# COMMENTARIES, BOOKS, AND WEBSITES USEFUL FOR RESEARCH

# **One-Volume Commentaries**

- Barton, John, and John Muddiman, eds. *The Oxford Bible Commentary*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001.
- Brown, Raymond E., Joseph A. Fitzmyer, and Roland E. Murphy, eds. *The New Jerome Biblical Commentary*. Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall, 1990.
- Dunn, James D. G., and John Rogerson, eds. *Eerdmans Commentary on the Bible*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003.
- Farmer, William R., ed. *The International Bible Commentary: A Catholic and Ecumenical Commentary for the Twenty-First Century.* Collegeville: Liturgical, 1998.
- Mays, James L., ed. *The HarperCollins Bible Commentary*. Rev. ed. San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 2000.
- Newsom, Carol A., and Sharon H. Ringe, eds. *Women's Bible Commentary*. Expanded ed. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1998.

### **Books**

# General Reference Books about and for Interpreting the Hebrew Bible

Arnold, Bill T., H. G. M. Williamson. *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books*. IVP Bible Dictionary Series. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2005. An encyclopedic dictionary of the various issues related to interpreting the Historical Books: Joshua, Judges, 1–2 Samuel, 1–2 Kings, and 1–2 Chronicles. Published by a moderately conservative evangelical publisher but takes a very balanced approach.

- Baker, David W. and T. Desmond Alexander. *Dictionary of the Old Testament:*Pentateuch. IVP Bible Dictionary Series. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2003. An encyclopedic dictionary of the various issues related to interpreting the Pentateuch:

  Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. Published by a moderately conservative evangelical publisher but takes a very balanced approach.
- Danker, Frederick W. *Multipurpose Tools for Bible Study, with CD-ROM*. Rev. ed. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2003. An annotated and very thorough categorized bibliography of various works useful for biblical studies.
- Hayes, John H. *Dictionary of Biblical Interpretation*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1999. A comprehensive two-volume dictionary of major biblical interpreters and types of interpretation.
- Murphy, Todd J. *Pocket Dictionary for the Study of Biblical Hebrew*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2003. Defines 2000 technical terms used in the study of biblical Hebrew and the Hebrew Bible.
- Soulen, Richard N., and P. Kendall Soulen. *Handbook of Biblical Criticism*. 3d. ed.

  Louis ville: Westminster John Knox, 2001. A dictionary that defines and describes over 800 technical terms used in biblical studies. Less linguistically oriented than Murphy (above) but more thorough in its definitions. Defines and describes sixty-plus types of biblical interpretation from the rabbinical period to the postmodern era.

#### **Online Resources**

"Bibliographic Guide to the OT." Basic bibliography of resources for Hebrew Bible studies. www.library.yale.edu/div/ottools.htm

- Horton, Fred L., Kenneth G. Hoglund, and Mary F. Foskett. "A Basic Vocabulary of Biblical Studies For Beginning Students: A Work in Progress." A basic list of technical terms used in biblical studies. www.wfu.edu/~horton/r102/ho1.html.
- iTanakh (R. Christopher Heard). An index of internet resources for the study of the Hebrew Bible. www.itanakh.org.
- Klein, Ralph. "The Old Testament and the Ancient Near East." Contains links to multiple websites, articles, and bibliographies relevant to studying the Hebrew Bible and the ancient Near East. Included on the site is a list of recommended commentaries useful to students. prophetess.lstc.edu/~rklein.
- Old Testament Gateway (Tabor College, Victoria, Australia). An annotated academic directory to websites on the Old Testament. Also includes short articles by a variety of scholars from various theological perspectives. www.otgateway.com.