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**Commentaries:**

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BS491.2 .S78 1990

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**Abingdon Old/New Testament Commentary (ABOTC/ANTC)**

The *Abingdon Old and New Testament Commentaries* is a compact, critical commentary series. They are written with special attention to the needs and interests of theological students, as well as for pastors. They contain basic information about the biblical texts and insights into their meanings, as well as exemplify the tasks and procedures of detailed critical biblical exegesis.

**Anchor Bible Commentary (AB)**

The Anchor Bible commentary series is the premier commentary series focused on historical
criticism. It aims to present the best contemporary scholarship in a way that is accessible not only to scholars but also to the educated nonspecialist. It contains detailed discussion of the nuances of language and translation of the ancient languages and an appreciation of the historical and cultural context in which the biblical books were written, followed by discussions of modern methods such as sociology and literary criticism.

**Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture (ACCS)**

The Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture presents the biblical text supplemented by writings of the early church fathers. A wide range of ancient commentary by the church fathers has been searched to supply the most insightful commentary on the biblical text from the history of the church. The comments chosen provide the best theological, spiritual, and pastoral insights from the biblical text from scholars of the first 600 years of church history. The series promotes a vital link of communication between the varied Christian traditions of today and their common ancient ancestors in the faith.

**Apollos Old Testament Commentaries (AOTC)**

The Apollos Old and New Testament Commentary is a confessional series that aims to take with equal seriousness the divine and human aspects of Scripture. It interprets the Bible in a scholarly manner that is also accessible to non-experts, and it shows the relevance of the Bible to modern readers. It is intended to serve the needs of those who preach and teach, as well as scholars and all serious students of the Bible.

**Baker's New Testament Commentary (BNTC)**

This commentary series is for intermediate students of the Bible and pastors who want intermediate level evangelical scholarship. The focus is on exegesis of unit of text, a simplified explanation of critical notes on the Greek text, and application of the text from a Reformed Evangelical perspective.

**Berit Olam & Sacra Pagina**

This series is written for lay people, Bible scholars, students, and religious leaders. The interpretation focuses on the final form of the texts as literary works, with the Old Testament series especially focusing on the narrative artistry of the texts. The title of the Old Testament series as "Berit Olam" (eternal covenant) showcases the central theme that the authors trace from the Old Testament throughout the series, as the authors make available to all of God’s people the words of the everlasting covenant in all of their beauty. The New Testament volumes are written by an international team of Catholic scholars, as a guide intended for biblical professionals, graduate students, theologians, clergy, and religious educators. Sacra Pagina (sacred page) contains critical analysis without any loss of sensitivity to religious meaning, as shaped by the context of the Catholic tradition.

**Brazos**

This series is written by theologians, with a focus on theological interpretation. The aim of the series is to interpret scripture for today’s church, providing guidance for reading the Bible under the rule of faith. It is aimed at supporting preaching, teaching in the church, to show the continuing intellectual and practical viability of theological interpretation of the Bible.

**Bible Speaks Today - IVP (BST)**
The Bible Speaks Today commentaries seek to expound the biblical text with accuracy, to relate it to contemporary life and to be readable to a wide range of audiences; the authors are each noted scholars as well as pastor. This series is great for preaching or teaching, as it contains extensive discussion of applying the biblical message to the church today.

**Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture (CCSS)**

This series from leading Catholic scholars focuses on interpreting the New Testament in the light of the whole of the Bible, with an emphasis on theological and pastoral questions. The series highlights the relationship of Scripture to Catholic theology and personal spiritual formation.

**Eerdmans Critical Commentary (ECC)**

This series is critical in approach, seeking to give insight into the biblical text and its background, but also discussing issues of theological interpretation, and its application. The authors seek to combine sensitivity to the original meaning of the text and explication of the relevance of the text for today. The commentaries contain critical notes on the history of the text, and commentary on literary, historical, cultural, and theological aspects of the text, reflecting the contributions of recent textual, philological, literary, historical, and archaeological inquiry, with also discussions of newer sociological methodological approaches. The series is accessible to serious general readers as well as scholars.

**Hermeneia**

The Hermeneia series is a critical and historical commentary to the Bible, reflecting philological and historical tools, including textual criticism, the methods of the history of tradition, and the history of religion. The aim is to provide the student or scholar with full critical discussion of each problem of interpretation and with the primary data upon which the discussion is based. The series is for advanced studies of the biblical text, with a focus on original languages.

**International Critical Commentary (ICC)**

The ICC series is one of the longest running commentary series, with the earliest works from the early 1900's. Classically this series has combined a strong focus on exegesis and linguistics, with archaeological, historical, literary and theological reflection at a very academic level. Many of the volumes in this series may be dated, but the series is currently being updated with new editions by modern scholars.

**Interpretation**

Interpretation is an accessible, yet high-quality resource for those who interpret the Bible in the church. It bridges the gap between critical and expository commentaries to the needs of the church. The volumes are each written by scholars who are outstanding academics in each area of the Bible, who also have a passion to make the text relevant for preaching and teaching by including models of expositing the text in the church today.

