

Building a Library – Focus on the Old Testament

The following is a very subjective guide, reflecting my theological and literary interests. I haven't been able to read or even sample all the following, and I shall have missed many worthwhile additions to the list. In general don't hurry to buy books. I advise that you choose standard works which will be worthwhile reference books for years to come. The web is becoming increasingly useful, but most good commentaries are still firmly in copyright. Many are increasingly available on the web or as elements of a software package (e) or as ebooks (eb) – it's particularly hard to keep up with this category.

Guides

There are a couple of useful guides to OT books and commentaries.

Glynn, J. and D.L. Bock, *Commentary & Reference Survey: A Comprehensive Guide to Biblical and Theological Resources* (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Academic & Professional, 2007). – comprehensive, though annotation is limited and rigidly applied

Longman, T., *Old Testament Commentary Survey* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2007).

The Biblical Studies Bulletin (free with subscription to the Grove biblical series) also has an excellent series of articles on the best commentaries on particular books. Much of it is available online (via <http://www.grovebooks.co.uk/>).

Sources of Books

It is sometimes cheaper to buy from the US. The main sources are:

<http://www.dovebook.com/>

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/>

<http://www.eisenbrauns.com/>

<http://www.amazon.com/>

<http://www.christianbook.com/>

For second hand, Eisenbrauns and Dove have lists. For secondhand books try amazon or www.abebooks.com

Modern Bible Versions (get a version with the apocrypha, if possible)

NRSV	New Revised Standard Version - the first to take inclusive language seriously, but sometimes clunkily
REB	Revised English Bible - scholarly, often different, very good
NJB	The New Jerusalem Bible - RC tradition with integrated apocrypha; there is a massive and useful study version
Tanak/NJPS	The standard Jewish version (Hebrew Bible only of course) - an independent translation, translating the Masoretic Text rather than any emended version
NLT	New Living Translation – often interesting; solid scholarly evangelical work
NIV	New International Version - The Standard Evangelical Bible, not quite infallible; in fact, it's approach to translation is often unfathomable
ESV	English Standard Version – conservative revision of the RSV

It is helpful to compare several versions. There are several web sites that do this. Valuable is *The Complete Parallel Bible*, Oxford: OUP, 1993. - NRSV, REB, NAB, NJB in one. I never use it now since they're all more easily consulted electronically. I also consult GNB, RV, AV. The Message is a fun but idiosyncratic interpretation rather than a translation or even a paraphrase. CEV is the most dumbed down version around and one I dislike intensely.

One volume Bible commentaries

Barton, J. and J. Muddiman, ed. *The Oxford Bible Commentary*. Oxford University Press, 2001. – scholarly standard work

Brown, R.E., J.A. Fitzmeyer, and R.E. Murphy, ed., *The New Jerome Biblical Commentary*. Eaglewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall, 1990. – scholarly, from RC perspective; often rather dry; good set of articles; includes apocrypha

Carson, D.A., R.T. France, J.A. Motyer, and G.J. Wenham, ed. *New Bible Commentary: 21st Century Edition*. 4th ed., IVP, 1994. - introductory level; solid, conservative, rather brief; e

Henry, M., *Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible: Complete and Unabridged in One Volume*. Peabody, MS: Hendrickson, 1991 (1706-21). - golden oldy, not critical but lots of insight; on the web

Introductions – see also below under commentaries

- Birch, B.C., W. Brueggemann, T.E. Fretheim, and D.L. Petersen. *A Theological Introduction to the Old Testament*. Abingdon Press, 1999. – theological bent, no pictures or diagrams
- Longman, T. and R.B. Dillard, *An Introduction to the OT* (2nd ed.; Nottingham: Apollos, 2007). - good, brief
- Childs, B.S., *Introduction to the Old Testament as Scripture*. London: SCM, 1979. - always stimulating
- LaSor, W. S., D. A. Hubbard, and F. W. Bush. *Old Testament Survey: The Message, Form, and Background of the Old Testament*. 2nd ed., Eerdmans, 1996. – the standard conservative survey, not too exciting
- Alter, R., and F. Kermode, ed., *The Literary Guide to the Bible* (London: Collins, 1987). – stimulating articles
- Ryken, L., and T. Longman III, ed., *A Complete Literary Guide to the Bible* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1993).

