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The New International Commentary on the Old and New Testaments. Edited by Robert L. Hubbard (OT) and Gordon D. Fee (NT). 40 vols. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1971– . 23,831 pp. (including front matter). 1 CD-ROM. \$1,699.95. <http://www.logos.com/nic>

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- 1–2. Genesis, 2 vols. (Victor P. Hamilton, 1990–95; xxxvii + 1296 pp.)
- \*3. Leviticus (Gordon J. Wenham, 1979; xii + 362 pp.)
4. Numbers (Timothy R. Ashley, 1993; xvi + 667 pp.)
5. Deuteronomy (Peter C. Craigie, 1976; 424 pp.)
6. Joshua (Marten H. Woudstra, 1981; xix + 396 pp.)
- \*7. Ruth (Robert L. Hubbard Jr., 1988; xiv + 317 pp.)
8. First Samuel (David Toshio Tsumura, 2007; xxii + 698 pp.)
9. Ezra and Nehemiah (F. Charles Fensham, 1982; xv + 288 pp.)
- \*10. Job (John E. Hartley, 1988; xiv + 591 pp.)
- \*11–12. Proverbs, 2 vols. (Bruce K. Waltke, 2004–5; lxviii + 1282 pp.)
13. Ecclesiastes (Tremper Longman III, 1998; xvi + 306 pp.)
14. Song of Songs (Tremper Longman III, 2001; xvi + 238 pp.)
- \*15–16. Isaiah, 2 vols. (John N. Oswalt, 1986–98; xxxi + 1501 pp.)
17. Jeremiah (J. A. Thompson, 1980; xii + 819 pp.)
- \*18–19. Ezekiel, 2 vols. (Daniel I. Block, 1997–98; xliv + 1713 pp.)
20. Joel, Obadiah, Jonah, and Micah (Leslie C. Allen, 1976; 427 pp.)
21. Nahum, Habakkuk, and Zephaniah (O. Palmer Robertson, 1990; x + 357 pp.)
22. Haggai and Malachi (Pieter A. Verhoef, 1987; xxv + 364 pp.)
- \*23. Matthew (R. T. France, 2007; lxiv + 1169 pp.)
24. Mark (William L. Lane, 1974; xvi + 652 pp.)
25. Luke (Joel B. Green, 1997; xcii + 928 pp.)
- \*26. John (Leon Morris, 1995 [rev. ed.]; xxii + 824 pp.)
27. Acts (F. F. Bruce, 1988 [rev. ed.]; xxiii + 541 pp.)
- \*28. Romans (Douglas J. Moo, 1996; xxv + 1012 pp.)
- \*29. First Corinthians (Gordon D. Fee, 1987; xxiv + 880 pp.)
- \*30. Second Corinthians (Paul Barnett, 1997; xxx + 662 pp.)

31. Galatians (Ronald Y. K. Fung, 1988; xxxiii + 342 pp.)
- \*32. Philippians (Gordon D. Fee, 1995; xlvi + 497 pp.)
33. Colossians, Philemon, and Ephesians (F. F. Bruce, 1984; xxviii + 442 pp.)
- \*34. First and Second Thessalonians (Gordon D. Fee, 2009; xxviii + 366 pp.)
- \*35. First and Second Timothy and Titus (Philip H. Towner, 2006; xlvi + 886 pp.)
36. Hebrews (F. F. Bruce, 1990 [rev. ed.]; xxii + 426 pp.)
37. James (James B. Adamson, 1976; 227 pp.)
38. First Peter (Peter H. Davids, 1990; xxii + 266 pp.)
39. The Epistles of John (I. Howard Marshall, 1978; xvii + 274 pp.)
- \*40. Revelation (Robert H. Mounce, 1997 [rev. ed.]; xxxvi + 439 pp.)

These forty volumes do not include some past ones that have been replaced (like John Murray on Romans, Herman Ridderbos on Galatians, or Leon Morris on 1–2 Thessalonians), but Logos plans to sell forthcoming volumes when they become available. ([BestCommentaries.com](http://BestCommentaries.com) lists forthcoming volumes and authors for the [NICOT](#) and [NICNT](#).)

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