**JPS Torah Commentary**

The JPS Torah Commentary series is written by leading scholars from a Jewish perspective,
combining the best insights from modern critical scholarship with Jewish traditional exegesis in a succinct yet perceptive fashion. The commentary is selective and may not discuss every verse or issue that a reader is interested in, but the comments and discussions that are included are outstanding, and the series is essential for studies of the Books of Moses.

**New American Commentary (NAC)**

The *New American Commentary* series is an intermediate exegetical commentary. It is primarily geared for students, ministers, and educated laity seeking to grasp Scripture in a full and in a unified way without having to wade through discussions of technical matters.

**New Cambridge Bible Commentary (NCBC)**

The New Cambridge Bible Commentary is academically rigorous, but does not assume the reader has a great deal of specialized theological knowledge or an impressive command of the Hebrew, Aramaic, or biblical Greek. It is an update of the earlier Cambridge Bible Commentary from the mid 20th century, which incorporates scholarly insights from recent biblical studies. In addition to a strong focus on the language and historical context of the text, the series also incorporates rhetorical criticism, social scientific criticism, and narrative criticism to provide a fresh look at biblical texts.

**New International Commentary on the Old and New Testament (NICOT/NICNT)**

This advanced commentary series is accessible to scholars as well as pastors and serious Bible students. The commentary is academically rigorous, from a perspective of a desire to hear the message of the biblical text with greatest accuracy today.

Each volume has an extensive introduction on the authorship, date, purpose, structure, and theology of the books, with the commentary itself having a focus on detailed exegesis of the original languages, followed by an exposition of the biblical text's theology and application.

**New Interpreters Bible (NIB)**

*The New Interpreter's Bible Commentary* offers brief but high-quality commentary on the biblical text by leading scholars. It contains concise introductions to historical, social, literary, and theological issues of the text, built on an exegetical analysis of the text. It is accessible and easy to use, and contains extensive reflection on the exposition of the text for the use of the church.

**New International Greek Text Commentary (NIGTC)**

This series offers outstanding detailed analysis of the Greek text of the New Testament, questions of textual criticism, and historical context of the text. The series is aimed at scholars and advanced Bible students.

**New International Version Application Commentary (NIVAC)**

The NIV Application commentary is written by leading scholars, with a focus on application of the biblical text for Christian communities. Building on academic scholarship, the emphasis of the series is to give readers the necessary historical information of the text and show how to teach and preach the message of the text today.
Old Testament Library/New Testament Library (OTL/NTL)

The Old Testament Library is one of the most respected commentary series produced in the last 50 years. The focus of this series is on historical-critical issues and a detailed analysis of the biblical text, in a concise format. Introductory matters cover historical concerns, cultural issues, the reception of the text, the integrity of the text, and other interpretive issues.

Pillar New Testament Commentary (PNTC)

The Pillar commentary series combines rigorous exegesis and scholarship with exposition and pastoral sensitivity, with a goal towards contemporary communities understanding biblical theology and seeking the contemporary relevance of the Bible.

Smyth & Helwys Bible Commentary

This series is written by outstanding scholars, and seeks to provide academic analysis of the biblical text in an attractive and simple format. The commentary is filled with illustrations, images, references to literature and culture, in order to discern where the biblical text intersects with modern concerns.

Teach the Text Commentary (TTC)

The TTC series contains selective discussion of features of the biblical text, with a focus on teaching the Bible for modern audiences. The series is formatted as a quick and accessible reference for information, illustrations, and tips for exposition in preparation for teaching and preaching.

Tyndale Old/New Testament Commentary (TOTC/TONC)

The Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries are written by leading evangelical scholars, with clear and relevant explanations of the text. The commentary examines the text section by section, drawing out its main themes, with also individual verses discussed, and problems of interpretation considered. The aim is to understand the original meaning of the Bible and to make its message plain to readers today.

Two Horizons Old/New Testament Commentary (THOTC/THNTC)

The Two Horizons Old/New Testament Commentary series combines theological exegesis and theological reflection. It offers detailed attention to philology, grammar, syntax, and concerns of a historical nature, in addition to social-scientific, political, or canonical questions. This series bridges those questions with theological readings of texts, past and present. The result is a paragraph-by-paragraph engagement with the text that is deliberately theological in focus. The theological reflection places each book of the Bible in relation to the whole of Scripture and in conversation with constructive theology of today. The series is written primarily for students, pastors, and Christian leaders seeking to engage in theological interpretation of Scripture.

Word Biblical Commentary (WBC)

The Word Biblical Commentary is a scholarly and technical academic series focused on the exegetical details of the text. It is for pastors and scholars trained in the original languages and exegetical skills. It contains extensive textual and linguistic analysis, along with bibli-
ographies. It is a highly respected series reflecting a range of scholarship from different perspectives.

**Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the Old/New Testament (ZECNT/ZECOT)**

This series focuses on exegetical analysis of the original languages of the text, in a way accessible to beginning and intermediate students of Hebrew and Greek. The series is from an evangelical perspective, with a concern for literary and theological features of the text as well.

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BS1192.5 .F564 1992

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DS121 .B72 1972

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