

**Ministry and Humanities Department
Biblical Research Information**

Exegesis Guide: MLA Format

(Based on the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 7th ed., 2009) and the preferences of the professors of the School of Ministry, Warner University.

Suggested Physical Resources in Our Library

Print Commentary Sets and Series

Baker Commentary on the Old Testament
Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible
Cambridge Bible Commentary
The Daily Study Bible (Craigie and Barclay)
Eerdmans' Critical Commentary
Expositor's Bible Commentary (EBC)
International Critical Commentary
Interpretation
Interpreter's Bible Commentary (IB)
New International Commentary on the Old Testament
New International Commentary on the New Testament
New Interpreter's Bible Commentary
Tyndale Old & New Testament Commentaries
The Wesleyan Bible Commentary
Word Biblical Commentary

Other Print Sources

Anchor Bible Dictionary
Ancient Christian Doctrine
The Dictionary of Historical Theology
The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible
The New International Dictionary of
New Testament Theology
Vine's Expository Dictionary
Word Meanings in the New Testament
Word Studies in the New Testament

Online Sources

PLRC Online Databases – *Ministry Matters*,
ProQuest Religious Periodicals, *ICL*
Net, *Oxford Reference Online Premium*
Collection
Internet Sources as approved by Professor

A. QUOTING (based on the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 7th Ed.).

1. "If a quotation runs to more than four lines when run into the text, 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 Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 7th ed., p. 94).
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

In-text citation: (*New Jerusalem Bible*, Ezek. 1:5-10).

Works Cited Page:

The New Jerusalem Bible. Henry Wansbrough, Ed. New York: Doubleday. 1985. Print

B. PARENTHETICAL REFERENCING (*MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 7th ed., 6.3)

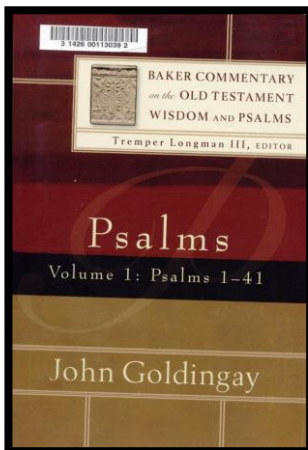
1. Author's name used in the sentence – EXAMPLE -- Howard states that the gospel of John is "a witness to truth or the divine reality made known in Jesus Christ" (216).
2. Author's name not mentioned in the sentence – EXAMPLE -- The Gospel of John "is a witness to truth, or the divine reality made known in Jesus Christ" (Howard 216).
3. Thought taken from author without direct quotation – EXAMPLE -- The truth is, God makes himself known completely in the person of Jesus Christ (Howard 216-217).

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

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***Note: Alphabetize (by author's last name) and double space all citations.**

Commentaries



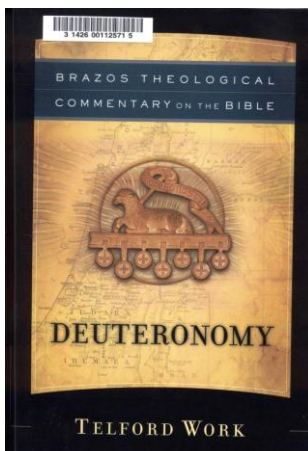
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Baker Commentary on the Old Testament

Goldingay, John. *The Psalms 1-41*. The Baker Commentary on the Old Testament. Vol. 1. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Academic, 2006. Print.

B. In-text Citation – Author and Page Number sample –

(Goldingay 94).



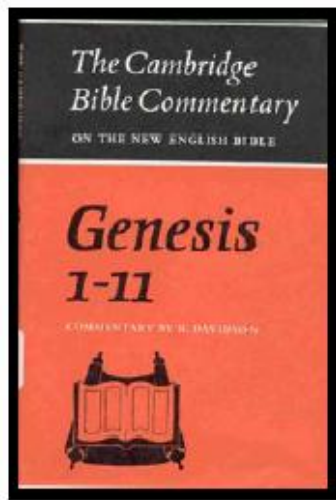
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Bazos Theological Commentary on the Bible

Work, Telford. *Deuteronomy*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Brazos Press, 2009. Print.

B. In-text Citation – Author and Page Number sample –

(Work 118).



