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SUGGESTED COMMENTARIES AND RESOURCES

The following is a list of suggested commentaries and resources for those of you who would like to have some supplementary resources to consult as you work your way through Acts. These commentaries provide additional explanations on how the book of Acts fits into the bigger narrative of the Bible and work to break down what each verse means. It's important to note though that since commentaries are written by human authors, they reflect the authors' opinions on specific sections of Scripture.

These are by no means necessary for your study but can be beneficial if you want to read some different perspectives as questions arise in your readings.

ONLINE:

The Bible Project

The Bible Project is a great place to start. They have free videos that clearly explain what is happening in the book of Acts but they also cover specific topics that might come up in your studies. For example, you'll notice videos that explain the role of God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

BOOKS:

John R.W. Stott, *The Message of Acts*. Bible Speaks Today. Reprint Edition. Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 1994. Stott's commentary is reasonably priced, eminently readable, and winner of the 1991 Christianity Today's Readers' Choice Award. If you're going to purchase one book, this is a good one to begin with.

Dennis E. Johnson, *The Message of Acts in the History of Redemption*. P & R Publishing, 1997. Johnson's commentary is a fascinating book and goes a little deeper than Stott's.

N.T. Wright, *Acts for Everyone*. 2 Volumes. The New Testament for Everyone. Westminster John Knox Press, 2008. Wright's commentary is very accessible and considered to be one of the finest of our age.

MAPS:

Another Study tool you might want to consider is a Bible Atlas. The book of Acts recounts the missionary journeys of the early church as the gospel goes forth. An atlas will help you get a clear picture of where these stories are taking place and the impact of the gospel around the world.

Carl G. Rasmussen, *Zondervan Essential Atlas of the Bible*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Academic, 2013.