The Preacher And His Library: Old Testament & Other Suggestions

Introduction

1. “Books to the ceiling
Books to the sky
My pile of books is 5 miles high
How I love them, How I need them
I'll be older than Methuselah by the time that I read them!”

2. IF YOU TAKE CARE OF THE DEPTH OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, HE WILL TAKE CARE OF YOUR MINISTRY’S BREADTH, LENGTH AND HEIGHT. NEVER STOP GROWING! (Eph. 3; 1 Tim. 4:15-16).

3. A session on recommended books for the study of the New Testament was done at Focal Point in 2013 (copies available or information can be emailed to you).

4. Some Basic Considerations -

   (1) An hour in your study / library with you will tell me more about you than listening to you preach for a year.

   (2) Books are an INVESTMENT - in ministry, in family, in your soul - in eternity! GROW A GREAT SOUL! (Lk. 12:13-21). 2 Tim. 4 - books and parchments.

   (3) Encourage family & friends to buy you books. Holidays and special occasions.

   (4) Buy books to PROGRESS (LEARN) and to EXPRESS (COMMUNE / WORSHIP) and NOT to IMPRESS (EGO).

   (5) Decide between hard copy (hard or paperback) and/or electronic.

   (6) Books are to WEIGHED, not COUNTED!

   (7) Know the difference between various types of commentaries. For example, TECHNICAL/EXEGETICAL, DEVOTIONAL, “EXPOSITORY”
“The Preacher & His Books” (Old Testament & Other Suggestions)

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS! - OLD TESTAMENT
(*Asterisk Represents Best Work / Great Buy)

GENESIS
Gordon Wenham (Word, 2 vol.) *Ken Matthews (NAC, 2 vols)
Derek Kidner (TOTC) Allen Ross, Creation and Blessing

EXODUS
*Douglas Stuart (NAC) *Alec Motyer (BST)
Walter Kaiser (EBC) Peter Enns (NIVAC)

LEVITICUS
*Gordan Wenham (NICOT) John Hartley (Word)
*Allen Ross, Holiness to the Lord R.K. Harrison (TOTC)

NUMBERS
*Gordan Denham (TOTC) R. Dennis Cole (NAC)
*Raymond Brown (BST) Timothy Ashley (NICOT)
Ian Daguid (Preaching the Word)

DEUTERONOMY
*Daniel Block (NIVAC) Peter Craigie (NICOT)
Allan Harman (Focus on Bible Comm) *Christopher Wright (NIBOT or Understanding the Bible Comm)

JOSHUA
*Dale Ralph Davis (Focus on Bible) *Richard Hess (TOTC)
David Howard (NAC) Martin Woudstra (NICOT)
JUDGES

*Dale Ralph Davis (Focus on Bible)  *Daniel Block (NAC)
Michael Wilcock (BST)  Cundall / Morris (TOTC)
K. Lawson Younger (NIVAC)

RUTH

*Daniel Block (NAC)  *Robert Hubbard (NICOT)
David Atkinson (BST)  Cundall / Morris (TOTC)

1 & 2 SAMUEL

*Dale Ralph Davis (Focus on Bible)  *Ronald Youngblood (EBC)
Bill Arnold (NIVAC)  Robert Grogan (NAC)

1 & 2 KINGS

Paul House (NAC)  Ian Provan (NIBCOT)
* Dale Ralph Davis (Focus on Bible)  *Richard Patterson (EBC)

1 & 2 CHRONICLES

*Martin Selman (TOTC, 2 vols)  *Michael Wilcock (BST)
Andrew Hill (NIVAC)  J. Gordon McConville (DSB)

EZRA / NEHEMIAH / ESTHER

*Derek Kidner (TOTC, Ezra/Nehemiah)  *Raymond Brown (BST, only Nehemiah)
F. Charles Fensham (NICOT, Ezra/Nehemiah)  J.G. McConville (DSB)
*Karen Jobes (NIVAC, Esther only)  Joyce Baldwin (TOTC, Esther only)

JOB

*Wayne Jackson (Quality Printing)  John Hartley (NICOT)
*Sitting With Job (Roy Zuck, ed. Baker)  Tremper Longman (BCOT)
*Steven J. Lawson (Holman)

PSALMS

*C. Hassell Bullock, Encountering the Book of Psalms (Excellent Intro / Survey)
*John Goldingray (BCOT, 3 vol)
Charles H. Spurgeon, The Treasury of David
*Derek Kidner (TOTC, 2 vols)
Michael Wilcock (BST, 2 vols)
Steven J. Lawson (Holman, 2 vols)
Alexander MacLaren (Old EBC)
PROVERBS

Bruce Waltke (NICOT) *Tremper Longman (BCOT)
*Derek Kidner (TOTC) *Duane Garrett (NAC)
David A. Hubbard (The Preacher’s Commentary - Communicator’s)

ECCLESIASTES / SONG OF SOLOMON

*Phillip Graham Ryken (Preaching the Word, Ecc. only) *Denny Petrillo (Truth For Today)
*Derek Kidner (BST) Duane Garrett (NAC)
Tremper Longman (NICOT)
*Richard Hess (BCOT, Song of Solomon only)

ISAIAH

*J. Alec Motyer (BST or Erdmans) Gary Smith (NAC)
*Homer Hailey John Oswald (NICOT)
*Allan Harman (Focus on Bible) Edward J. Young (3 vols)

JEREMIAH / LAMENTATIONS

*Christopher Wright (BST) *James Thompson (NICOT)
*F.B. Hughey (NAC) Andrew Dearman (NIVAC)

EZEKIEL

*Dan Block (NICOT, 2 vols) *Chris Wright (BST)
Ian Daguid (NIVAC) Leslie Allen (Word)
Denny Petrillo (Truth for Today)

DANIEL

*Edward J. Young Tremper Longman (NIVAC)
*Joyce Baldwin (TOTC) *Dale Ralph Davis (BST)
Ian Daguid (REC)

MINOR PROPHETS

*Jack P. Lewis (Baker) *Homer Hailey (Baker or Guardian of Truth)
*Doug Stuart (Hosea / Jonah - Word) Gary Smith (NIVAC, not all)
*The Minor Prophets, edited by Thomas McComiskey (Baker Academic)
*BVBI Lectures (2 vols)
*Derek Kidner (BST, Hosea)
*Richard Patterson (EBC, Joel)
*J. Alec Motyer (BST, Amos)
*Dan Block (ECOT, Obadiah)
*Walter Kaiser (Preacher’s / Communicator’s, Micah-Malachi)

*NOTE #1 - Mentioning a book is NOT an endorsement of 100% of its content!

*NOTE #2 - Keep in mind that ALL COMMENTARIES ARE NOT CREATED EQUAL

**4 Books on Bible Study Worth Having**
*(Because I Just Have To)*

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**4 Recent Books on Preaching Worth Having** *(See Parentheses Above- !!!)*

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