

Core Seminars—How to Study the Bible
Class 13: Extra-Biblical Resources



I. Bible Commentaries

A. When to use them ...

B. When not to use them ...

C. What they provide ...

How To Study the Bible Schedule

- I. Section One: First Things
 - a. What is the Bible & is it Reliable?
 - b. The Inductive Study Method
- II. Section Two: Anatomy of the Bible
 - a. Studying the Old and New Testaments
 - b. Genres I: Narratives and Histories
 - c. Genres II: Poetic and Wisdom Writings
 - d. Genre III: Gospels/Epistles & Prophetic/Apocalyptic Literature
- III. Section III: Interpretive Tools
 - a. Purpose and Context
 - b. Structure and Parallels
 - c. Linking Words
 - d. Repetition
 - e. Using Commentaries & Other Resource
 - f. Studying Difficult Passages and Familiar Passages

II. Genesis 3.1-19

Some Recommendations:

- IVP's New Bible Commentary, Edited by G.J. Wenham, J.A. Motyer, D.A. Carson and R.T. France
- The Tyndale OT and NT commentary series, published by William B. Eerdmans Publishing
- The Bible Speaks Today Commentaries, published by IVP

III. Bible Dictionaries/Encyclopedias

A. Why use a bible dictionary?

B. Choosing a good dictionary/Encyclopedia

- REPUTATION:
- RECENCY:
- REFERENCES:
- RELEVANCY:

Types:

Some Recommendations:

- The New Bible Dictionary (Inter-Varsity Press, 1982)
- The HarperCollins Bible Dictionary (Harper, 1996)
- The Anchor Bible Dictionary (Doubleday, 1992)
- The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia (Eerdmans, 1979-1988)