

SELECT RESOURCES FOR BIBLE TEACHERS¹

Ashby L. Camp

Copyright © 2014 by Ashby L. Camp. All rights reserved.

I. Translations: King James Version, American Standard Version, Revised Standard Version, New American Standard Version, New English Bible, New International Version, Revised English Bible, New American Standard Updated, New Revised Standard Version, New King James Version, New Jerusalem Bible, Holman Christian Standard Bible, New English Translation, English Standard Version, New International Version (2011). Some of these are available online (with some search capabilities) at <http://www.biblegateway.com/versions/>, <http://www.searchgodsword.org/>, and <http://unbound.biola.edu/>. Which concordance one chooses depends on which version one uses.

II. Inspiration, Canon, and Text

A. Norman L. Geisler, ed., *Inerrancy* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1980)

B. John Woodbridge, *Biblical Authority: A Critique of the Rogers/McKim Proposal* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1982)

C. Roger Beckwith, *The Old Testament Canon of the New Testament Church and Its Background in Early Judaism* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1985)

D. Norman L. Geisler and William E. Nix, *A General Introduction to the Bible Revised and Expanded* (Chicago: Moody Press, 1986)*

E. F. F. Bruce, *The Canon of Scripture* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1988)

F. John Wenham, *Christ and the Bible*, 3rd ed. (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1994)

G. David S. Dockery, et al., *Foundations for Biblical Interpretation* (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1994)

H. D. A. Carson and John D. Woodbridge, eds., *Hermeneutics, Authority, and Canon* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1995)

I. Robert Saucy, *Scripture: Its Power, Authority, and Relevance* (Nashville: Word Publishing, 2001)

J. Neil R. Lightfoot, *How We Got the Bible*, 3rd ed. (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2003)

¹ Presence on the list is not, of course, an endorsement of everything in the work. Books I believe should be among a teacher's first purchases are marked with an asterisk.

K. Paul D. Wegner, *A Student's Guide to Textual Criticism* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2006)*

L. Philip W. Comfort, *New Testament Text and Translation Commentary* (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House, 2008)

M. Andreas J. Köstenberger and Michael J. Kruger, *The Heresy of Orthodoxy* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2010)

N. C. E. Hill, *Who Chose the Gospels?* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2010)

O. Michael J. Kruger, *Canon Revisited* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2012)

III. Treatments of Historical Questions Relating to Biblical Books

A. Donald Guthrie, *New Testament Introduction*, rev. ed. (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1990)

B. Gleason L. Archer, *A Survey of the Old Testament*, rev. ed. (Chicago: Moody Press, 1994)

C. William Sanford LaSor, David Allan Hubbard, and Frederic William Bush, *Old Testament Survey The Message Form, and Background of the Old Testament*, 2nd ed. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1996)*

D. D. A. Carson & Douglas J. Moo, *An Introduction to the New Testament*, 2nd ed. (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005)*

E. Bill T. Arnold and Bryan E. Beyer, *Encountering the Old Testament: A Christian Survey*, 2nd ed. (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2008)

F. Andreas J. Kostenberger, L. Scott Kellum, and Charles L. Quarles, *The Cradle, the Cross, and the Crown: An Introduction to the New Testament* (Nashville: B&H Publishing, 2009)

H. Walter A. Elwell and Robert W. Yarbrough, *Encountering the New Testament: A Historical and Theological Survey*, 3rd ed. (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2013)

I. Barry D. Smith, "The New Testament and Its Context" – **online** at <http://www.mycrandall.ca/courses/NTIntro/IndexNTIntr.htm>

IV. Harmonies and Topical Scripture References

A. Harold E. Monser, *Topical Index and Digest of the Bible* (Grand Rapids: Baker [reprint] 1983)

B. William Day Crockett, *A Harmony of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles* (Grand Rapids: Baker [reprint], 1985)

C. Orville E. Daniel, *A Harmony of the Four Gospels* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1986)

D. Martin H. Manser, et al., eds., *Zondervan Dictionary of Bible Themes* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1999)

V. Society, Culture, People, and Religion in Bible Times

A. Alfred J. Hoerth, Gerald L. Mattingly, and Edwin M. Yamauchi, eds., *Peoples of the Old Testament World* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1994)

B. David S. Dockery, et al., *Foundations for Biblical Interpretation* (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1994)

C. J. Julius Scott, Jr., *Customs and Controversies: Intertestamental Jewish Backgrounds of the New Testament* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1995)

D. James S. Jeffers, *The Greco-Roman World of the New Testament Era: Exploring the Background of Early Christianity* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1999)

E. Craig A. Evans and Stanley E. Porter, eds., *Dictionary of New Testament Background* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2000)

