLOGETICS

[The Apologetics Study Bible Understand Why You Believe](#) - Comments from over 90 leading apologists, including: Ted Cabal, Lee Strobel, Chuck Colson, Norm Geisler, Josh McDowell, Albert Mohler, J.P. Moreland, [see reviews](#). Here is a review from [The Christian Reviewer](#).

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Cyril Barber - This is a goldmine of valuable information! Well-indexed. Covers everything from "Absolute Truth" to "Zen Buddhism." Extensive articles on such topics as "Agnosticism," "Annihilationism," "Bible, Alleged Errors in," "Gnosticism," "Miracles in the Bible," "New Testament Manuscripts," and "Objections to Resurrection," "Big Bang Theory," "Edward John Carnell," "Christ, Death of," are only a few of the insightful essays in this masterful work. Each article has been written in an understandable way, and a 28 page bibliography forms a valuable source for further research. An excellent resource.

[Evidence That Demands A Verdict](#) - Josh McDowell

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[More Than A Carpenter](#) - A modern classic by Josh McDowell - Great resource for those who are skeptical that Jesus is fully God, fully Man.

[Encyclopedia of Bible difficulties](#) by Archer, Gleason L - or [here with no restrictions](#)

[Hard Sayings of the Bible](#) - Walter Kaiser

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[Manners and Customs of Bible Lands](#) (1953) - online, no restrictions - Fred Wight

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[The Land and the Book; or, Biblical illustrations drawn from the manners and customs, the scenes and scenery, of the Holy land](#) By: Thomson, William M. (William McClure), 1806-1894 Published 1880

[Eastern manners illustrative of the Old Testament history](#) By: Jamieson, Robert, 1802-1880 Published 1838

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## MORE COMMENTARIES AND SERMONS



### RECOMMENDED WORK-AROUND WHEN A LINK SAYS "PAGE NOT FOUND" (404 ERROR)

Older links may become "broken," and may return a **Page Not Found** (404) message. In many cases, however, the following simple workaround can successfully restore access to the intended page:

1. Go to: <https://web.archive.org/>
2. Copy and paste the URL that produced the dead link.  
Example: Devotional  
URL: <https://getmorestrength.org/daily/jesus-at-the-crossroad/>  
Paste this URL into the search box on [archive.org](https://archive.org).
3. Press Enter on your keyboard.
4. A Timeline will appear, with vertical black bars showing the years the page was archived ([this example shows multiple lines](#))
5. Click one of the years—I usually recommend choosing one of the earlier years.
6. After selecting a year (e.g., select 2018) a 12-month calendar appears. Dates highlighted in **blue** indicate an archived version.
7. Hover over the blue date (JUL 18) and you will see a timestamp ([08:25:49](#))
8. Click that link.
9. The archived page—in this case "[Jesus at the Crossroad](#)"—should now load. (loading is sometimes slow)

This process may seem a bit intimidating at first, but after doing it a few times it becomes quite simple. If the first year you choose does not reveal the page, just try another year on the timeline. Over the past decade, this method has helped me recover about 90% of those "missing" pages.

If you come across a bad link, would you kindly let me know? Please send the broken link AND the page where you found it using the [contact form](#). Thank you for helping keep the site useful for everyone.

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These notes are in an outline format with frequent quotes from modern commentaries. Definitely worth checking.

[Here is the full commentary](#) - 442 page pdf. (Sept, 2021)

### MICHAEL ANDRUS

- [1 Kings 18:16-46](#) - Elijah
- [2 Kings 5](#) - Elisha, Naaman
- [2 Kings 17](#) - Exile to Assyria
- [2 Chronicles 33:1-20, 2 Kings 21:1-18](#) - Manasseh
- [2 Chronicles 34, 35, 2 Kings 22, 23](#) - Josiah
- [2 Chronicles 36:1-23, 2 Kings 23:31-25:30](#) - Exile to Babylon

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- [2 Kings 14](#)

## WILLIAM BARRICK

- [2 Kings 20:1-11 The Openness of God: Does Prayer Change God? \(Hezekiah's Prayer\) - scroll down](#)

## BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR

- [2 Kings 14](#)

