Biblical Critiques of Christianity—Selected Bibliography and Biographical Notes on Sources Cited

Please note the diversity of sources, affiliations, and theological leanings represented in this bibliography. This raises the question of why Witness Lee and the local churches were singled out as the target of attack by Norman Geisler and Ron Rhodes. This list is by no means exhaustive. However, the teachings of those listed here form the heritage of most mainstream Protestant traditions.

Bibliography on the parable of the mustard seed


Lockyer, Herbert, *All the Parables of the Bible* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1963), 185-189.


Morgan, G. Campbell, *The Parables of the Kingdom* (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1907), 81-93.


Bibliography on the parable of the woman, the leaven, and the fine flour:


Lockyer, Herbert, *All the Parables of the Bible* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1963), 190-197.


Pink, A. W., *The Redeemer's Return* (Swengel, PA: Bible Truth Depot, 1918), 139-140.


**Bibliography on the prophetic identities of Thyatira and Jezebel**


**Bibliography on the prophetic identity of Babylon the Great**


**Biographical Notes on Sources Cited**

Barnes, Albert (1798-1870) – Graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary; pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia for 37 years; his commentaries on the New Testament have sold over two million copies.

Barnhouse, Donald Grey (1895-1960) – Pastor of Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, PA beginning 1927; broadcast "The Bible Study Hour"; founded Eternity magazine in 1931 and acted as editor-in-chief; mentor of Walter Martin.

Brown, David (1803-1897) – Minister in the Free Church of Scotland; professor of apologetics, church history, and exegesis of the Gospels and later principal at the Free Church College, Aberdeen, Scotland; director of National Bible Society of Scotland; co-founder of the Evangelical Alliance; collaborated with Robert Jamieson and A. R. Fausset on a *Commentary on the Old and New Testaments*.

Carroll, B. H. (1843-1914) – Founder and first president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; authored a seventeen-volume commentary entitled *An Interpretation of the English Bible*; president of the board of trustees of Baylor University for over twenty years; founding member of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Chafer, Lewis Sperry (1871-1952) – Theologian and author; founder, first president, and Professor of Systematic Theology, Dallas Theological Seminary; pastor of First Congregational Church of Dallas; aided C. I. Scofield in establishment of Philadelphia School of the Bible; general secretary of the Central American Mission.

Clarke, Adam (1760 or 1762-1832) – British Methodist theologian and Biblical scholar; over a span of 40 years wrote a commentary on the Bible that became a basic reference work for Methodist theology.

Coates, C. A. (1862-1945) – Leader and author among the Plymouth Brethren; his expositions on the Song of Songs and on the compound ointment in Exodus 30 are particularly significant.

Coffman, James Burton (1905-2006) – Minister of Central Church of Christ, Houston, TX, and later Manhattan Church of Christ, New York City; chaplain in the U.S. armed forces; wrote a 37-volume verse-by-verse commentary on the Old and New Testament.

Criswell, W. A. (1909-2002) – Pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas for over 50 years starting in 1944; founder of Criswell College, First Baptist Academy, and KCBI Radio.

Darby, John Nelson (1800-1882) – Influential teacher among the Plymouth Brethren; considered the “father” of modern dispensationalism; wrote a five volume *Synopsis of the Bible* outlining the major themes in each book; translated or collaborated in translation of the Bible into English, German, French, and Dutch.


Gaebelein, Arno C. (1861-1945) – Methodist minister and author; editor of periodical *Our Hope*, which subsequently merged with *Eternity* magazine; assisted C. I. Scofield with interpretations of prophecies in *Scofield Reference Bible*.
Gill, John (1697-1771) – Pastored the Strict Baptist church at Goat Yard Chapel, Horsleydown, Southwark, England for over 50 years; wrote a nine volume *Exposition of the Entire Bible*; considered a staunch Calvinist.

Govett, Robert (1813-1901) – British Bible teacher and pastor of Surrey Chapel, Norwich, Norfolk, England; Govett is particularly credited for his interpretations of the parables and types in the Bible and for his study of the coming reign of Christ, including the judgment seat of Christ and dispensational reward or discipline.

Hodge, Charles (1797-1878) – Principal of Princeton Theological Seminary from 1851-1878; author of three-volume *Systematic Theology*, considered a classic of Calvinist theology.

Ironside, H. A. (1876-1951) – Pastor of Moody Church in Chicago from 1929-1948; traveled widely to preach; frequently spoke at Dallas Theological Seminary from 1925 to 1943; author of numerous expositions.


Kelly, William (1821-1906) – Prolific writer among the Plymouth Brethren; edited the *Collected Writings* of John Nelson Darby, with whom he was a long-time co-worker.

Lang, G. H. (1874-1958) – Bible teacher and scholar, prolific author associated with the Plymouth Brethren movement; edited writings of G. H. Pember; traveled widely to minister the Word.

Lange, John Peter (1802-1884) – German Protestant theologian; professor of dogmatics at Bonn; professor of theology at Zurich; contributed commentaries on ten books of the Bible, including Matthew and Revelation, to *Theologisch-homiletisches Bibelwerk*, which was subsequently translated and enlarged under the general editorship of Philip Schaff.

