

van der Toorn, Karel. *Family Religion in Babylonia, Syria and Israel: Continuity and Change in the Forms of Religious Life*. Studies in the History and Culture of the Ancient

Near East volume 7. Brill, 1996. Studies ancestor worship and Israelite monotheism from the beginnings and through the Monarchy.

van der Toorn, Karel, Bob Becking, and Pieter W. van der Horst eds. *Dictionary of Deities and Demons in the Bible*. Brill, 1995. Second edition, 1998. This is an essential reference work on the subject.

*Zevit, Ziony. *The Religions of Ancient Israel. A Synthesis of Parallaxic Approaches*. Continuum, 2001. The massive study of more than 800 pages provides the most thorough and balanced discussion of the subject.

Messianic Judaism

Bock, D. L., and M. Glaser, eds. *To the Jew First: The Case for Jewish Evangelism in Scripture and History*. Kregel, 2008. This collection of articles responds to "supersessionism" and "dual covenant" theology.

*Brown, M. L. *Answering Jewish Objections to Jesus*. Baker. Vol.1 (2000), *General and Historical Objections*; Vol.2 (2000), *Theological Objections*; Vol.3 (2003), *Messianic Prophecy Objections*; Vol.4 (2007), *New Testament Objections*. Challenged by the popular belief that "Jews don't believe in Jesus!" Brown addresses Jewish objections to Jesus, and lays out hundreds of reasons why Jews *should* believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

Cohn-Sherbok, D. ed. *Voices of Messianic Judaism: Confronting Critical Issues Facing a Maturing Movement*. Lederer, 2001. Collection of articles on liturgy, biblical interpretation, Messianic synagogues, Messianic Jewish education, intermarriage, congregational leadership, role of women, Gentile conversion, zionism, and eschatology.

Fisher, J. ed. *The Enduring Paradox: Exploratory Essays in Messianic Judaism*. Lederer, 2000. Collection of articles focuses on Messianic Jewish theology, Messianic Jews and Israel, and issues related to living with a Messianic Jewish identity in a today's world.

Gundry, S. N. and L. Goldberg, eds. *How Jewish is Christianity? 2 Views on the Messianic Movement*. Zondervan, 2003. Collection of articles on issues "for" and "against" the existence of "messianic congregations."

Skarsaune, O. and R. Hvalvik, eds. *Jewish Believers in Jesus: the Early Centuries*. Hendrickson, 2007. Scholars examine Greek, Latin, and Syriac literary evidence on the presence of Jewish believers in Europe and the Middle East during the first five centuries of the Church.

*Stern, D. H. *Messianic Judaism: a Modern Movement with an Ancient Past* (revision of *Messianic Jewish Manifesto*). Clarksville, MD: Lederer Books, 2007. The book is an excellent introductory survey of Messianic Jewish thought. It addresses theological, historical, legal, and ontological issues related to the Messianic Jewish movement.

Wilson, M. R. *Our Father Abraham: Jewish Roots of the Christian Faith*. Eerdmans, 1989. Introduction to Jewish thought and Jewish roots of the Church for Gentile Christians from a Messianic viewpoint.

Commentaries

Pentateuch

See also appropriate surveys in the [Series](#) section above.

Alexander, T. D. *From Paradise to the Promised Land*. Baker and Paternoster, 2002. An Evangelical and theological survey of the Pentateuch.

Blenkinsopp, Joseph. *The Pentateuch. An Introduction to the First Five Books of the Bible*. AB. Doubleday, 1992. A critical analysis.

Hamilton, Victor R. *Handbook to the Pentateuch*. Second edition. Baker, 2005. An Evangelical exposition of the narrative and teachings.

Schnittjer, Gary Edward. *The Torah Story: An Apprenticeship on the Pentateuch*. Zondervan, 2006. A well-illustrated undergraduate Evangelical textbook on the message and meaning of the first five books of the Bible.

Genesis

*Arnold, Bill T. *Genesis*. NCBC. Cambridge, 2009. An important commentary with

emphasis on linguistic and ancient cultural contexts as well as a well balanced survey of current scholarship.

Brueggemann, W. *Genesis*. Int. Westminster John Knox, 1982. Theological reading with application.

Cassuto, U. *Commentary on Genesis*. Trans. I. Abrahams. 2 vols. Magnes, 1964. Jewish scholar situates Genesis in Rabbinic and Hebrew interpretative traditions. A classic alternative to the Documentary approach. Only includes chapters 1-11.

