

Exegesis Guide: MLA Format

(based on the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 6th ed.).

Interpreter's Bible Commentary (IB)	Anchor Bible Dictionary
Expositor's Bible Commentary (EBC)	The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible
Barclays. <u>A Daily Study Bible.</u>	Vine's Expository Dictionary
The Wesleyan Bible Commentary	Word Meanings in the New Testament
New Interpreter's Bible Commentary	Word Studies in the New Testament
Interpretation	Online Aggregated Databases
Word Biblical Commentary	Internet Sources
Tyndale New Testament Commentaries	
The International Critical Commentary	
Cambridge Bible Commentary	

A. QUOTING (based on the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 6th ed.).

1. "If a quotation runs to more than four typed lines, set it off from your text by beginning a new line, indenting one inch (or ten spaces if you are using a typewriter) from the left margin, and typing it double-spaced, without adding quotation marks" (MLA 110).
2. "You are guilty of plagiarism if you half-copy the author's sentences – either by mixing the author's well chosen phrases without using quotation marks or by plugging your own synonyms into the author's sentence structure." (*Rules for Writers* by Diana Hacker. 3rd ed., p. 356).
3. Consider the use of all dates and numbers as direct quotes. Dates are not usually common knowledge and require listing sources.
4. When citing Scripture references use the following format (NIV, Matthew 3:15).

B. PARENTHETICAL REFERENCING (*MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 6th ed., 6.3)

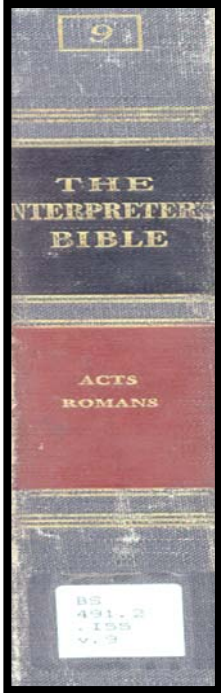
1. Author's name used in the sentence: Howard states that the gospel of John is "a witness to truth, or the divine reality made known in Jesus Christ" (437).
2. Author's name not mentioned in the sentence: The Gospel of John "is a witness to truth, or the divine reality made known in Jesus Christ" (Howard 437).
3. Thought taken from author without direct quotation: The truth is God makes himself known completely in the person of Jesus Christ (Howard 437).

C. Examples of How to Cite a Text in the Works Cited Page

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*Note: All citations are double-spaced

Primary Sources



1. Interpreter's Bible Commentary (IB)

A. Author: Each book of the Bible is covered by a different author.

Example: The Epistle to the ROMANS
Introduction and Exegesis by John Knox
Exposition by **Gerald R. Gragg**

Only the *Introduction* and *Exegesis* should be used.
The *Exposition* is not to be used.

B. Interpreter's Bible Commentary (IB) MLA citation samples -

*Note: Each section's author is listed separately.

Knox, John. "The Book of Romans, Introduction and Exegesis." The Interpreter's Bible. Vol. 9. New York: Abingdon Press, 1952. 12 vols.

McCullough, W. Stewart. "The Book of Psalms, Introduction." The Interpreter's Bible. Vol. 4. New York: Abingdon Press, 1955. 12 vols.

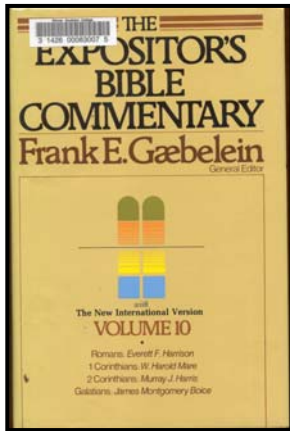
Taylor, William R. "The Book of Psalms, Exegesis Psalm 100." The Interpreter's Bible. Vol. 4. New York: Abingdon Press, 1955. 12 vols.

McCullough, W. Stewart. "The Book of Psalms, Exegesis Psalm 139." The Interpreter's Bible. Vol. 4. New York: Abingdon Press, 1955. 12 vols.

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(Knox 355).

