

## ESSENTIAL READING FOR ACTS:

- Arrington, F. L. *The Acts of the Apostles*, Peabody, MA.- Hendrickson, 1988. (A scholarly commentary from a Pentecostal perspective.)
- Bruce, F. F. *Commentary on the Book of Acts*, in *The New International Commentary on the New Testament*, F. F. Bruce (Ed.). Grand Rapids, IL: Eerdmans, 1954. (Concise exposition with helpful historical background. Part of the New International Commentary.)
- Campbell, A. *Acts of the Apostles*. Nashville: Holman, 1858. (An historic Restorationist work).
- Ferguson, E. *Backgrounds of Early Christianity*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1987. (This is not a commentary but a veritable gold mine of historical information.)
- Fernando, Ajith. *The NIV Application Commentary*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1998. (Strong Evangelical work from a missionals perspective in India. Superior application, shy on exegesis).
- Larkin, William J. *Acts*. Downer's Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1995. (Scholarly work from an Evangelical perspective, but not especially readable).
- Longenecker, Richard N. *Acts*, in *The Expositor's Bible Commentary*, Frank E. Gaebelin (Ed.). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1981. (Brief, general commentary with helpful notes on the Greek text.)
- Marshall, H. I. *The Acts of the Apostles*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1980. (This thorough commentary is good for general study. Sometimes too wordy, sometimes too obvious in its stated purpose to counter the liberal views of Haenchen.)
- Neyrey, Jerome. *The Social World of Luke-Acts*. Peabody, MA: 1991. (Examines the 1st century world from a social-scientific perspective to create helpful models for understanding the biblical events).
- Polhill, J. B. *Acts*, in *The New American Commentary*, Nashville: Broadman, 1992. (Outstanding scholarship and research. Footnotes are dynamite! Best suited for advanced students).
- Reese, Gareth L. *N.T. History, ACTS*. Joplin, MO. College Press, 1976. In-depth exposition with helpful extra studies. Sometimes slanted. Definitely Restorationist.)
- Stott, John R. *The Spirit, the Church and the World*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1990. (Not much verse by verse exposition, but excellent for understanding the broad themes.)
- Witherington, Ben. *The Acts of the Apostles: A Socio-Rhetorical Commentary*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1998. (This is best suited for more advanced students but has a wealth of information).