F. John H. Walton, Victor H. Matthews & Mark W. Chavalas, *The IVP Bible Background Commentary Old Testament* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2000)

G. James C. VanderKam, *An Introduction to Early Judaism* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2001)

H. Everett Ferguson, *Backgrounds of Early Christianity*, 3rd ed. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003)*

I. William A. Simmons, *Peoples of the New Testament World* (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2008)

J. John J. Collins and Daniel C. Harlow, eds., *The Eerdmans Dictionary of Early Judaism* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010)

K. Craig S. Keener, *The IVP Bible Background Commentary New Testament*, 2nd ed. (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2014)

VI. Histories of O.T. Israel and N.T. Times

A. Eugene H. Merrill, *Kingdom of Priests A History of Old Testament Israel* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1996)

B. Walter C. Kaiser, Jr., *A History of Israel From the Bronze Age Through the Jewish Wars* (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1998)*

C. Paul Barnett, *Jesus & the Rise of Early Christianity: A History of New Testament Times* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1999)

D. Ben Witherington III, *New Testament History: A Narrative Account* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2001)*

E. Paul Barnett, *The Birth of Christianity: The First Twenty Years* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005)

VII. Biblical Archaeology

A. E. M. Blaiklock and R. K. Harrison, eds., *The New International Dictionary of Biblical Archaeology* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan 1983)

B. John McRay, *Archaeology & the New Testament* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1991)

C. Jack Finegan, *The Archeology of the New Testament*, rev. ed. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1992)

D. Randall Price, *The Stones Cry Out* (Eugene, OR: Harvest House, 1997)*

E. Alfred J. Hoerth, *Archaeology & the Old Testament* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1998)

F. Charles F. Pfeiffer, ed., *Wycliffe Dictionary of Biblical Archaeology* (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2000)

G. Ashby Camp, "Archaeology and the Bible" – **online** at this site under "Miscellaneous Bible Studies."

VIII. The Early Church and Church History

A. J. D. Douglas, ed., *The New International Dictionary of the Christian Church*, rev. ed. (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1978)

B. F. L. Cross and E. A. Livingstone, eds., *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, 3rd ed. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1997)

C. Everett Ferguson, ed., *Encyclopedia of Early Christianity*, 2nd ed. (New York: Garland Publishing, 1999)*

D. Everett Ferguson, *Early Christians Speak: Faith and Life in the First Three Centuries*, 3rd ed. (Abilene, TX: ACU Press, 1999)

E. Everett Ferguson, *Early Christians Speak: Faith and Life in the First Three Centuries*, Volume 2 (Abilene, TX: ACU Press, 2002)

F. Douglas A. Foster, Paul M. Blowers, Anthony L. Dunnavant, and D. Newell Williams, eds., *The Encyclopedia of the Stone-Campbell Movement* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005)

G. Everett Ferguson, *Church History, Volume 1: From Christ to Pre-Reformation* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005)

H. Bruce L. Shelley, *Church History in Plain Language*, 3rd ed. (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2008)

I. Justo L. Gonzalez, *The Story of Christianity, Volume 1: The Early Church to the Dawn of the Reformation*, 2nd ed. (New York: HarperCollins, 2010)

J. Justo L. Gonzalez, *The Story of Christianity, Volume 2: The Reformation to the Present Day*, 2nd ed. (New York: HarperCollins, 2010)

IX. Bible Interpretation

A. Grant R. Osborne, *The Hermeneutical Spiral A Comprehensive Introduction to Biblical Interpretation* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1991)

B. William W. Klein, Craig L. Blomberg, and Robert L. Hubbard, Jr., *Introduction to Biblical Interpretation*, rev. ed. (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1993)*

C. D. A. Carson, *Exegetical Fallacies*, 2nd ed. (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1996)

D. Gordon D. Fee and Douglas Stuart, *How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth*, 3rd ed. (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003)

E. Robert L. Plummer, *40 Questions About Interpreting the Bible* (Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2010)

F. Robert H. Stein, *A Basic Guide to Interpreting the Bible: Playing By the Rules*, 2nd ed. (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2011)

X. Bible Dictionaries and Encyclopedias

A. G. W. Bromiley, ed., *The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia* (4 vols.), rev. ed. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1979 – 1988)

B. David Noel Freedman, ed., *The Anchor Bible Dictionary* (6 vols.) (New York: Doubleday, 1992)

C. D. R. W. Wood, et al., eds., *New Bible Dictionary*, 3rd ed. (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1996)*