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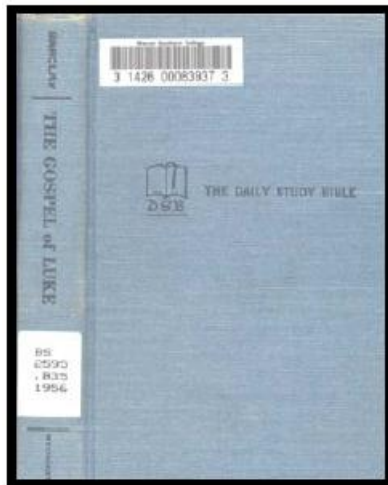
Cambridge Bible Commentary

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

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

B. In-text Citation – Author and Page Number sample –

(Hunter 25).



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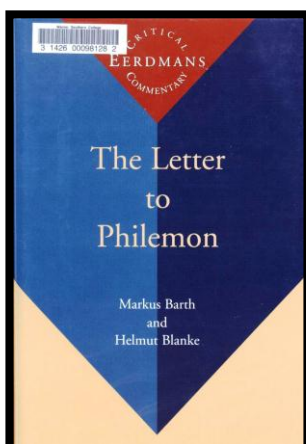
The Daily Study Bible samples –

Craigie, Peter C. *Ezekiel*. The Daily Study Bible Series. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1956. Print.

Barclay, William. *The Letter to the Romans*. The Daily Study Bible Series. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1975. Print.

B. In-text Citation – Author and Page Number sample –

(Barclay 117).



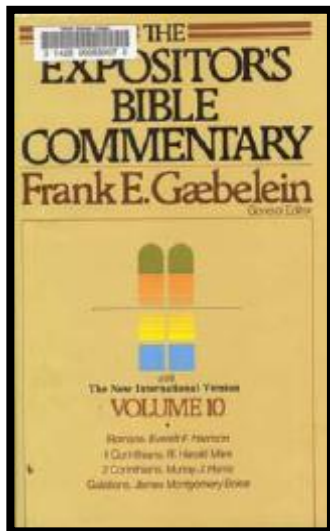
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The Eerdmans Critical Commentary

Barth, Markus, and Helmut Blanke. *The Letter to Philemon*. The Eerdmans Critical Commentary. Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2000. Print.

B. In-text Citation – Author and Page Number sample –

(Barth and Blanke 193).



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, 1976. 3-284. Print.

Harrison, Everett F. "Romans." *Expositor's Bible Commentary*. Vol. 10.

Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan, 1976. 3-171. Print.

C. In-text Citation – Author and Page Number sample –

(Harrison 9).

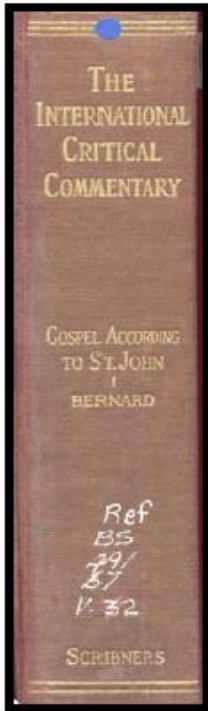
D. Expositor's Bible Commentary on CD

Wessel, Walter W. "Mark, Introduction, Date." *Expositor's Bible*

Commentary. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan, 2005. CD-ROM.

[**Note: for in-text citation:** Enter the author, list the book of the Bible, the section title: "Commentary," "Introduction," "Date," etc. If using verse-by-verse analysis, list the section and include the chapter and verse. **Example: Wessel, Mark 3:4.** The CD-ROM does not list the authors and articles do not have page numbers. Refer to the print copy on the shelf in the Reference Collection for this information when you use a direct quote: **Call # BS 491.2 .E96**, 12 vols.]

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The International Critical Commentary

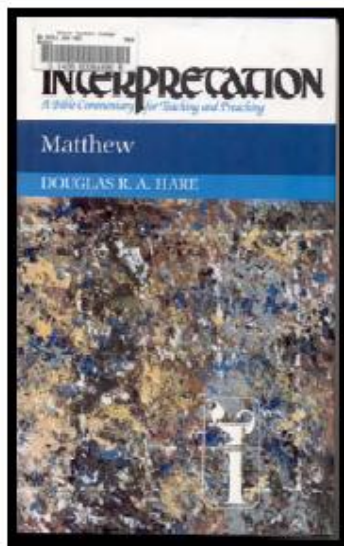
Plummer, Alfred. *The Gospel According to Saint Luke*. The International Critical Commentary. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1981. Print.