## CAMBRIDGE BIBLE COMMENTARY

- [2 Kings 14](#)

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- [Click here for studies on all chapters of 2 Kings](#)- Uses frequent illustrations

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2 Kings 18		<a href="#">Text</a>	<a href="#">Audio</a>
2 Kings 19-20		<a href="#">Text</a>	<a href="#">Audio</a>
2 Kings 21-22		<a href="#">Text</a>	<a href="#">Audio</a>
2 Kings 23		<a href="#">Text</a>	<a href="#">Audio</a>
2 Kings 24-25		<a href="#">Text</a>	<a href="#">Audio</a>
2 Kings 16-18	Survey	<a href="#">Text</a>	N/A
2 Kings 18:19-33	In Depth	<a href="#">Text</a>	<a href="#">Audio</a>
2 Kings 19-21	Survey	<a href="#">Text</a>	N/A
2 Kings 19	In Depth	<a href="#">Text</a>	<a href="#">Audio</a>
2 Kings 22-25	Survey	<a href="#">Text</a>	N/A
2 Kings 22-23	In Depth	<a href="#">Text</a>	<a href="#">Audio</a>

## ADAM CLARKE - Commentary

- [2 Kings 20](#)

## THOMAS CONSTABLE - Expository Notes

- [2 Kings 20](#)

## W A CRISWELL

- [2 Kings 17:13-23 Mixed-Up Religion](#)
- [2 Kings 18-19 Victory Through Repentance](#)
- [2 Kings 18-20 The Tragic Sin of King Hezekiah](#)
- [2 Kings 20:1-6 Why be Afraid to Die?](#)
- [2 Kings 21:4 Sin God Will Not Forgive](#)
- [2 Kings 23:36 The Judgments of God \(A Plea for Revival\)](#)

## RON DANIEL

- [2 King 15](#)
- [2 King 16](#)
- [2 King 17](#)

- [2 King 18-19](#)
- [2 King 20](#)
- [2 King 21](#)
- [2 King 22-23](#)
- [2 King 24-25](#)

#### DALE RALPH DAVIS

- Borrow his book - [2 Kings : the power and the fury](#) (If unavailable [see hints](#))
- [Exposition of 1 Kings \(MP3 Series\)](#)
- [Exposition of 2 Kings \(MP3 Series\)](#)

#### JOHN DUMMELOW - COMMENTARY

- [2 Kings 20](#)

#### EASY ENGLISH - Commentary

- [1 Kings and 2 Kings](#)

#### CHARLES ELLICOTT

- [2 Kings 20](#)

#### ESV STUDY BIBLE - BORROW

- [ESV Study Bible](#) - Excellent resource but not always literal in eschatology and the nation of Israel. If unavailable search ESV and will give access to many pages. (If unavailable [see hints](#))

#### EXPLORE THE BIBLE

- [2 Kings 14-15/2 Chronicles 25:1-27:9 Condemned by Conformity](#)
- [2 Kings 16-17/2 Chronicles 28:1-27 Trapped by Sin](#)
- [2 Kings 18-19/2 Chronicles 29:1-32:23 Trusting in God](#)
- [2 Kings 20/2 Chronicles 32:24-33 Tripped Up by Pride](#)
- [2 Kings 21:1-23:35/2 Chronicles 33:1-36:4 Renewed by the Word](#)
- [2 Kings 22:11-13; 23:1-3, 10, 24-25 Building A Culture of Life](#)
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- [2 Kings 20](#)

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- [2 Kings 20](#)