D. Paul J. Achtemeier, ed., *HarperCollins Bible Dictionary*, rev. ed. (San Francisco: Harper, 1996)

E. David Noel Freedman, ed., *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000)

XI. More Specialized Dictionaries

A. Joel B. Green, Scot McKnight, and I Howard Marshall, eds., *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1992)

B. Gerald F. Hawthorne, Ralph P. Martin, and Daniel G. Reid, eds., *Dictionary of Paul and His Letters* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1993)

C. Ralph P. Martin and Peter H. Davids, eds., *Dictionary of the Later New Testament* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1997)

D. Craig A. Evans and Stanley E. Porter, eds., *Dictionary of New Testament Background* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2000)

E. T. Desmond Alexander, et al., eds., *New Dictionary of Biblical Theology* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2000)

F. Walter A. Elwell, ed., *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*, 2nd ed. (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2001)

G. T. Desmond Alexander and David W. Baker, eds., *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2003)

H. Bill T. Arnold and H. G. M. Williamson, eds., *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2005)

I. Tremper Longman III and Peter Enns, eds., *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Wisdom, Poetry & Writings* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2008)

J. Mark J. Boda and J. Gordon McConville, eds., *Dictionary of the Old Testament Prophets* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2012)

XII. Bible Difficulties

A. Gleason L. Archer, *Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1982)

B. Norman Geisler and Thomas Howe, *When Critics Ask* (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1992)*

C. Eric Lyons, *Anvil Rings: Answers to Alleged Bible Discrepancies* (Vols. 1 & 2) (Montgomery, AL: Apologetics Press, 2003 & 2005)

D. J. Carl Laney, *Answers to Tough Questions* (Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1997)

XIII. Commentaries

A. One-volume commentaries: G. J. Wenham, et al., eds., *New Bible Commentary 21st Century Edition* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1994)*; F. F. Bruce, ed., *The International Bible Commentary*, rev. ed. (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1986); Walter A. Elwell, *Baker Commentary on the Bible* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2000)

B. Commentaries on specific books²

1. Old Testament: **Genesis** – Kenneth A. Mathews, *Genesis 1-11:26* (Vol. 1A) and *Genesis 11:27 – 50:26* (Vol. 1B), *New American Commentary* (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1996 & 2005); **Exodus** – Douglas Stuart, *Exodus*, *New American Commentary* (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2006); **Leviticus** – Gordon J. Wenham, *The Book of Leviticus*, *New International Commentary on the Old Testament* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1979); **Numbers** – Timothy R. Ashley, *The Book of Numbers*, *New International Commentary on the Old Testament* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1993); **Deuteronomy** – Peter C. Craigie, *The Book of Deuteronomy*, *New International Commentary on the Old Testament* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1976); **Joshua** – Richard S. Hess, *Joshua*, *Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1996); **Judges & Ruth** – Daniel I. Block, *Judges, Ruth*, *New American Commentary* (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1999); **1 & 2 Samuel** – Robert D. Bergen, *1, 2 Samuel*, *New American Commentary* (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1996); **1 & 2 Kings** – Paul R. House, *1, 2 Kings*, *New American Commentary* (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1995); **1 & 2 Chronicles** – J. A. Thompson, *1, 2 Chronicles*, *New American Commentary* (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1994); **Ezra**

² For the sake of space, I list only one commentary for each book (though for Romans I recommend a balancing alternative in a footnote). Like all commentaries, they need to be read discriminantly.

& Nehemiah – Charles Fensham, *The Books of Ezra and Nehemiah*, New International Commentary on the Old Testament (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1983); **Esther** – Joyce G. Baldwin, *Esther*, Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1984); **Job** – Tremper Longman III, *Job*, Baker Commentary on the Old Testament (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2012); **Psalms** – John Goldingay, *Psalms* (3 volumes), Baker Commentary on the Old Testament (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2006-2008); **Proverbs** – Tremper Longman III, *Proverbs*, Baker Commentary on the Old Testament (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2006); **Ecclesiastes** – Tremper Longman III, *The Book of Ecclesiastes*, New International Commentary on the Old Testament (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998); **Song of Songs** – Richard S. Hess, *Song of Songs*, Baker Commentary on the Old Testament (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2005); **Isaiah** – Gary v. Smith, *Isaiah 1-39 and Isaiah 40-66*, New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2007 & 2009); **Jeremiah & Lamentations** – F. B. Huey, *Jeremiah Lamentations*, New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1993); **Ezekiel** – Douglas Stuart, *Ezekiel*, Communicator's Commentary (Dallas: Word, 1989); **Daniel** – Andrew E. Steinmann, *Daniel*, Concordia Commentary (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing, 2008); **Hosea** – J. Andrew Dearman, *Hosea*, New International Commentary on the Old Testament (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010); **Joel** – Leslie C. Allen, *The Books of Joel, Obadiah, Jonah, and Micah*, New International Commentary on the Old Testament (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1976); **Amos** – Gary V. Smith, *Amos: A Commentary*, Library of Biblical Interpretation (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1989); **Obadiah, Jonah & Micah** - Leslie C. Allen, *The Books of Joel, Obadiah, Jonah, and Micah*, New International Commentary on the Old Testament (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1976); **Nahum, Habakkuk & Zephaniah** – O. Palmer Robertson, *The Books of Nahum, Habakkuk, and Zephaniah*, New International Commentary on the Old Testament (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990); **Haggai** – Pieter A. Verhoef, *The Books of Haggai and Malachi*, New International Commentary on the Old Testament (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1987); **Zechariah** – Joyce G. Baldwin, *Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi*, Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1972); **Malachi** - Pieter A. Verhoef, *The Books of Haggai and Malachi*, New International Commentary on the Old Testament (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1987)