Larkin, Clarence (1850-1924) – American Baptist pastor, Bible teacher, and author; his most famous book is *Dispensational Truth (or God’s Plan and Purpose in the Ages)*.

Lockyer, Herbert (1886-1984) – Pastor, Bible teacher, and author; leader in the Keswick movement; authored a well-known 21-volume *All Bible* study series, including *All the Parables in the Bible*.

Miller, Andrew (1810-1883) – Voluntary pastor of a Baptist Church in William Street, London; wrote the introduction to C. H. Mackintosh’s *Notes on the Penteteuch*, the publishing of which he also financed; wrote *Miller’s Church History*.

Morgan, G. Campbell (1863-1945) – Congregational minister; renowned preacher and Bible expositor; director of Northfield Bible Conference; pastor of Westminster Chapel in London; contributor to *The Fundamentals*.

Newell, William R. (1868-1956) – Pastored of Bethesda Congregational Church in Chicago; became the first assistant superintendent of Moody Bible Institute under R.A. Torrey in 1895; well-known for commentaries on Romans, Hebrews, and Revelation.

Pember, G. H. (1837-1910) – English Bible and classics scholar associated with the Plymouth Brethren; known for books on prophecy and for *Earth’s Earliest Ages*, which articulates the “gap” theory of Genesis 1:1 and 1:2.
Pink, A. W. (1886-1952) – English evangelist and author; studied briefly at Moody Bible Institute; pastored congregations in Australia and in various parts of the United States; his writings were posthumously republished by Banner of Truth Trust, Baker Book House, Moody Press, and Truth for Today, among others.

Poole, Matthew (1624-1679) – English Nonconformist theologian and apologist; rector of St. Michael le Querne, London from 1649-1662; fled England under threat of assassination because of a tract he wrote entitled “Nullity of the Romish Faith”; wrote Synopsis criticorum biblicorum (5 vols fol., 1669-1676) and A Commentary on the Holy Bible (originally published as Annotations upon the Holy Bible); his writings were valued by Charles Spurgeon and Jonathan Edwards, among others.

Ross, J. J. – Pastor of Second Baptist Church in Chicago and Lecturer in Homiletics and the English Bible in the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago.

Scofield, C. I. (1843-1921) – Minister at First Congregational Church in Dallas, TX; secretary of American Home Missionary Society of Texas and Louisiana; co-founder of Lake Charles College, Lake Charles, Louisiana; founder of Central American Mission based on fellowship with life-long friend Hudson Taylor; pastored Trinitarian Congregational Church of East Northfield, Massachusetts; oversaw Moody’s Northfield Bible Training School; wrote the notes for the Scofield Reference Bible, a highly influential publication espousing dispensationalist views; became a Southern Presbyterian; supervised the New York Night School of the Bible; founded Philadelphia School of the Bible (now Philadelphia Biblical University) in Philadelphia, PA.

Seiss, Joseph A. (1823-1904) – Evangelical Lutheran minister and prolific author of biblical expositions; pastored congregations in Baltimore and Philadelphia; president of the board of directors, Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

Spurgeon, Charles H. (1834-1892) – Baptist preacher; built Metropolitan Tabernacle; founded Pastors’ College; established Stockwell orphanage; well-known for collections of his sermons and his opposition to higher criticism of the Bible.

Stedman, Ray (1917-1992) – Graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary; traveled with H.A. Ironside; served in leadership positions at Peninsula Bible Church in Palo Alto, CA for 40 years.

Strauss, Lehman (1911-1997) – Bible teacher and author; taught on the weekly national radio broadcast, "Bible Study Time" (Biola College’s radio ministry, “The Biola Hour”); taught Old Testament History at Philadelphia Bible Institute; pastored Calvary Baptist Church, Bristol, PA, and Highland Park Baptist Church in Highland Park, MI, before devoting himself to speaking in Bible conferences.

Talbot, Louis (1889-1976) – Pastored The Church of the Open Door; President of Bible Institute of Los Angeles (now Biola College); Founded Talbot Theological Seminary (now Talbot School of Theology); founded The Biola Hour national radio broadcast.

Unger, Merrill F. (1909-1980) – After serving as pastor of several churches, he became a professor of Old Testament at Dallas Theological Seminary; author of over forty books, including many reference works.

Walvoord, John F. (1910-2002) – Theologian, pastor and author; professor of systematic theology and president of Dallas Theological Seminary; editor of Bibliotheca Sacra; his writings focused on theology and eschatology.

Wesley, John (1703-1791) – Evangelist, preacher and author; founder of Methodism; with his brother Charles Wesley and George Whitefield, he set out to evangelize Great Britain, traveling on horseback and using open-air preaching to reach the masses.

Wilson, Walter Lewis (1881-1969)–American medical doctor and preacher. Started Central Bible Hall (later Central Bible Church) in Kansas City; founded Kansas City Bible Institute (now the Calvary Bible College); pioneered radio ministry.