Cranfield, C.E.B. *The Epistle to the Romans I-VIII*. Vol. 1. The International Critical Commentary. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1975. Print.

Cranfield, C.E.B. *The Epistle to the Romans IX-XVI*. Vol. 2. The International Critical Commentary. Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1979. Print.

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(Cranfield 753).

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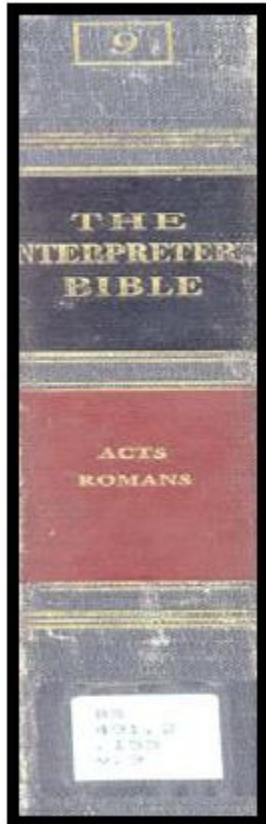
Interpretation

Hare, Douglas R.A. *Matthew*. Interpretation. Louisville, Kentucky: John Knox Press, 1993. Print.

Hays, Richard B. *First Corinthians*. Interpretation. Louisville, Kentucky: John Knox Press, 1997. Print.

B. In-text Citation – Author and Page Number sample –
(Hays 27).

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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 in an exegesis paper.

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

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

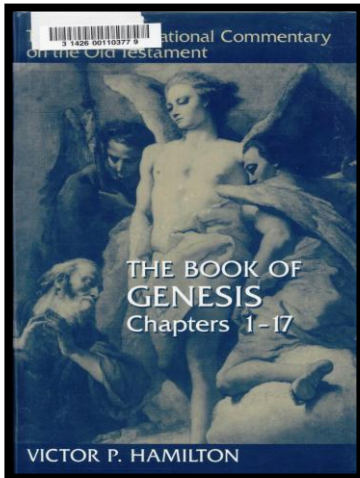
Knox, John. "The Book of Romans, Introduction and Exegesis." *The Interpreter's Bible*. Vol. 9. New York: Abingdon Press, 1952. 355-668. Print.

McCullough, W. Stewart. "The Book of Psalms, Introduction." *The Interpreter's Bible*. Vol. 4. New York: Abingdon Press, 1955. 3-17. Print.

Taylor, William R. "The Book of Psalms, Exegesis Psalm 100." *The Interpreter's Bible*. Vol. 4. New York: Abingdon Press, 1955. 532-535. Print.

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(Knox 355).



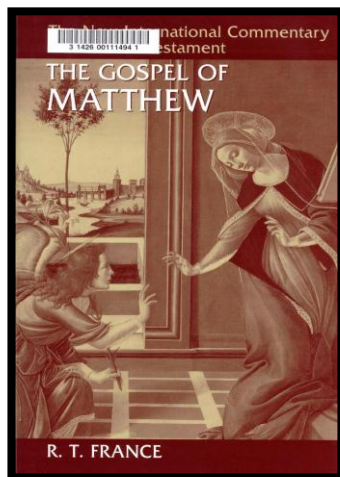
The New International Commentary on the Old Testament

Hamilton, Victor P. "The Book of Genesis Chapters 1-17." *The New International Commentary on the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1990. Print.

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(Hamilton 141).

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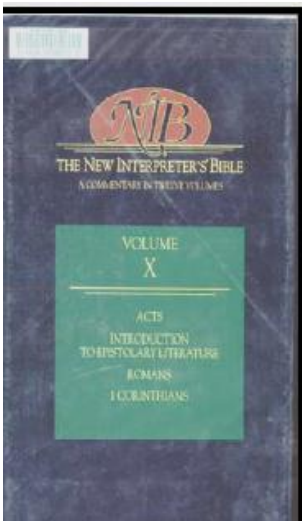
The New International Commentary on the New Testament

France, R. T. "The Gospel of Matthew." *The New International Commentary on the New Testament*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2007. Print.

B. In-text Citation – Author and Page Number sample –

(France 177).