2. New Testament: **Matthew** – D. A. Carson, *Matthew* in Expositor's Bible Commentary Revised Edition, Vol. 1 (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2010); **Mark** – Robert H. Stein, *Mark*, Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2008); **Luke** – Darrell L. Bock, *Luke 1:1-9:50 and Luke 9:51-24:53*, Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1994 & 1996); **John** – Frederick Dale Bruner, *The Gospel of John* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2012); **Acts** – Darrell L. Bock, *Acts*, Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2007); **Romans** – Douglas Moo, *The Epistle to the Romans*, New International Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1996);³ **1 Corinthians** – Gordon D. Fee, *The First Epistle to the Corinthians*, New International Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1987);

³ Moo's commentary has much to commend it, but his Calvinist perspective needs to be balanced with a work like Jack Cottrell's *Romans Volume 1* and *Romans Volume 2*, The College Press NIV Commentary (Joplin, MO: College Press, 1996 & 1998).

2 Corinthians – Paul Barnett, *The Second Epistle to the Corinthians*, New International Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1997); **Galatians** – Douglas J. Moo, *Galatians*, Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2013); **Ephesians** – Peter T. O'Brien, *The Letter to the Ephesians*, Pillar New Testament Commentary (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999); **Philippians** – Peter T. O'Brien, *Commentary on Philippians*, Greek New Testament Commentary (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1991); **Colossians** – Douglas J. Moo, *The Letters to the Colossians and to Philemon*, Pillar New Testament Commentary (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2008); **1 & 2 Thessalonians** – Leon Morris, *The First and Second Epistles to the Thessalonians*, New International Commentary on the New Testament, rev. ed. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1991); **1, 2 Timothy & Titus** – George W. Knight, *Commentary on the Pastoral Epistles*, New International Greek Testament Commentary (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1992); **Philemon** - Douglas J. Moo, *The Letters to the Colossians and to Philemon*, Pillar New Testament Commentary (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2008); **Hebrews** – George H. Guthrie, *Hebrews*, NIV Application Commentary (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1998); **James** – Douglas J. Moo, *The Letter of James*, Pillar New Testament Commentary (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000); **1 Peter** – Thomas R. Schreiner, *1, 2 Peter, Jude*, New American Commentary (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2003); **2 Peter** – Douglas J. Moo, *2 Peter, Jude*, NIV Application Commentary (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996); **1,2,3 John** – I. Howard Marshall, *The Epistles of John*, New International Commentary on the New Testament, (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1978); **Jude** - Douglas J. Moo, *2 Peter, Jude*, NIV Application Commentary (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996); **Revelation** – Grant R. Osborne, *Revelation*, Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2002)

C. Online commentaries: <http://www.studylight.org/com/> (includes Coffman's commentaries); <http://www.biblestudytools.com/commentaries/>; <http://www.biblegateway.com/resources/commentaries/>; <http://www.bible-researcher.com/links20.html>

XIV. Web Sites Relating to Biblical Studies

- A. <http://www.torreys.org/bible/>
- B. <http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/guide-headings.aspx>
- C. <http://ntgateway.com/multibib/>
- D. <http://www.bible-researcher.com/index.html>
- E. <http://www.mycrandall.ca/courses/NTIntro/IndexNTIntr.htm>
- F. <http://www.otgateway.com/>
- G. <http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/>

H. <http://www.ccel.org/fathers2/>

I. <http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/fathers/>

J. <http://www.earlyjewishwritings.com/>

K. <http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/e-catena/>

L. <http://www.holylandphotos.org/>

M. http://wesley.nnu.edu/biblical_studies/noncanon/index.htm

N. <http://prophetess.lstc.edu/~rklein/>