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2. Expositor's Bible Commentary (EBC)

A. Author: Each book of the Bible is covered by a different author.

Example: *Romans* by Everett P. Harrison

B. Expositor's Bible Commentary (EBC) MLA citation samples -

Sailhamer, John H. "Genesis." Expositor's Bible Commentary. Vol. 2. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing Company, 1976. 12 vols.

Harrison, Everett F. "Romans." Expositor's Bible Commentary. Vol. 10. Grand Rapids, Michigan: The Zondervan Corporation, 1976. 12 vols.

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(Harrison 9).

D. Expositor's Bible Commentary on CD

Wessel, Walter W. "Mark, Introduction, Date." Expositor's Bible Commentary. CD-ROM. Zondervan, 1998.

[**Note:** In the title section of the entry, first list the Book of the Bible, then list the essay title or list the word "Commentary" if using verse by verse analysis, then list the name of the essay section or passage heading along with chapter and verse. **Also Note:** If you use this resource, you will have to find the corresponding author for a particular section by using the print commentary set found in the reference stacks. The CD-ROM product does not list the authors of commentary sections. Also, the reason you must list section or passage headings is because the CD-ROM product does not include page numbers.]

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3. **A. Barclays. A Daily Study Bible samples –**

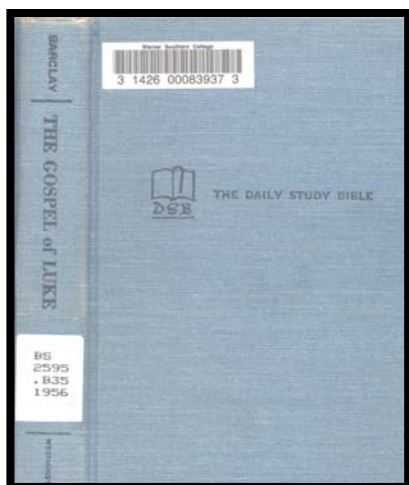
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4. A. The Wesleyan Bible Commentary samples –

Wilber, T. Dayton. “The Epistle of Paul to the Romans.” The Wesleyan Bible Commentary. Vol. 5. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1966. 7 vols.

Earle, Ralph. “The Gospel According to St. Matthew.” The Wesleyan Bible Commentary. Vol. 4. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1966. 7 vols.

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5. A. New Interpreter’s Bible Commentary

Wright, N. T. “The Letter to the Romans.” The New Interpreter’s Bible Commentary. Vol. 10. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2002. 12 vols.

Sampley, J. Paul. “The Second Letter to the Corinthians.” The New Interpreter’s Bible Commentary. Vol. 11. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2000. 12 vols.

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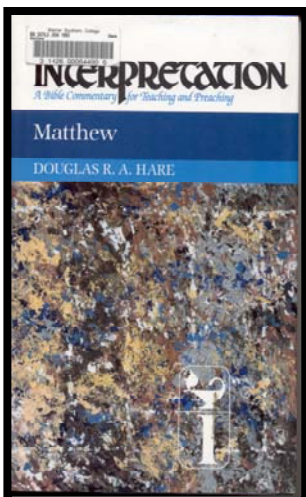
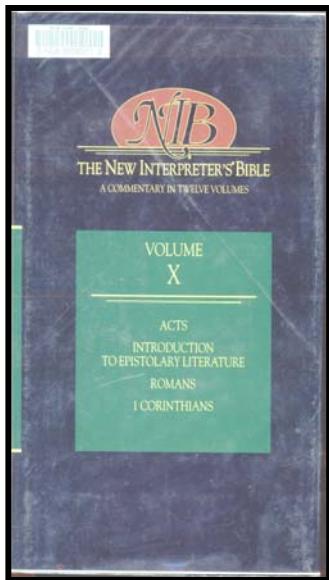
Hare, Douglas R.A. Matthew. Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching. Louisville, Kentucky: John Knox Press, 1993.

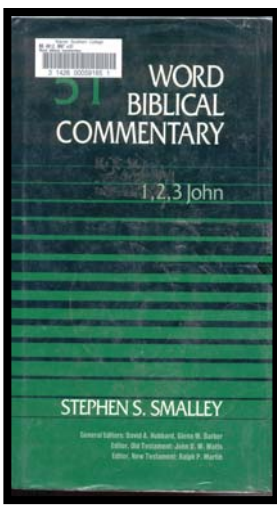
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7. A. Word Biblical Commentary

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Durham, John I. Exodus. Word Biblical Commentary. 3. Waco: Word, 1987.