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- 2 Kings; Principle #19; 2 Kg. 14:1-17:23; p. 495 **Eternal Rewards:** Though our salvation is secure in Christ, we must understand that our eternal rewards will be based on our obedience. [Video](#)
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- 2 Kings; Principle #22; 2 Kg. 20:12-21; p. 500 **A Strength Becomes a Weakness:** We must be cautious that our greatest strength does not become our greatest weakness. [Video](#)
- 2 Kings; Principle #23; 2 Kg. 21:1-18; p. 501 **Godly Parenting:** Parents should do all they can to model and teach Christian values to their children, but they must also understand that being godly is no guarantee that their children will always do what is right in God's sight. [Video](#)
- 2 Kings; Principle #24; 2 Kg. 21:19-22:13; p. 502 **Parental Values:** In spite of parents and grandparents who have modeled ungodliness, we are to reject non-biblical values and follow God wholeheartedly. [Video](#)
- 2 Kings; Principle #25; 2 Kg. 22:14-23:30; p. 504 **Biblical Renewal:** God wants to use us to renew the church of Jesus Christ by allowing His Word to transform our lives. [Video](#)
- 2 Kings; Principle #26; 2 Kg. 23:31-25:30; p. 507 **God's Grace and Mercy:** We must never take credit for the gift of salvation we have received through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. [Video](#)

#### JOHN GILL - Commentary

- [2 Kings 20](#)

#### GOSPEL COALITION

- [Resources](#)

#### GOTQUESTIONS

- [Book of 2 Kings - Bible Survey](#)
- [Who were the kings of Israel and Judah?](#)
- [Questions about 2 Kings](#) - some duplication of links below
- [2 Kings 19:21 What does the Bible mean when it refers to a "Daughter of Zion"?](#)
- [2 Kings 14:21, 2 Chronicles 26:6-18 Who was King Uzziah in the Bible?](#)
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- [2 Kings 24:1, 8,9, 25:1-2, 8-25 When and how was Judah conquered by the Babylonians?](#)

#### L M GRANT - Commentary

- [2 Kings 20](#)

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## DAVID HOLWICK

- [2 Kings 18:17-22 Believe There's A Way](#)
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## HOMILETICS

- [2 Kings 20](#)

## ISBE ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES ON KINGS OF ISRAEL (NORTHERN KINGDOM)

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<a href="#">Menahem</a>	2 Kings 15:16–22
<a href="#">Pekahiah</a>	2 Kings 15:23–26
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<a href="#">Amon</a>	2 Kings 21:19–26; 2 Chronicles 33:21–25
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<a href="#">Jehoahaz</a>	2 Kings 23:31–33; 2 Chronicles 36:1–4
<a href="#">Jehoiakim</a>	2 Kings 23:34–24:7; 2 Chronicles 36:5–8
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## JAMIESON, FAUSSET, BROWN - Commentary

- [2 Kings 20](#)

## JEWISH STUDY BIBLE

- [Jewish Study Bible from The Jewish Publication Society with TANAKH Translation](#) - **NO RESTRICTIONS** - has some interesting notes from Jewish perspective.

## KEIL AND DELITZSCH 1 Samuel Commentary

James Rosscup - 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)

- [2 Kings 20](#)

## JOHN KITTO - PICTORIAL BIBLE WITH NOTES

**Spurgeon's Comments:** "Then, of course, gentlemen, you will economize rigidly until you have accumulated funds to purchase **Kitto's Pictorial Bible**. You mean to take that goodly freight on board before you launch upon the sea of married life. As you cannot visit the Holy Land, it is well for you that there is a work like the Pictorial Bible, in which the notes of the most observant travellers are arranged under the texts which they illustrate. For the geography, zoology, botany, and manners and customs of Palestine, this will be your counselor and guide....A work of art as well as learning."

- [2 Kings 20](#)

## JOHN KITTO Daily Bible Illustrations 2 Kings

- [2 Kings 20; Isaiah 38 The Dial of Ahaz](#)

## KJV BIBLE PARALLEL BIBLE COMMENTARY - Edward Dobson, Charles Feinberg, E. Hindson, W. Kroll - NO RESTRICTIONS ON USE

Well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective. I have found the comments are very good but generally not in great depth. It is worth checking as you may glean additional insights on a passage. It is not strictly speaking verse by verse but does cover many verses.

- [KJV Bible Commentary](#). - 3119 pages - allow copy and paste function

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- [NKJV Study Bible: New King James Version Study Bible](#) **NO RESTRICTIONS** (formerly "The Nelson Study Bible - NKJV") by Earl D Radmacher; Ronald Barclay Allen; Wayne H House. 2345 pages. (1997, 2007). Very helpful notes. Conservative. Pre-millennial.