Hamilton, Victor. *The Book of Genesis: Chapters 1-17*. NICOT. Eerdmans, 1990. *The Book of Genesis: Chapters 18-50*. NICOT. Eerdmans, 1995. Emphasis on comparative Semitics. Evangelical.

Kidner, D. *Genesis: An Introduction and Commentary*. TOTC. IVP, 1967. An elegant interpretation of the book. Evangelical.

Mathews, Kenneth A. *Genesis 1-11:26*. NAC. Broadman, 1996. *Genesis 11:27-50:26*. NAC. Broadman, 2005. Thorough exegesis and interaction with research.

Rad, G. von. *Genesis*. OTL. Westminster, 1972. A classic theological interpretation from a higher critical perspective.

Ross, Allen P. *Creation and Blessing: A Guide to the Study and Exposition of Genesis*. Baker, 1988. An Evangelical theological exposition with emphasis on preaching the text.

Sarna, N.M. *Genesis*. The Jewish Publication Society Torah Commentary. Jewish Publication Society, 1989. A recent Jewish exegesis of the Hebrew text with appreciation for traditional Rabbinic exegesis.

Waltke, Bruce K. *Genesis: A Commentary*. Zondervan, 2001. A competent Evangelical commentary emphasizing theological insights.

*Wenham, G.J. *Genesis 1-15*. WBC 1. Word, 1987. *Genesis 16-50*. WBC 2. Word, 1994. The best all-around Evangelical commentary that introduces the reader to the major interpretative issues and provides clearly writing on the exegesis and theological significance.

Westermann, C. *Genesis*. 3 vols. Augsburg, 1984-86. The largest of the resources; with an emphasis on collecting exegetical data.

Special Studies

Smith, Mark S. *The Priestly Vision of Genesis 1*. Fortress, 2010. The most thorough study of scholarship on the first chapter of Genesis (1:1-2:4) available.

Walton, John H. *The Lost World of Genesis One: Ancient Cosmologies and the Origins Debate*. Inter-Varsity Press, 2009. The best Evangelical introduction to Genesis 1:1-2:4, providing insights into its original meaning and addressing current issues.

Exodus

Cassuto, U. *Commentary on Exodus*. Trans. I. Abrahams. Magnes, 1967. Important for study of the Hebrew text.

*Childs, B.S. *The Book of Exodus*. OTL. Westminster, 1974. The application of the canonical approach to a higher critical commentary. Includes a history of interpretation for each passage.

Durham, J.I. *Exodus*. WBC. Word, 1987. Follows the method of Childs.

Houtman, Cornelis. *Exodus. Vol. 1 (1:1-7:13)* and *Exodus. Vol. 2 (7:14-19:25)*. HCOT. Kok Pharos, 1993 and 1996. Updating of classic historical critical approach to the book.

Meyers, Carol. *Exodus*. NCBC. Cambridge, 2005. A readable commentary aware of both critical and literary readings and emphasizing the author's skill in anthropological analysis of the ritual texts as well as appreciating the compositional issues in the narratives.

*Propp, William H. *Exodus 1-18: A New Translation and Commentary*, and *Exodus 19-40: A New Translation and Commentary*. AB 2A and 2B. Doubleday, 1998 and 2006.

Strong on background to social institutions and customs. Important for new textual readings from the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Sarna, Nahum. *Exodus*. JPS Torah Commentary. Jewish Publication Society, 1991. See above for Genesis.

Stuart, Douglas K. *Exodus*. NAC 2. Broadman & Holman, 2006. Important Evangelical commentary with valuable exegetical insights.

Leviticus

Gerstenberger, Erhard S. *Leviticus*. OTL. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1996. Translation of a 1993 German work, this author provides theological and anthropological insights on Leviticus as a postexilic work.

Harrison, R.K. *Leviticus: An Introduction and Commentary*. TOTC. IVP, 1980. Evangelical.

Hartley, J. *Leviticus*. WBC. Word, 1992.

*Hess, Richard S. "Leviticus," pp. 563-826 in T. Longman III and D. E. Garland eds., *The Expositor's Bible Commentary Revised Edition 1: Genesis-Leviticus*. Zondervan,

2008. Reader friendly, up-to-date, and Evangelical integration of anthropological, archaeological, and theological interpretation.

Levine, B.A. *Leviticus*. JPS Torah Commentary. Jewish Publication Society, 1989. A specialist in Ugaritic studies looks at Leviticus.

*Milgrom, Jacob. *Leviticus 1-16*. AB 3. Doubleday, 1991. *Leviticus 17-22*. AB 3A. Doubleday, 2000. *Leviticus 23-27*. AB 3B. Doubleday, 2001. The fruit of a life time of study by a major biblical scholar, this work provides the most detailed and thorough exegesis available, with full reference to comparative ancient Near Eastern, Qumran, Dead Sea Scroll, and Rabbinic sources.