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New Interpreter's Bible Commentary

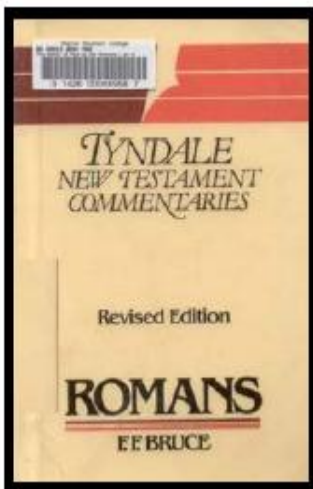
Clements, Ronald C. "The Book of Deuteronomy." *The New Interpreter's Bible Commentary*. Vol. 2. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1998. 269-552. Print.

Sampley, J. Paul. "The Second Letter to the Corinthians." *The New Interpreter's Bible Commentary*. Vol. 11. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2000. 3-180. Print.

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(Sampley 69).

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Tyndale Old and New Testament Commentaries

Bruce, F. F. *The Epistle of Paul to the Romans*. The Tyndale New Testament Commentaries. Leicester, England: Inter-Varsity Press, 1985. Print.

Bruce, F. F. *The Epistles of John*. The Tyndale New Testament Commentaries. Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1970. Print.

B. In-text Citation – Author and Page Number sample –

(Bruce 55).

Kidner, Derek. *Psalms 1-72*. The Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries. Downers Grove, Illinois: Inter-Varsity, 1973. Print.

Kidner, Derek. *Psalms 73-150*. The Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries. Downers Grove, Illinois: Inter-Varsity, 1973. Print.

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(Kidner 299).

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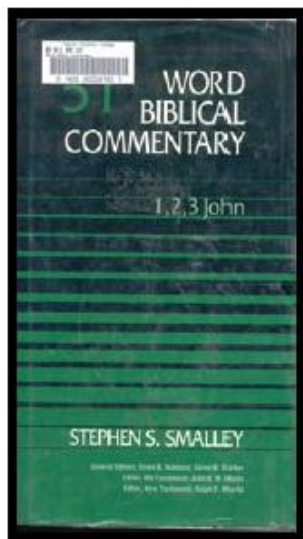
The Wesleyan Bible Commentary sample –

Dayton, Wilbur T. "The Epistle of Paul to the Romans." *The Wesleyan Bible Commentary*. Vol. 5. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1966. 3-99. Print.

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(Dayton 21).

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Word Biblical Commentary

Smalley, Stephen S. *1 John*. Word Biblical Commentary. Vol. 51. Waco: Word, 1984. Print.

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

B. In-text Citation – Author and Page Number sample –

(Durham 31).

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Other Sources: Biblical Dictionaries and Word Study Books

Note: No page numbers are required in the citation. (See page 160, 5.5.7 of the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 7th ed., 2009*).



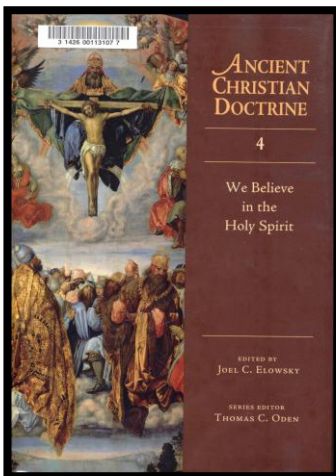
Anchor Bible Dictionary

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

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

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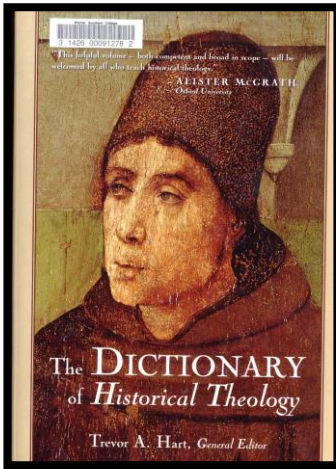


Ancient Christian Doctrine

Elowsky, Joel C., Ed. "We Believe in the Holy Spirit." *Ancient Christian Doctrine*. Vol. 4. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 2009. Print.

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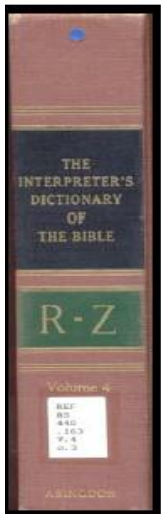


The Dictionary of Historical Theology

Yeago, David S. "Luther, Martin (1483-1546)." *The Dictionary of Historical Theology*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2000. Print.