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- [Preface](#)
- [Author's Introduction](#) - Christopher Knapp (the resources erroneously attributes this introduction to Ironside who adds the following introduction)
- [List of all the Kings of Judah and Israel with biographies](#)
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- [Reign of Ahaz \(16:1-20\)](#)
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- [Reign of Hoshea \(17:1-6\)](#)

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- [Reign of Hezekiah \(18:1–20:21\)](#)
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- [Siege of Jerusalem \(18:17–19:35\)](#)
- [Illness of Hezekiah \(20:1–11\)](#)
- [Betrayal to Merodach-baladan \(20:12–19\)](#)
- [Summary Conclusion \(20:20–21\)](#)
- [State of Judah \(21:1–23:30\)](#)
- [Abominations of Manasseh \(21:1–18\)](#)
- [Assassination of Amon \(21:18–26\)](#)
- [Reforms of Josiah \(22:1–23:30\)](#)
- [Foreign Control of Judah \(23:31–24:17\)](#)
- [Reign of Jehoahaz \(23:31–35\)](#)
- [Reign of Jehoiakim \(23:36–24:7\)](#)
- [Reign of Jehoiachin \(24:8–17\)](#)
- [Fall of Jerusalem \(24:18–25:21\)](#)
- [Plunder of Jerusalem \(24:18–25:21\)](#)
- [Rule of Gedaliah \(25:22–26\)](#)
- [Release of Jehoiachin \(25:27–30\)](#)

#### STEVE KRELOFF

- [2 Kings - 18 Mp3's - Messianic Pastor](#)

#### PAUL E. KRETZMANN - Lutheran Perspective

- [2 Kings 20](#)

#### LANGE'S COMMENTARY - J J VAN OOSTERZEE - Lange's Commentary on the Holy Scriptures

**Spurgeon** writes "Oosterzee in Lange is excellent."

**D Edmond Hiebert** - In keeping with the series to which it belongs, the massive material is presented in three parts: exegetical and critical, doctrinal and ethical, and homiletical and practical. Conservative in viewpoint. Valuable for those willing to dig into its vast stores of material, much of which is definitely dated.

- [2 Kings 20](#)

#### DAVID LEGGE

- [2 Kings 20 The Best Of Men, A Man At Best](#)
- [2 Kings 22 Huldah The Prophetess](#)

#### LIFEWAY

- [2 Kings 17 Exposed and Judged](#)

#### JOHN LIGHTFOOT - Commentary

- [2 Kings 20](#)

#### JOHN MACARTHUR- verse by verse - probably the best expositor in the last 100 years but very literal and conservative

- **BORROW** [The MacArthur Study Bible](#) (If unavailable [see hints](#))

#### WILLIAM MACDONALD - BORROW

**John MacArthur** - "Concise yet comprehensive - the most complete single-volume commentary I have seen."

**Warren Wiersbe** - "For the student who is serious about seeing Christ in the Word."

- [Believer's Bible Commentary](#) - **BORROW** This resource is worth checking. Often has practical and devotional comments. (If unavailable [see hints](#))

## DAVID MALICK

- [2 Kings 22-23 The Book of Josiah's Reform](#)

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- [Maccabean Kingdom](#)

**J VERNON MCGEE - Thru the Bible comments - often has pithy comments**

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- [2 Kings 13-16](#) (18)
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- [Moody Bible Commentary - see page 532](#)

#### G CAMPBELL MORGAN

- [Message of 2 Kings - 9 pages](#)

#### HENRY MORRIS - Defender's Study Bible Notes - well-known creationist. Conservative. Millennial.

- **BORROW** - [The Defender's Study Bible](#)
- 2 Kings 20:1 [In those days](#)
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#### ROBERT NEIGHBOUR - Living Water Commentary

- [2 Kings 20](#)

#### TOMMY NELSON

- [1 Kings 16 – 2 Kings - The Fall Of The Northern Kingdom](#)

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## WILLIAM NEWELL

- [1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings - Old Testament Studies- Being the Lessons Given at Various Union Bible](#)
- [2 Kings 1-13 - go to page 295](#)
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## JAMES NISBET'S - Church Pulpit Commentary

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