Rooker, Mark F. *Leviticus*. NAC 3A. Broadman, 2000. Evangelical survey with helpful summaries of exegetical insights and applications.

Ross, Allen P. *Holiness to the LORD. A Guide to the Exposition of the Book of Leviticus*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2002. A careful Evangelical exegesis of this difficult book with much theological application.

Wenham, G.J. *The Book of Leviticus*. NICOT. Eerdmans, 1979. Evangelical application of anthropology to categories of holiness. Oriented toward New Testament applications.

Numbers

Ashley, T. R. *The Book of Numbers*. NICOT. Eerdmans, 1993. Evangelical focus on the text's final form with attentional to translational issues.

Budd, Philip J. *Numbers*. WBC 5. Waco, 1984. Important exegetical commentary with awareness of the critical issues.

Cole, R. Dennis. *Numbers*. NAC 3B. Broadman, 2000. Evangelical commentary that interacts with realia, historical issues, literary, and theological matters.

Davies, Eryl W. *Numbers*. NCB. Eerdmans, 1995. Focus on sources and their development to form the book.

Levine, Baruch A. *Numbers 1-20*. AB. Doubleday, 1993. Large commentary with ancient Near Eastern detail and philological discussion.

*Levine, Baruch A. *Numbers 21-36*. Anchor Bible. Doubleday, 2000. Strong on textual backgrounds to the diverse types of material.

Milgrom, J. *Numbers*. JPS Torah Commentary. Jewish Publication Society, 1990. Commentary on the Hebrew text which accepts a substantial historicity to the accounts.

*Wenham, G. *Numbers: An Introduction and Commentary*. TOTC. IVP, 1981. Evangelical perspectives on the literary structure of the book.

Wenham, Gordon J. *Numbers*. Old Testament Guides. Sheffield: JSOT, 1997. This is the best available introduction to the book of Numbers.

Deuteronomy

Christensen, Duane L. *Deuteronomy 1:1-21:9* (revised). and *Deuteronomy 21:10-34:12*. WBC 6A and 6B. Word, 2001 and 2002. Evangelical who studies the structure of the book as a poem with five concentric units.

*Craigie, P.C. *The Book of Deuteronomy*. NICOT. Eerdmans, 1976. Evangelical, clearly written study using Ugaritic and other ancient Near Eastern evidence.

McConville, J. Gordon. *Deuteronomy*. AOTC 5. Leicester: Apollos; Downers Grove: IVP, 2002. An Evangelical commentary emphasizing the theology of the book.

Miller, P.D., Jr. *Deuteronomy*. Inter. John Knox, 1990. Important theological application of the book.

Nelson, Richard D. *Deuteronomy. A Commentary*. OTL. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2002. A critical commentary with important exegesis of the text.

Rad, G. von. *Deuteronomy*. OTL. Westminster, 1966. Theological.

Thompson, J.A. *Deuteronomy: An Introduction and Commentary*. TOTC. IVP, 1974. Helpful on Ancient Near Eastern backgrounds. Evangelical.

Tigay, J. H. *Deuteronomy*. JPS Torah Commentary. Jewish Publication Society, 1996. A committed source critic studies the book within a Jewish context.

Weinfeld, M. *Deuteronomy 1-11*. Doubleday, 1991. An authority on Deuteronomic studies comments on the text.

*Wright, Christopher J. H. *Deuteronomy. New International Biblical Commentary*. Hendrickson, 1996. A leading Old Testament ethicist presents an Evangelical interpretation of the text.

Joshua

Boiling, R. and G. E. Wright *Joshua. A New Translation with Introduction and*

Commentary. AB. Doubleday, 1982. Aware of the archaeology, although dated.

Butler, T. *Joshua*. WBC. Word, 1983. Emphasis on literary critical aspects of the text as a Deuteronomistic work.

*Hess, R. S. *Joshua: An Introduction and Commentary*. TOTC. IVP, 1996. Integrates recent archaeological discoveries and literary analysis. Evangelical.

Howard, David M., Jr. *Joshua*. NAC 5. Broadman, 1998. Evangelical, appreciative of the history, with useful word studies.

Nelson, Richard D. *Joshua*. OTL. Westminster John Knox, 1997. Joshua as the product of Deuteronomistic redaction.

Woudstra, M. *The Book of Joshua*. NICOT. Eerdmans, 1981. Evangelical, regards the narrative as historical.