Introduction to reading narrative and poetry

- Marguerat, D. and Y. Bourquin, *How to Read Bible Stories: An Introduction to Narrative Criticism* (London: SCM, 1999). – wonderful sophisticated fun
- Fokkelman, J.P., *Reading Biblical Narrative: An Introductory Guide* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 1999). - excellent
- Fokkelman, J.P., *Reading Biblical Poetry: An introductory guide* (1st ed.; Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2001). - another excellent discussion
- Futato, M.D., *Interpreting the Psalms: An Exegetical Handbook* (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 2007). - Fine survey; includes comments on preaching.
- Ryken, L., *Words of Delight: A Literary Introduction to the Bible* (2nd ed.; Grand Rapids: Baker, 1987). – insightful survey of the various genres
- Alter, R., *The Art of Biblical Poetry* (New York: Basic Books, 1985). – original, wonderful readings
- Sternberg, M. *The Poetics of Biblical Narrative: Ideological Literature and the Drama of Reading*. Indiana University Press, 1985. – magnificent, complex, sophisticated, demanding, for the brave
- Jeffrey, D.L., ed., *A Dictionary of Biblical Tradition in English Literature* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1993). – superb resource for relevant poetry and literature related to the Bible.

Atlases

- Aharoni, Y. and Karta. *The Carta Bible Atlas*. Carta, 2002. - excellent maps to accompany particular books and passages.
- Rogerson, J., *The New Atlas of the Bible*. London: MacDonald & Co., 1985. - innovative geographical approach

Essential background texts

- Martínez, F.G. *The Dead Sea Scrolls Translated: The Qumran Texts in English*. Brill; Grand Rapids : Eerdmans, 1996. – there is also a Hebrew/English two volume edition; e
- Vermes, G. *The Complete Dead Sea Scrolls in English*. Penguin 1998. – good translation
- Pritchard, J.B., ed., *Ancient Near Eastern Texts Relating to the Old Testament* (3rd with Supplement edn; Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1969). – now somewhat dated but still a standard
- Pritchard, J.B., ed., *The Ancient Near East in Pictures Relating to the Old Testament* (2nd with Supplement edn; Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1969). – standard reference work
- Hallo, William W., and K. Lawson Younger, *The Context of Scripture 3 Vols.* (Leiden: Brill, 1997, 1998, 2002). – standard work; expensive; e

Bible Dictionaries

- Vanhoozer, Kevin J., et al., *Dictionary for Theological Interpretation of the Bible* (London; Grand Rapids, Mich.: SPCK Baker Academic, 2005). – extremely thoughtful, critical and evangelical
- Ryken, L., J.C. Wilhoit, and Tremper Longman III, ed., *Dictionary of Biblical Imagery* (Leicester: IVP, 1998). – not a theology, but an invaluable resource for preachers e
- Buttrick, G.A., ed., *The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible. 5 vols* Abingdon, 1962/1976. - beginning to date, but solid and informative; the supplement has many key articles; new edition in progress e
- Freedman, D.N., ed., *Anchor Bible Dictionary. 6 vols*; Doubleday, 1992. - comprehensive, but unfortunately often not as good as Buttrick on word studies and theology; selection and length of articles often eccentric e

Concordances and Lexicons

- Computer versions are now standard. Any of the basic packages will do the basics. Accordance is arguably the best computer concordance; written for the Mac but there is an emulator available. Bibleworks, Logos are pc

programs. On many matters biblical and computing see the superb technical articles by David Instone-Brewer at Tyndale House <http://www.tyndale.cam.ac.uk/Tyndale/TTech.htm>

Lexicons

TDOT - Theological Dictionary of the OT, 16 vols. (eventually!); standard reference work

NIDOTTE - *New International Dictionary of OT Theology and Exegesis* 5 vols., Zondervan, 1997. – variable, but solid; e

TLOT – Theological Lexicon of the OT (3 vols); very useful, e

TWOT – Theological Wordbook of the OT (2 vols.); often too brief to be much help; e

Theology

Goldingay, J., *Old Testament Theology: 3 vols* (Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 2003, 2006, 2009?). – always stimulating, though quite discursive

Brueggemann, W., *Theology of the Old Testament: Testimony, Dispute, Advocacy* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 1997). – a flawed masterpiece

Wright, C.J.H., *The Mission of God: Unlocking the Bible's Grand Narrative* (Downers Grove, Ill.: IVP Academic, 2006).