B. In-text Citation – Author and Page Number sample –
(Yeago 331).

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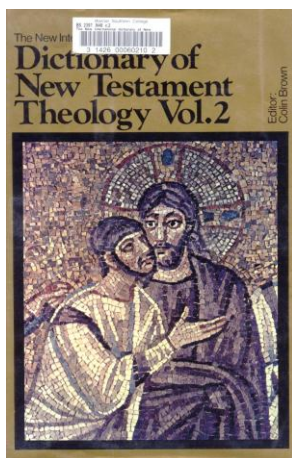


The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible

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

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(Beare 116).

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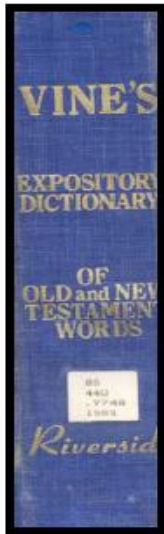


The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology

Ebel, G."Persecution." *The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology*. Vol. 2. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan, 1976. Print.

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(Ebel 805).

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Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words

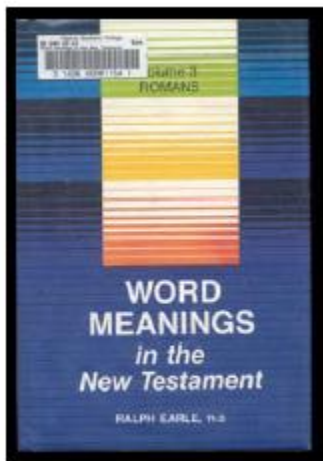
Vine, W. E. "Grace." *Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words*. Iowa Falls, Iowa: Riverside, 1981. Print.

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

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Word Meanings in the New Testament

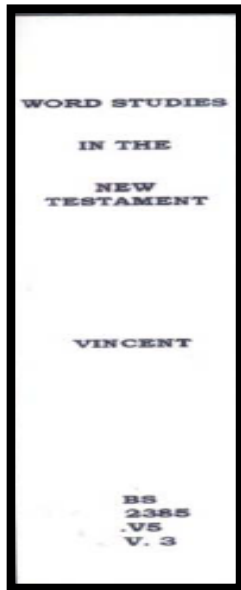
Earle, Ralph. "Blasphemy." *Word Meanings in the New Testament*. Kansas City, Missouri: Beacon Hill Press, 1974. Print.

Earle, Ralph. "Preaching." *Word Meanings in the New Testament*. Kansas City, Missouri: Beacon Hill Press, 1979. Print.

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Word Studies in the New Testament

Vincent, Marvin R. "The Epistle to the Romans." *Word Studies in the New Testament*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Wm. B. Eerdmann Publishing Co., 1946. Print.

B. In-text Citation – Author and Page Number sample –

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On-line Databases available from the Pontious LRC at

<http://www.warner.edu/index/lrc/eresources.asp>

Online Databases

(e.g. *Ministry Matters*, *ProQuest Religious Periodicals*, *ICL Net*, *Oxford Online Premium Collection*)

Note: For *Ministry Matters* citation examples, go to "How to Cite Ministry Matters" under [Biblical Research Information – MLA Format Citation Guides](#)

Pidcock-Lester, Karen. "Between Text and Sermon: John 5:1-9." *Interpretation* 59.1 (2005): 61-63. *ProQuest Religion*. Web. 21 Sept. 2012.

"Byrne, Brendan S. J. "Interpreting Romans: The New Perspective and Beyond." *Interpretation* 58.3 (2004): 241-252. *ProQuest Religion*. Web. 21 Sept. 2012.

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World Wide Web Sites

Wallace, Daniel B. "Mark 1:2 and New Testament Textual Criticism." *Biblical Studies Foundation*. 2005. Web. 29 May 2003.

<<http://bible.org/article/mark-12-and-new-testament-textual-criticism> >.

Robertson, A.T. "Unto Obedience of Faith." *Commentary on Romans 1.5*. *Robertson's Word Pictures of the New Testament*. n. p.: Bradman Press, 1960. *Bible Study Tools at Crosswalk.com*, 2005. Web. 4 March 2005.

<<http://www.biblestudytools.com/commentaries/robertsons-word-pictures/romans/romans-1-5.html>>.

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