

THE BOOK OF ACTS

SOME KEY COMMENTARIES

* indicates there's some Greek here—but most of these commentaries are usable by those who don't have Greek. My top recommendations are in red.

Barrett, C. K. *The Acts of the Apostles: A Shorter Commentary*. London: T. & T. Clark, 2002—an abbreviated form of his two-volume ICC with no Greek required; useful for making the conclusions of his ICC accessible to those without Greek.

Bruce, F. F. *The Book of Acts*. revised ed. NICNT. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1988—a valuable commentary on the English text.

Gaventa, Beverly R. *Acts*. ANTC. Nashville: Abingdon, 2003—the best recent commentary from a theological perspective; worth buying for future preaching and teaching.

Jennings, Willie James. *Acts*. Belief. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2017—a fresh and engaging treatment by an African American scholar.

Johnson, Luke T. *The Acts of the Apostles*. SP 5. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1992—an excellent commentary which is very sensitive to narrative and literary considerations.

*Keener, Craig S. *Acts: An Exegetical Commentary*. 4 vols. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2012-15—a very detailed commentary which is worth consulting on specific points.

Keener, Craig S. *Acts*. NCBC. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020—a very helpful one-volume commentary which provides the essentials of his massive commentary (above).

Marshall, I. Howard. *The Acts of the Apostles: An Introduction and Commentary*. Tyndale NT Commentary. Leicester: IVP, 1980—a very useful briefer treatment which dialogues critically with the skeptical views of Ernst Haenchen on each passage.

Marshall, I. Howard. 'Acts.' Pages 513-606 in *Commentary on the New Testament Use of the Old Testament*. Edited by G. K. Beale and D. A. Carson. Nottingham: Apollos, 2007—very good treatment verse by verse of how Acts reads the OT.

Parsons, Mikeal C. *Acts*. Paideia. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2008—helpful shorter commentary which pays careful attention to the structure and flow of the text.

Peterson, David. *The Acts of the Apostles*. PNTC. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans/Nottingham: Apollos, 2009—helpful commentary, focusing on the final form of the text.

*Schnabel, Eckhard J. *Acts*. ZECNT 5. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2012—a very good commentary by a scholar who has been a missionary; the full version (he had to cut dramatically for the print version) is available from Logos software.

*Tannehill, Robert C. *The Narrative Unity of Luke-Acts: A Literary Interpretation*, vol. 2: *The Acts of the Apostles*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 1990—excellent narrative-focused reading.

***Walton, Steve. *Acts 1:1–9:42*. WBC 37a. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Academic, 2024—a major recent commentary; start on each section with the 'Explanation' section, and then work backwards into the detail.**

*Witherington, Ben, III *The Acts of the Apostles: A Socio-Rhetorical Commentary*. Carlisle: Paternoster/Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998—a major recent commentary focused on how Acts communicates, but with lots else; his 'A Closer Look' sections are worth a closer look. BS2625.3 WIT