



Guide to Finding Bible Commentaries

Where Are the Commentaries?

Great question!

In the Library of Congress call number system, subclass **BS** is assigned to Biblical Studies.

Bibles are shelved from **BS11** to **BS355**.

Commentaries about the whole **Bible** (as a unit) are shelved from **BS410** to **BS680**. This is where you might find multi-volume commentaries or commentary series usually shelved together.

Commentaries about the **Hebrew Bible** or **Old Testament** (as a unit) are shelved from **BS701** to **BS1191.5**.

Commentaries about the **New Testament** (as a unit) are shelved from **BS1901** to **BS2544**.

Commentaries about individual books from the Bible are shelved from **BS1231** to **BS1675** (Hebrew Bible / Old Testament books) and **BS2570** to **BS2575.53** (New Testament books). These go in order of the Protestant canon, with Apocrypha added in from **BS1711** to **BS 1825.5**.

See the back of this handout for a complete list!

Looking for Articles?

The ATLA Hierarchical Scripture Authority allows you to search and browse ATLA articles by Biblical citation. Browsing can be done by simply clicking on "Scripture" and then faceting down through book, chapter, and verse. Keyword searching is also possible: ask a Librarian for tips!

A Brief List of Commentaries:

Series:

- Anchor Bible Series. *Theo. Ref. BS191.2 .A1 1964 G3; also in Open Stacks.*
- Hermeneia Series. *Theo. Ref. BS 491.2 .H47; also in Theo. Oversize.*

Multi-Volume Commentaries:

- The New Interpreter's Bible. *Theo. Ref. BS491.2 .N484 1994 v. 1-12; also in Theo. Oversize.*
- Expositor's Bible Commentary. *Theo. Open BS 491.2 .E96 v. 1-12*
- JPS Torah Commentary. *Mugar Ref. X. BS 1225.3 .J78 1989*

Single-Volume Commentaries:

- The New Jerome Biblical Commentary. *Theo. Ref. BS491.2 .N485 1990*
- Eerdmans Commentary on the Bible. *Theo. Ref. BS 491.3 .E37 2003*
- The International Bible Commentary with the New International Version. *Theo. Ref. BS. 491.2 .I53 1986*
- The Navarre Bible in the Revised Standard Version with a Commentary. *Theo. Ref. BS497.2 .S2413 2000*

Check the catalog for more!



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Hebrew Bible

Genesis	BS 1231--1235.5
Exodus	BS 1241--1245.5
Leviticus	BS 1254--1255.5
Numbers	BS 1261-1265.5
Deuteronomy	BS 1271-1275.5
Joshua	BS 1291-1295.5
Judges	BS 1301-1305.5
Ruth	BS 1311-1315.5
1-2 Samuel	BS 1321-1325.5
1-2 Kings	BS 1331-1335.5
1 & 2 Chronicles	BS 1341-1345.5
Ezra	BS 1351-1355.5
Nehemiah	BS 1361 -1365.5
Esther	BS 1371-1375.5
Job	BS 1411-1415.5
Psalms	BS 1418-1451
Proverbs	BS 1461-1465.5
Ecclesiastes	BS 1471-1475.5
Song of Solomon	BS 1481-1485.5
Isaiah	BS 1511-1515.5
Jeremiah	BS 1521-1524.5
Lamentations	BS 1531-1535.5
Ezekiel	BS 1541-1545.5
Daniel	BS 1551-1555.5
Hosea	BS 1561-1565.5
Joel	BS 1571-1575.5
Obadiah	BS 1591-1595.5
Jonah	BS 1601-1605.5
Micah	BS 1611-1615.5
Nahum	BS1621-1625.5
Habakkuk	BS 1631-1635.5
Zephaniah	BS 1641-1645.5
Haggai	BS 1451-1555.5
Zechariah	BS1661-1665.5
Malachi	BS1671-1675.5

New Testament

Matthew	BS 2570-2575.53
Mark	BS 2580-2515.53
Luke	BS 2590-2595.53
John	BS 2610-2615.53
Acts	BS 2620-2625.53
Romans	BS 2660-2665.53
1-2 Corinthians	BS 2670-2675.53
Galatians	BS 2680-2685.53
Ephesians	BS 2690-2695.53
Philippians	BS 2700-2795.53
Colossians	BS 2710-2705.53
1-2 Thessalonians	BS 2720-2725.53
1-2 Timothy	BS 2740-2745.5
Titus	BS 2750-2755.5
Philemon	BS 2760-2765.53
Hebrews	BS 2770-2775.53
James	BS 2780-2785.53
1 & 2 Peter, Jude	BS 2790-2795.53
1, 2 & 3 John	BS 2800-2805.53
Jude	BS 2810-2815.5
Revelation	BS 2820-2825.5

Apocrypha

1-2 Esdras	BS 1711-1715.5
Tobit	BS 1721-1725.5
Wisdom of Solomon	BS 1751-1755.5
Ecclesiasticus	BS 1761-1765.5
Baruch	BS 1771-1775.5
Susanna	BS 1791-1795.5
1,2,3,4 Maccabees	BS 1821-1825.5

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