Brueggemann, W., *Old Testament Theology: Essays in Structure, Theme, and Text*. Fortress, 1992. - a key selection of articles by the best OT theologian around

The theologies by Eichrodt and Von Rad are classics, but now rather dated but still have plenty of insight.

Preuss, H. D. *Old Testament Theology* 2 vols. Westminster John Knox, 1995, 1996. - critical modern theology

Childs, B.S., *Old Testament Theology in a Canonical Context*. London: SCM, 1985. - stimulating, unsystematic
Overtures to Biblical Theology (Fortress Press) - generally stimulating and provocative.

Interpreting the Bible

Fee, G.D. and D. Stewart, *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth: A Guide to Understanding the Bible* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1981). – excellent basic intro.

Tate, W.R., *Biblical Interpretation: An Integrated Approach* (rev. ed.; Peabody, MS: Hendrickson, 1997). – a clear, graceful intro.

Moberly, R.W.L. *The Bible, Theology, and Faith: A Study of Abraham and Jesus*. Cambridge University Press, 2000. – a sophisticated Christian approach

Roncace, M. and P. Gray, *Teaching the Bible: Practical Strategies for Classroom Instruction* (Resources for Biblical Study 49; Atlanta, Ga.: Society of Biblical Literature, 2005). – invaluable resource for teachers

Roncace, M. and P. Gray, *Teaching the Bible through Popular Culture and the Arts* (Resources for Biblical Study 53; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2007). – invaluable resource for teachers

Ethics

Wright, C.J.H., *Old Testament Ethics for the People of God* (Leicester: IVP, 2004). – excellent; e/c

Janzen, W. *Old Testament Ethics: A Paradigmatic Approach* (Westminster/John Knox, 1994). - outstanding

Webb, W. J., *Slaves, Women & Homosexuals: Exploring the Hermeneutics of Cultural Analysis* (Downers Grove, Ill., InterVarsity Press, 2001). – impressive approach methodologically e/c

Preaching on the OT

Davis, E.F., *Wondrous Depth: Preaching the Old Testament* (Louisville, Ky.: Westminster John Knox, 2005). - wondrous uplifting discussion

Greidanus, S., *Preaching Christ from the Old Testament: A Contemporary Hermeneutical Method* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999). - emphasizes Christological approach

Achtemeier, E., *Preaching from the Old Testament*. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 1989. - older approach

Commentaries

The scholarly series that are of most value to the preacher are probably *Interpretation*, *New International Biblical Commentary* and the new IVP *Apollos* commentaries. The *New Interpreter's Bible* (12 vols., e) also has a great number of excellent commentaries. The Word commentary (e) is usually solid, but often technical and with relatively little theological reflection. I have omitted the very large commentaries, since these are often technical, expensive, and demand time to get acquainted with (but the Hermeneia (e) and Continental Commentaries are often outstanding). Some of the Tyndale commentaries are very good (and others not so

good!) but the whole series can often be picked up cheaply. If you want an up-to-date survey of the critical field for a particular book, practically all of the JSOT OT Guides are excellent, and have useful theological overviews. The following are classified as shorter (s), medium-size (m), longer (l). 'highly recommended' means I haven't looked at it but heard good reports. Don't forget to consult older classics, such as

Matthew Henry (<http://www.ccel.org/ccel/henry/mhc.i.html>)

Calvin (http://www.ccel.org/c/calvin/comment3/comm_index.htm).

