

Citing Biblical Commentaries

Because Biblical commentaries are not all written and published as the same type of book, commentaries are not all cited the same way. How a commentary is cited depends on whether that particular commentary is part of a series or part of a multi-volume work.

Some commentaries are **essays in an edited multi-volume work**. *The New Interpreter's Bible* and *Anchor Bible Dictionary* are examples of this type of work. Below is the format for citing this type of work. More information can be found on page 173 of the Turabian manual (section 17.1.4).

Footnote:

1. Author's First and Last Name, "Title of Article/Section/Chapter," in *Title of Multi-volume Work in Italics* (Place: Publisher, Year) vol#: specific page.

1. Renita Weems, "Song of Songs," in *New Interpreter's Bible* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2001), 5:407.

Bibliography Entry:

Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article/Section/Chapter." In *Title of Multi-volume Work in Italics*, vol. #, complete page range. Place: Publisher, Year.

Weems, Renita. "The Song of Songs." In *The New Interpreter's Bible*, vol. 5, 361-434. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2001.

Some commentaries are **monographs that are part of a series**. *Interpretation* and *Anchor Bible* are examples of this type of work. Below is the format for citing this type of work. More information can be found on page 174 of the Turabian manual (section 17.1.5).

Footnote:

2. Author's First and Last Name, *Title of Book in Italics*, Title of Series (Place: Publisher, Year), page#.

2. Robert W. Jenson, *Song of Songs*, Interpretation (Louisville: John Knox, 2005), 59.

Bibliography Entry:

Author's Last Name, First Name. *Title of Book in Italics*. Title of Series. Place: Publisher, Year.

Jenson, Robert W. *Song of Songs*. Interpretation. Louisville: John Knox, 2005.

If the book has a volume number within the series, include it after the name of the series.

Examples:

3. Peter C. Craigie, *Psalms 1-50*, Word Biblical Commentary 19 etc.

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Some other commentaries published as books in a series: Berit Olam, Sacra Pagina, Hermeneia, New International Commentary (NICOT/NICNT), Word Biblical Commentary