Judges

Auld, A.G. *Joshua, Judges, and Ruth*. DSB Westminster, 1984. A useful brief commentary.

Block, Daniel I. *Judges, Ruth*. NAC 6. Broadman, 1999. Evangelical, thorough, and detailed exegesis.

Boling, R. *Judges*. AB. Doubleday, 1975. Emphasizes the traditions behind the text and places many of them in the pre-Monarchy period.

*Butler, Trent. *Judges*. WBC 8. Thomas Nelson, 2009. An Evangelical and masterful study of all aspects of exegesis.

Lindars, Barnabas. *Judges 1-5*. T & T Clark, 1995. The beginnings of a new ICC stopped by the author's untimely death, this work surveys a breadth of modern scholarship and closely studies the text criticism of the book.

Niditch, Susan. *Judges*. OTL. . Westminster John Knox, 2008. Strong on literary analysis and a folklorist understanding of the preservation of the traditions in the book.

Schneider, Tammi J. *Judges*. Berit Olam: Studies in Hebrew Narrative & Poetry. Michael Glazier, 2000. Important contribution providing a literary synthesis of the whole book.

Soggin, J.A. *Judges*. OTL. Westminster, 1981. A classic liberal exegesis by someone who controls much of European scholarship.

Younger, K. Lawson, Jr. *Judges/Ruth*. NIVAC. Evangelical and sensitive to literary forms and rhetoric.

Ruth

Block, Daniel I. See under Judges.

Bush, Frederic. *Ruth, Esther*. WBC. Word, 1996. An Evangelical scholar of the Bible and Ancient Near East brings his knowledge to these two books.

Campbell, E.F., Jr. *Ruth*. AB. Doubleday, 1985. An important theological and archaeological discussion of the book.

Gow, Murray D. *The Book of Ruth: Its Structure, Theme, and Purpose*. Apollos, 1992. Evangelical application of rhetorical and literary techniques to argue for a coherent structure to Ruth.

*Hubbard, Robert L., Jr. *The Book of Ruth*. NICOT. Eerdmans, 1988. A balanced and thorough study with an appreciation of literary criticism from an Evangelical perspective.

Nielsen, Kirsten. *Ruth*. OTL. Westminster John Knox, 1997. Written by a woman with special interests in intertextuality and plot development.

Sasson, Jack M. *Ruth: A New Translation with a Philological Commentary and a Formalist-Folklorist Interpretation*. 2d ed. Sheffield, 1989. An ancient Near Eastern specialist examines this book.

Younger, K. Lawson, Jr. *Judges/Ruth*. NIVAC. Evangelical and sensitive to literary forms and rhetoric.

1 & 2 Samuel

Anderson, A.A. *2 Samuel*. WBC. Word, 1989. Considers the historical context as one in which David and Solomon are presented as rightful occupants of the throne in Jerusalem.

Arnold, Bill T. *1 & 2 Samuel*. NIVAC. Zondervan, 2003. Fine exposition of biblical text with helpful applications. Evangelical.

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

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

Brueggemann, Walter. *First and Second Samuel*. Int. Westminster John Knox, 1990.

Focus on text as literature (vs. historical questions) to probe how its ideology impacts human experience.

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

Evans, Mary. *1 and 2 Samuel*. NIBC. Hendrickson, 2000. Comments on sections and paragraphs, followed by more detailed endnotes. Evangelical.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Also:

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

1 & 2 Kings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mulder, Martin J. *1 Kings. Volume 1: 1 Kings 1-11*. HCOT. Peeters, 1998. A remarkably detailed exegetical study of the Hebrew text, with sensitivity to versions and literary forms and sympathy to historical value.

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

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

Sweeney, Marvin A. *I & II Kings: A Commentary*. OTL. Westminster John Knox,

2007. An excellent analysis of the form and reason for inclusion of the various contents, written from a critical perspective.

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

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

1 & 2 Chronicles

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

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

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

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

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

*Knoppers, Gary N. *I Chronicles 1-9: A New Translation with Introduction and Commentary*. *I Chronicles 10-29: A New Translation with Introduction and*

Commentary. AB. Doubleday, 2003, 2004. A detailed and insightful historical and exegetical commentary sympathetic to Evangelical concerns.

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

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

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

Ezra & Nehemiah

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Esther

(See also commentaries listed above for Ruth and for Ezra & Nehemiah.)

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

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

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

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

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

Jobs, Karen J. *Esther*. NIV Application Bible. Zondervan, 1999. Very useful

commentary that offers theological reflection and practical applications based on solid exegesis. Evangelical.