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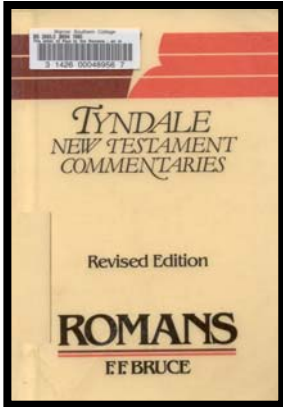
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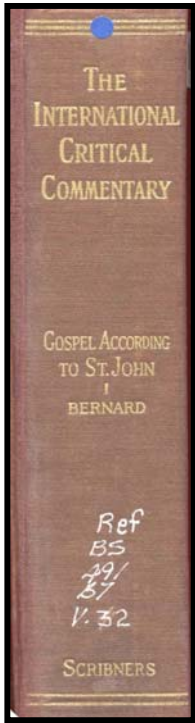
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9. A. The International Critical Commentary

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10. A. Cambridge Bible Commentary

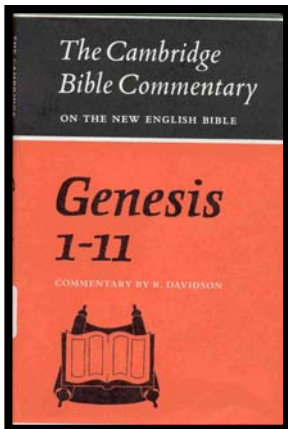
Hunter, A.M. The Gospel According to John. Cambridge Bible Commentary. London: Cambridge University Press, 1965.

Davidson, Robert. Genesis 1-11. Cambridge Bible Commentary. London: Cambridge University Press, 1973.

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Limburg, James. "Psalms, Book of." The Anchor Bible Dictionary. Vol. 5. New York: Doubleday, 1992. 6 vols.

Kysar, Robert. "John, The Gospel of." The Anchor Bible Dictionary. Vol. 3. New York: Doubleday, 1992. 6 vols.

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2. A. The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible

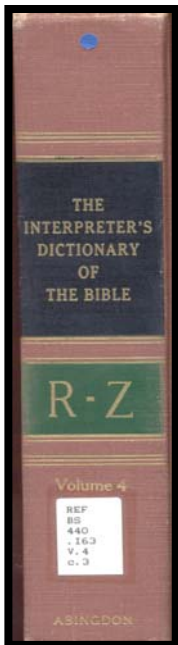
Beare, F.W. "Romans, Letter to the." The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible. Vol. 4. New York: Abingdon Press, 1962. 4 vols.

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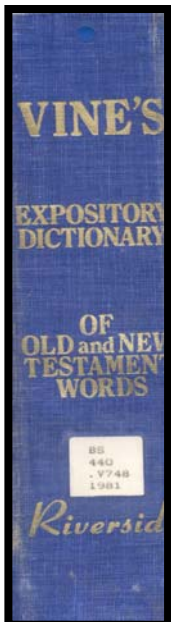
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3. Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words

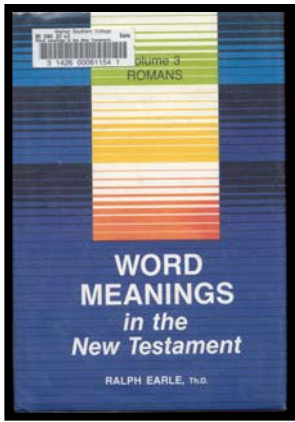
Vine, W. E. "Grace." Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words. Iowa Falls, Iowa: Riverside, 1981.

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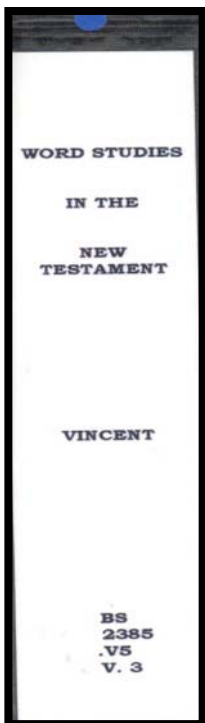
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