Pentateuch

Wenham, G. J., *Exploring the Old Testament. Vol. 1: The Pentateuch*, 2003. – excellent introduction
Clines, D.J.A., *The Theme of the Pentateuch* (2nd. ed.; JSOTSS 10; Sheffield: JSOT Press, 1997). – brilliant, clear and very helpful

Fretheim, T.E., *The Pentateuch* (Interpreting Biblical Texts; Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1996). – excellent holistic reading

Baker, D. W. and T. D. Alexander (ed.), 2002. *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch*, Leicester, IVP. – very good set of articles; sometimes set out conservative views

Wenham, G.J., *Genesis 2 vols.* Word; Waco, TX: Word Publishing, 1987, 1994. m - solid, scholarly e

Brueggemann, W., *Genesis*. Interpretation; Atlanta: John Knox, 1982. m - theological, independent

Hamilton, V.P., *The Book of Genesis 2 vols.* (NICOTT; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990, 1995). l – good, solid, conservative

Sarna, N., *Understanding Genesis* (New York: Schocken, 1978). s – a fine Jewish commentary

Fretheim, T.E., *Exodus*. Interpretation; Louisville: John Knox, 1991. m - superb theological treatment

Bruckner, J.K., *Exodus* (NIBC; Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2008). – s good all-round guide

Durham, J.I., *Exodus*. Word; Waco, TX: Word, 1987. m - good, but rather single-minded focus on presence e

Larsson, G., *Bound for Freedom: The Book of Exodus in Jewish and Christian Traditions* (Hendrickson, 1999). – m recommended

Sarna, N. M., *Exploring Exodus* (New York: Schocken, 1986). s – fine Jewish perspective

Balentine, S. E., *Leviticus*, Louisville, John Knox Press, 2002. m – vg introductory commentary

Wenham, G.J., *The Book of Leviticus*. NICOT; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1979. m - helpful, good excurses

Hartley, J.E. *Leviticus*. Word, 1992. - full, positive e

Milgrom, J. *Leviticus*. 3 vols. Doubleday, 1991, 2000, 2001. – candidate for one of the greatest commentaries of the last 100 years, but expensive, 2500 pages; from a Jewish perspective; briefer 1 vol. available.

Ashley, T.R., *The Book of Numbers*. NICOT; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1993. m - conservative, full

Wenham, G.J., *Numbers*. TOTC; Leicester: 1982. s - helpful with an eye to theology

Olson, D. T. *Numbers*. Interpretation; John Knox, 1996. m - excellent on structure and theology

Miller, P.D., *Deuteronomy*. Interpretation; Louisville: John Knox, 1990. m - fine theological treatment

Wright, C. J. H. *Deuteronomy*. NIBC; Hendrickson, 1996. m - vg for preachers

McConville, G.J., *Deuteronomy* (AOTC; Leicester: Apollos, 2002). m – vg

Historical Books

Arnold, Bill T., and H. G. M. Williamson, *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books* (Downers Grove, Ill. ; Leicester: Inter-Varsity Press, 2005). – excellent set of articles; sometimes conservative

Auld, A.G., *Joshua, Judges and Ruth*. DSB; Edinburgh: Saint Andrew Press, 1984. s - brief but incisive

Butler, T.C., *Joshua*. Word; Waco, TX: Word Publishing, 1983. m – conservative e

Hess, R. *Joshua*. IVP, 1996. s – archaeological and literary interests

Hamlin, E.J., *At Risk in the Promised Land: A Commentary on the Book of Judges* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990). M – highly recommended

McCann, J.C., *Judges* (Interpretation; Louisville, Ky.: John Knox Press, 2002). m - vg

Brueggemann, W., *First and Second Samuel*. Interpretation; Louisville: John Knox, 1990. m - very good

Tsumura, David Toshio, *The First Book of Samuel* (NICOT; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007). – full and helpful

Nelson, R.D., *First and Second Kings*. Interpretation; Atlanta: John Knox, 1987. m - very good

Provan, I. *1 and 2 Kings*. Hendrickson, 1995. m – full of insight, canonical reading
Sweeney, M.A., *I & II Kings: A Commentary* (OTL; Louisville, Ky.: WJK, 2007). m solid Jewish writer

Selman, M., *Chronicles*. 2 vols. TOTC; Leicester: IVP, 1993. s - conservative, positive
Williamson, H.G.M. *1 and 2 Chronicles*. 1982. m – vg
Japhet, S. *1 and 2 Chronicles*. SCM, 1993. l – fine treatment from a learned Jewish writer
Williamson, H. G. M. *Ezra, Nehemiah*. Word, 1985. l - excellent

Wisdom etc.