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

Job

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wharton, James A. *Job*. WeBC. Westminster John Knox, 1999. A literary reading of the book of Job that emphasizes Job's search for and gift of the presence of God.

Psalms

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Also:

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

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

Proverbs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Waltke, Bruce K. *The Book of Proverbs Chapters 1-15. and The Book of Proverbs Chapters 15-31*. NICOT. Eerdmans, 2004 and 2005. Evangelical with excellent

linguistic and structural discussion of each part of the book, and a strong introduction.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Goldingay, John. *Isaiah*. NIBC. Hendrickson; Paternoster, 2001. A critical evangelical approach with an eye to literary and theological issues.

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

Kaiser, Otto. *Isaiah 1-39*. 2 vols. OTL. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1983, 1974. Emphasis of discussion often on authenticity and historical reconstruction instead of theology from a critical perspective.

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

Motyer, J. Alec. *Isaiah: An Introduction and Commentary*. TOTC. InterVarsity, 1999. An abbreviated form of the larger 1993 publication, with some revision. Evangelical.

Ortlund, Jr. Raymond C. *Isaiah: God Saves Sinners*. Preaching the Word Series. Crossway, 2005. Basic exposition of text and theology from an evangelical perspective. Designed to help preaching, contains illustrations, and deals with contemporary concerns.

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

Seitz, Christopher R. *Isaiah 1-39*. Int. John Knox, 1993. Exposition that is sensitive to literary issues, designed to be an aid for teaching and preaching.

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

Walker, Larry L. *Isaiah, Jeremiah-Lamentations*. Cornerstone Biblical Commentary. Tyndale House, 2005. Brief textual notes and comments based on NLT, geared to pastors and lay leaders. Evangelical.

Watts, John D.W. *Isaiah*. 2 vols. WBC. Waco: Word Books, 1985, 1987. His unique approach to Isaiah as drama has not won much support. Evangelical.

*Webb, Barry G. *The Message of Isaiah*. BST. InterVarsity, 1996. Good Evangelical

exposition with an eye to literary structure, historical background, and broader canonical connections.

*Westermann, Claus. *Isaiah 40-66*. OTL. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1969. A standard critical commentary.

Wildberger, Hans. *Isaiah 1-12*. ConC. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1991. Part of same German series as some of the Hermeneia volumes. Very detailed form-critical approach.

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

Young, Edward J. *The Book of Isaiah*. 3 vols. (reprint of 1965-1972 eds.). Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1993. A standard of an earlier generation. Amillennial. Evangelical.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Macintosh, A.A. *Hosea*. ICC. Edinburgh: T&T Clark, 1997. A technical commentary concerned primarily with linguistic details and interested in contributions from rabbinic sources.

Mays, James L. *Hosea*. OTL. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1969. A concise and well-written commentary from the form critical perspective.

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Smith, Gary V. *Hosea, Amos, Micah*. NIVAC. Zondervan, 2001. Informed exposition with an eye to structure; sensitive to social implications of text. Evangelical.

*Stuart, Douglas. *Hosea - Jonah*. WBC. Waco: Word Books, 1987. Solid textual and expositional commentary. Stresses covenantal background. Evangelical.

Wolff, Hans W. *Hosea*. Hermeneia. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1974. A detailed form

critical commentary.

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*Paul, Shalom. *Amos*. Hermeneia. Fortress, 1991. Excellent analysis of text with an emphasis on Ancient Near Eastern parallels and backgrounds.

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Baker, D.W., T.D. Alexander, and B.K. Waltke. *Obadiah, Jonah, Micah*. TOTC. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1988. Helpful, but sometimes brief. Evangelical.

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*Sasson, Jack M. *Jonah*. AB. Garden City: Doubleday, 1990. Detailed commentary with attention to literary nuances.

Simon, Uriel. *Jonah*. JPS Bible Commentary. The Jewish Publication Society, 1999. Treatment with sensitivity to literary issues and with an eye for theological concerns from a Jewish perspective.

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Petersen, David L. *Haggai, Zechariah 1-8*. OTL. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1984. Well written and balanced critical approach, with an attempt to link with historical background.

Smith, Ralph L. *Micah-Malachi*. See above under Micah.

*Taylor, Richard A. and E. Ray Clendenon. *Haggai, Malachi*. NAC 21A. Broadman & Holman, 2004. Detailed conservative Evangelical exposition. Premillennial.

*Verhoef, Pieter A. *The Books of Haggai and Malachi*. NICOT. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1987. Exposition with an eye to theological implications. Evangelical.

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