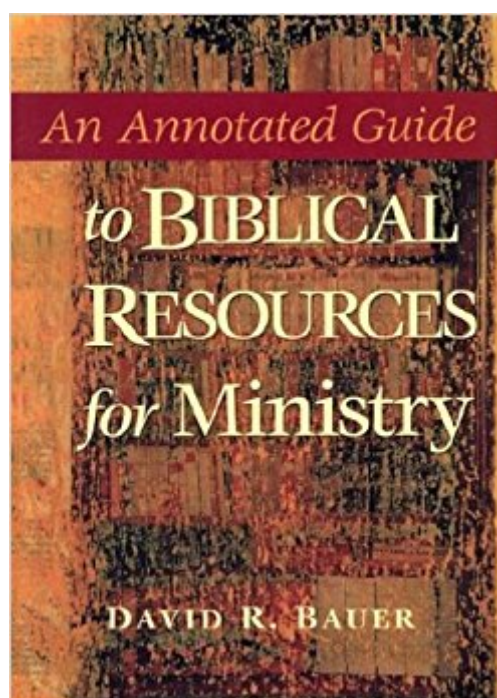


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very useful tool, like a bibliography for every book useful for Bible study

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