Lucas, E., *Exploring the Old Testament Volume 3: Psalms and Wisdom Literature* (London: SPCK, 2003). – excellent introduction

Crenshaw, J.L., *Old Testament Wisdom: An Introduction* (Westminster/John Knox, 1998). – fine liberal intro.
Kidner, D., *Wisdom to Live By: An Introduction to the Old Testament's Wisdom Books of Proverbs, Job and Ecclesiastes* (Leicester: IVP, 1985). – good conservative intro.
Longman, T. and P. Enns, *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Wisdom, Poetry and Writings* (Downers Grove, IL; Nottingham: InterVarsity, 2008). – fine set of articles; sometimes conservative

Murphy, R. *Proverbs*. Word Publishing, 1998. m – fine treatment, excellent general discussions
Hubbard, D.A., *Proverbs* (Dallas: Word, 1989). m – good and fairly full
Whybray, R.N., *Proverbs*. NCB; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1995. m - good modern commentary
Aitken, K.T., *Proverbs*. DSB; Edinburgh: Saint Andrew Press, 1986. s - good word studies
Kidner, D., *Proverbs*. TOTC; Leicester: IVP, 1964. s - elegant word studies

Clines, D.J.A., *Job 3 vols*. Word; Waco, TX: Word, 1989, 2006, 2009?. l – outstanding exegesis; scholarly e
Habel, N., *Job: A Commentary*. OTL; London: SCM, 1985. m - legal perspective emphasized
Janzen, J.G., *Job* (Interpretation; Atlanta: John Knox Press, 1985). M – full of insight
Balentine, S.E., *Job* (The Smyth & Helwys Bible Commentary; Macon, Ga.: Smyth & Helwys Pub., 2006). – m evocative

Murphy, R.E., *Ecclesiastes*. Word; Waco, TX: Word, 1992. m – standard balanced treatment
Whybray, R.N., *Ecclesiastes*. NCBC; London: Marshall Morgan & Scott, 1989. m - very positive approach
Eaton, M., *Ecclesiastes*. TOTC; Leicester: IVP, 1983. s - solid conservative
Ogden, G., *Qoheleth* (Readings A New Biblical Commentary; Sheffield: JSOT Press, 1987). m – highly rec.

Carr, G.L., *The Song of Solomon*. TOTC; Leicester: IVP, 1984. s - useful sober approach
Snaith, J., *Song of Songs*. NCB; London: Marshall Morgan & Scott, 1993. m – solid

Berlin, A., *Lamentations: A Commentary* (OTL; Louisville, Ky.; London: Westminster John Knox Press, 2002).
Provan, I., *Lamentations*. NCB; London: Marshall Pickering, 1991. m - good on a difficult book

Campbell, E.F., *Ruth*. Anchor Bible; New York: Doubleday, 1975. m - graceful
Hubbard, R.L., Jr., *The Book of Ruth*. NICOT; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1988. l – excellent literary reading
Baldwin, J.G., *Esther*. TOTC; Leicester: IVP, 1984. s - solid, positive
Bush, F. *Ruth, Esther*. Word Publishing, 1996. m – good, full discussion

Psalms

Mays, J.L., *Psalms*. Interpretation; Atlanta: John Knox, 1994. m – excellent theological commentary
Broyles, Craig C., *Psalms* (NIBCOT 11; Peabody, Mass./Carlisle, U.K.: Hendrickson/Paternoster Press, 1999). good
Goldingay, J., *Psalms 3 vols*. (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2006, 2007, 2009?). – m highly recommended
Allen, L.C., *Psalms 101-150*. Word; Waco, TX: Word Publishing, 1983. m - the 3 Word comms. are standard
Craigie, P.C., *Psalms 1-50*. Word; Waco, TX: Word Publishing, 1983. m
Tate, M.E., *Psalms 51-100*. Word; Waco, TX: Word Publishing, 1990. m
Brueggemann, W., *The Message of the Psalms*. Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1984. s – brief, selective, full of insight
Brueggemann, W., *The Psalms and the Life of Faith*, ed. P.D. Miller (Minneapolis: Fortress, 1995). – ground-breaking

