

Bible Commentary

What is a Bible Commentary? A Bible Commentary is a book that comments and explains passages in the Bible.

How is it Useful?

- Provides explanations and interpretations of passages
- Tells us where the Bible comes from
- Gives commentaries on all the books in the Bible
- A useful tool when studying the Bible.

Helpful Hints for Using a Bible Commentary

A Bible Commentary is to be used while reading the Bible. This is because as questions arise, you may read the commentary for insight.

The commentaries are in the same order as the books in the Bible. Therefore, if looking up a passage in Romans, the commentary will be after the commentary for Act of the Apostles and before those for 1 Corinthians.

Read the Bible Commentary to understand how to interpret the Bible as a whole.

Activity using “The Collegeville Bible Commentary, Old Testament”

1. In your Bible, read Genesis Chapter 1, verses 1-25. (Genesis 1:1-25)
2. Next, look up the commentary of Genesis 1:1-25 in The Collegeville Bible Commentary, p. 38.
3. On p. 38 of the Bible Commentary, read the first paragraph of the commentary for Gen 1:1-25 (**1:1-25 The creation of the world**) under the title, “The Priestly Creation Account” to answer the following questions:
 - a. In your Bible, verse 2 says, “...a mighty wind swept over the waters.” The Bible Commentary on p. 38 tells us what the literal Hebrew text reads. What is the literal Hebrew translation? Write the answer below.

 - b. The commentary then tells us what the translation “mighty wind” fails to take into account. What fact does the translation “mighty wind” fail to take into account? Write the answer below.
