**Commentaries on Romans**

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You must consult 3-5 commentaries for your exegetical paper. Here are some suggested commentaries from a variety of perspectives, from different historic periods. They are listed in random order.

There are hundreds of commentaries on Romans and you are by no means limited to this list. When you peruse commentaries and are trying to decide what to use, make sure they have enough substance to be useful to you, that is to say, they should provide thoughtful exegetical analysis.

* E. Käsemann, *Commentary on Romans*. (1980)
	+ famous German scholar/theologian, who was a student of Rudolf Bultman. Mid-Twentieth Century
* Charles Hodge, *Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans*.
	+ 19th Century; Hodge was professor and then president of Princeton Theological Seminary—an influential voice on the more conservative side (not extreme, but a passionate defender of the Bible).
* Robert Jewett, *Romans: A Commentary*, Hermeneia Series. (2006)
	+ Very scholarly, comprehensive, extremely detailed, recent.
* R. Longnecker, *The Epistle to the Romans*, New International Greek Testament Commentary. (2016)
	+ Hot off the press, but, alas, I haven’t yet read it.
* C.E.B. Cranfield, *A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on Romans*.
	+ British, early Twentieth Century (though it went through a few editions/reprintings), once considered the go-to commentary in English.
* J. Fitzmeyer, *Romans,* Anchor Bible Commentary. (1993)
	+ Fitzmeyer was a Catholic priest and famous biblical scholar of the late Twentieth Century, though I wouldn’t say the commentary has an especially Catholic flavor. The commentator provides a fresh translation. Detailed annotations.
* B. Byrne, *Romans*. Sacra Pagina Series. (1996)
	+ Catholic Commentary Series. I have assigned this commentary as a required text in this class in the past.
* L. Keck, *Romans*. Abingdon Commentary Series (2005)
	+ Well-balanced, both in terms of presenting different interpretive options and in terms of the ratio of macro-to-micro commentary. I have used this commentary as a required text in this class in the past.
* William Newell: *Romans Verse by Verse: A Classical Evangelical Commentary*
* M. Aymer, C. Kittridge, D. Sanchez, *The Letters and Legacy of Paul: Fortress Bible Commentary*.
	+ Brand new volume, which I haven’t seen, but based on the contributors may offer a fresh, or at least a theologically progressive perspective. Brief in scope, not detailed.
* Douglas Moo, *Epistle to the Romans,* New International Critical Commentary. (1996)
	+ Moo is a professor at Duke Divinity School
* L. T. Johnson, *Reading Romans: A Literary and Theological Commentary* (1997)
	+ Johnson is a professor at Candler School of Theology (Emory)
* Mark Nanos, *The Mystery of Romans (*1996)
	+ Jewish scholar. Reflects radical new perspective; offers several unique readings
* S. Stowers, *A Rereading of Romans: Justice, Jews, and Gentiles* (1994)
	+ In my view, this is the best book on Romans of the late Twentieth Century. It’s really a cross between a monograph and a commentary, so some passages get an enormous amount of attention down to the last detail, and others not so much.
* F.F. Bruce, *Romans*, Tyndale Bible Commentary (originally published 1963)
	+ Broad but substantive. Does not proceed verse-by-verse. Mainstream evangelical.
* “Romans” in *New Interpreters Bible Commentary* Volume VIII (c. 1999)
	+ Substantive, careful, readable analysis of the text but not pedantic with the details. The audience for this series includes pastors and church. *(Note: If you are planning to go into pastoral ministry and interested in having one comprehensive resource for preaching and Bible study, I recommend this one. Provides commentary on every book of the Bible in ten volumes. The project involved a few dozen highly regarded scholars and took several years to complete. The commentaries are, for the most part, of excellent quality.)*
* Pelagius, *Commentary on Paul’s Epistle to the Romans*
	+ Pelagius was a contemporary of Augustine but took a very different view of Paul’s letter.
* Luther, Calvin, Aquinas—I encourage you to look up the commentaries written by these amazing men, and others you may know of or may encounter through reading Reasoner.