

## ESSENTIAL READING IN HERMENEUTICS

- Black, David & Dockery, David (Eds). *New Testament Criticism and Interpretation*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1991. (This volume is particularly helpful with higher criticism and modern hermeneutical developments).
- Bray, Gerald. *Biblical Interpretation Past and Present*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 1996. (Extremely thorough coverage of the history of interpretation. Especially helpful with names and bibliography).
- Carson, D. A. *Exegetical Fallacies (2nd Edition)*. Grand Rapids, MI: Paternoster, 1996.
- Carson, D. A., and Woodbridge, John D. *Hermeneutics, Authority, and Canon*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1986. (This work deals especially with philosophical issues of authority, reliability and inspiration of Scripture).
- Danker, Frederick W. *Multipurpose Tools for Bible Study*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 1993, 2003. (This single volume critiques the best Bible Study tools – concordances, commentaries, dictionaries, etc.)
- Duvall, J. Scott & Hays, J. Daniel. *Grasping God's Word*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2001. (This excellent text walks students through the steps of basic hermeneutics and genre).
- Farrar, F. W. *History of Interpretation*. Grand Rapids: Baker (reprint), 1886. (Probably the classic on the history of Bible interpretation. Very thorough, filled with great tidbits of information).
- Fee, Gordon & Stuart, Douglas. *How to Read the Bible for All it's Worth (Second Edition)*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1993. (The best book for a brief look at the genres of the Bible.)
- Gadamer, Hans-Georg. *Truth and Method*. New York: Seabury, 1975. (Argues philosophically that the reader brings himself to the text and rather than understanding the author, s/he fuses their "horizon" with his or her own.)
- Grant, Robert M., and Tracy, David. *A Short History of the Interpretation of the Bible*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1984. (Quite readable history of interpretation).
- Hirsch, E. D. *Validity in Interpretation*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1967. (Classic defense of the author's intended meaning.)
- Kaiser, Walter and Moises Silva, *An Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan 1994. (These two conservative authors mostly agree, but their important disagreements allow the readers to study hermeneutics from a dialogical perspective.)

- Klein, William; Blomberg, Craig; Hubbard, Robert. *Introduction to Biblical Interpretation*. Dallas: Word, 1993. (The best work in the field of historical/grammatical hermeneutics, but sometimes quite difficult and advanced).
- Kuhatschek, Jack. *Applying the Bible*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1990. (This little book sets up a helpful model for drawing principles from the text and applying them in relevant ways to contemporary situations).
- McQuilkin, J. Robertson. *Understanding and Applying the Bible*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1983. (Standard text on the historical/grammatical method).
- Osborne, Grant R. *Hermeneutical Spiral: A Comprehensive Introduction to Biblical Interpretation*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1991. (This is a weighty work showing the interplay between the text, author and interpreter in the process of interpretation).
- Rhodes, Ron. *The Complete Guide to Bible Translations*. Eugene: Harvester House Publishers, 2009. (This is the most recent guide to modern English translations of the Bible).
- Silva, Moises. *Has the Church Misread the Bible? (The history of interpretation in the light of current issues,)* Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1987. (Clear demonstration of the contemporary importance of hermeneutics).
- Sire, James, W. *Scripture Twisting*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1980.
- Thistleton, Anthony. *The Two Horizons: New Testament Hermeneutics and Philosophical Description*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1980.
- Wilson, Seth; and Gardner, Lynn. *Learning from God's Word*. Joplin: College Press, 1989. (A brief primer on historical/grammatical hermeneutics).
- Vanhoozer, Kevin J. *Is There a Meaning in This Text?* Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1998. (A very powerful analysis of the challenge of Deconstruction. His response is a theology of hermeneutics based upon the person of God).
- Zuck, Roy. *Basic Bible Interpretation*. USA --Victor Books, 1991. (An excellent introductory guide for historical grammatical hermeneutics. Written from a Baptist perspective).