Keel, O., *The Symbolism of the Biblical World: Ancient Near East Iconography in the Book of the Psalms*. SPCK, 1978. - innovative approach through pictures, symbols; not just useful for the psalms
Hossfeld, Frank-Lothar, Erich Zenger, Linda M. Maloney, and Klaus Baltzer. *Psalms 2: A Commentary on Psalms 51-100* Hermeneia--a Critical and Historical Commentary on the Bible. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2005. 1

Prophets

McConville, J. Gordon, *Exploring the Old Testament Vol. 4: The Prophets* (London: SPCK, 2002).
Blenkinsopp, J., *A History of Prophecy in Israel: From the Settlement in the Land to the Hellenistic Period* (rev. ed.; WKJ, 1996). – standard critical survey
Heschel, A.J., *The Prophets* (New York: Jewish Publication Society of America, 1962). – an exciting treatment from a Jewish point of view
Brueggemann, W., *The Prophetic Imagination*. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1978. - excellent, brief general intro.
Brueggemann, W., *Hopeful Imagination: Prophetic Voices in Exile*. London: SCM, 1986. – insightful

Goldingay, John, *Isaiah* (NIBC13; Peabody, Mass ; Carlisle: Hendrickson Publishers : Paternoster Press, 2001). – s useful, though inevitably limited by space
Williamson, H.G.M., *A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on Isaiah 1–27, Vol. 1 Isaiah 1–5* (Icc; London: T&T Clark, 2006). 1 – superb critical discussion, based on the Hebrew text
Seitz, C.R., *Isaiah 1-39* (Interpretation; Atlanta: John Knox, 1993). – highly rec.
Goldingay, John, *The Message of Isaiah 40-55: A Literary-Theological Commentary* (London: T & T Clark, 2005). 1 – excellent, although limited comments on the text (which went into his 2 vol. ICC commentary),
Hanson, P. D., *Isaiah 40-66* (Louisville: John Knox P, 1995). – full of insight
Westermann, C., *Isaiah 40-66: A Commentary*. OTL; London: SCM, 1969. m - good on form
Brueggemann, W., *Isaiah 2 Vols.* (Louisville, Ky.: Westminster John Knox, 1998). - always good value

Longman III, T., *Jeremiah* (NIBC; Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2008). M – conservative solid guide
Clements, R.E., *Jeremiah*. Interpretation; Atlanta: John Knox, 1988. m – critical but positive
Brueggemann, W. *A Commentary on Jeremiah: Exile and Homecoming*. Grand Rapids, 1998. – often evocative

Allen, L.C., *Ezekiel 2 vols.* Word; Waco, TX: Word, 1994, 1990. m - scholarly, an eye to the theology
Block, D.I., *The Book of Ezekiel 2 vols.*(Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1997, 1998). – excellent, full treatment
Duguid, I.M., *Ezekiel* (NIV Application Commentary; Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan, 1999). M

Goldingay, J.E., *Daniel*. Word; Dallas, TX: Word Books, 1989. 1 - 6th c dating; good on theology and form e
Lucas, E., *Daniel* (AOTC; Leicester: Apollos, 2002). m – vg

Stuart, D., *Hosea-Jonah*. Word; Waco, TX: Word Publishing, 1987. m - good and full treatment e
Achteemeier, E., *Minor Prophets, vol. 1: Hosea-Micah* (NIBC; Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1996). – good, positive treatment
Davies, G.I., *Hosea*. NCB; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1992. m - solid
Hubbard, D.A., *Joel and Amos*. TOTC; Leicester: IVP, 1989. s
Allen, L.C., *The Books of Joel, Obadiah, Jonah, and Micah*. NICOT; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1976. m - excellent, warm commentary
Jenson, P.P., *Obadiah, Jonah, Micah: A Theological Commentary* (LHBOTS 496; New York/London: Continuum, 2008). – m might be reasonable; unfortunately an expensive series
Limburg, J. *Jonah*. SCM, 1993. m – good comm. plus a fascinating set of interpretations at the back
Sasson, J. M. *Jonah*. Anchor Bible, Doubleday, 1990. 1 - very extensive, but full of interest
Sherwood, Y., *A Biblical Text and its Afterlives: The Survival of Jonah in Western Culture* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000).– a stunning study for those prepared for a challenge
Baldwin, J.G., *Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi*. TOTC; Leicester: IVP, 1972. s – old now, but still worthwhile

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Let me have further recommendations and comments!