

**Recommended Resources<sup>1</sup>**

## Biblical Commentary/Background

- ★ Study Bible
  - ESV Study Bible
  - NIV Biblical Theology Study Bible
- ★ A Bible Atlas (e.g., *The IVP Atlas of Bible History*, *The Basic Bible Atlas*)
- ★ A Bible Dictionary (e.g., *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*, *Baker Illustrated Bible Dictionary*)  
— not Google?
- An Old Testament Survey
  - *An Introduction to the Old Testament* by Tremper Longman III & Raymond Dillard
  - *Encountering the Old Testament* by Bill Arnold & Bryan Beyer
- Commentary Series
  - These vary book by book but the following are generally good commentaries written by scholars but directed for lay readership:
  - Tyndale Old Testament Commentary (TOTC)
  - New American Commentary (NAC)
  - Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary (CCEC)
  - NIV Application Commentary (NIVAC)
  - More Advanced
    - Word Biblical Commentary (WBC)
    - New International Commentary on the Old Testament (NICOT)
    - Baker Commentary on the Old Testament (only some volumes)

## Biblical Interpretation

- *How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth* by Gordon Fee & Douglas Stuart
- *How to Read the Bible in Changing Times: Understanding and Applying God's Word Today* by Mark Strauss
- *How to Preach and Teach the Old Testament for All It's Worth* by Christopher Wright

## (Free) Online resources

- [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com) — good for translation comparison
- [blueletterbible.org](http://blueletterbible.org) — good for searching/word searches
- [thebibleproject.com](http://thebibleproject.com) — good video overviews of books/topics

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<sup>1</sup> Caution: The absolute best thing that you can do is read the Bible, and read it a lot. To an extent, if you are unfamiliar with Scripture, these tools may just confuse you. They are tools, and we need to learn also how to use them appropriately in our study.