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Resources for Bible Study

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Bible Dictionaries

Achtemeier, P. J. (1985). *Harper's Bible Dictionary* (1st ed.). San Francisco: Harper & Row. *Harper's Bible Dictionary* allows you to understand, in all their contexts, the texts of the Old Testament, the Apocrypha, and the New Testament. It is completely up to date, and represents the best current biblical scholarship. The entire volume is written by 180 members of the Society of Biblical Literature, and contains 3500 articles and 400 photographs. (CBD: \$34.99 Retail: \$47.50)

Smith, W. (1997). *Smith's Bible Dictionary* Nashville: Thomas Nelson. *Smith's*, one of the best-known Bible dictionaries, has kept its considerable value for a century now---and everyday users understand why. It discusses topics from people and nations to flowers and minerals in a nontechnical way. This revision by F.N. and M.A. Peloubet preserves the unabridged text and theological substance of Smith's original work and illuminates it with the insights of more recent archaeological discoveries. Includes over 400 black-and-white illustrations. An excellent value! 770 pages, hardcover from Nelson. (CBD: \$9.99 Retail: \$16.99)

Wood, D. R. W. (1996). *New Bible Dictionary* (3rd ed. /). Leicester, England; Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press. The *New Bible Dictionary* is a unique work of reference, ideally suited for people of all ages and backgrounds. An "A to Z" of Bible terms, written by an international team of more than 150 scholars. Includes more than 2,000 entries with notes on place-names, studies of words and doctrines and comprehensive articles on books and people of the Bible. To help clarify the text it includes maps, family trees, line drawings, diagrams, and charts. It is a magnificent and comprehensive Bible Dictionary which will greatly increase the knowledge and understanding of God's Word. This is an invaluable reference book for schools and colleges, for theological and Bible college students, ministers and layman, teachers and professional scholars---everyone who is interested in understanding the Bible. (CBD: \$29.99 Retail: \$40.00)

Youngblood, R. F. (1997, c1995). *Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Dictionary : An authoritative one-volume reference work on the Bible with full color illustrations* (F. Bruce, Ed.) - This completely revised and updated edition of *Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary* is the most comprehensive and up-to-date Bible dictionary available. Designed, written, and edited with the needs of general readers in mind. A wealth of background information is found in more than 7,000 encyclopedic entries on the people, places, things, and doctrines of the Bible. Written in plain language, not scholarly jargon. Includes over 500 full-color in-text photographs, maps and pronunciation guides. Cross-referenced to the KJV, NKJV, NIV, NRSV, and REB. (CBD: \$27.99 Retail: \$39.99)

Freedman, D. N. (1996, c1992). *The Anchor Bible Dictionary*. New York: Doubleday. Six years in the making, this state-of-the-art dictionary offers the most up-to-date and comprehensive treatment of biblical subjects and scholarship. An essential reference for every serious reader of the Bible. The complete and unabridged six volume, 7,200 page print edition, with illustrations. Features more than 6,000 entries from 800 leading international scholars. (CBD: \$199.99 Retail: \$360.00)

Bible Encyclopedias

Bromiley, G. W. (2001, c1979-1988). *The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, 4 volumes*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans. The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia is the most up-to-date multivolume Bible encyclopedia written by conservative scholars. It's characterized by careful and contemporary scholarship and a wealth of illustrations—nearly 1,500 photos (many in color), plus 342 maps. 4466 pages total, four volumes from Eerdmans. This is the four volume, 1979, revised International Standard Bible Encyclopedia (ISBE). . (CBD: \$149.99 Retail: \$280.00) *Be sure to get the revised (1979/1988) edition. You can buy the original 1915 public domain version very cheap.*

Tenney, Merrill (ed.). (1976). *Zondervan Pictorial Bible Encyclopedia, 5 Volumes*. Zondervan Corp. One of the most comprehensive and reliable Bible encyclopedias available today! Offering a library of information, it features quality contributions from more than 200 outstanding evangelical scholars, 1,500 photographs and illustrations, as well as nearly 300 maps. Valuable bibliographies and helpful cross-references round out this user-friendly resource. Approx. 5000 pages total, five hardcovers. . (CBD: \$99.99 Retail: \$169.99)

Tenney, Merrill & J.I. Packer (eds.). (1995). *Nelson's Illustrated Encyclopedia of Bible Facts*. Thomas Nelson. Unlock the mysteries of the Bible with this comprehensive, easy-to-use key from Nelson! Arranged topically, this valuable sourcebook covers over 6,000 important biblical subjects such as law, trade, and family life. Also featured are more than 300 black & white and color photographs, as well as maps, diagrams, and outlines. 820 pages, hardcover. . (CBD: \$19.99 Retail: \$29.99)

Bible Handbooks

Mears, Henrietta. *What the Bible Is All About, Revised & Updated*. 1997, c1996 (electronic ed.). Gospel Light. Mears's classic has been completely updated and revised to include feature articles on becoming a member of God's family, selected readings and short book overviews to open each chapter, a glossary for easy word identification, Bible reading plans, new maps and charts, and more. 660 pages, hardcover. (CBD: \$12.99 Retail: \$16.99)

Gower, R. (1997, c1987). *The New Manners and Customs of Bible Times*. Chicago: Moody Press. *The New Manners and Customs of Bible Times* will open your eyes to the life-styles and customs of the Bible's writers and characters, giving you a clearer understanding of God's Word. You will be enlightened by reading about the people and times of the Bible and learning about the world that they lived in. (CBD: \$19.99 Retail: \$29.99)

Bible Atlases

***Nelson's complete book of Bible maps and charts : Old and New Testaments*. 1997, c1996. Nashville: Thomas Nelson.** These large, reproducible maps and charts will help you visualize and teach the events, places, and people in the Old and New Testaments as never before. Easy-to-understand tables, overviews, maps, surveys, and timelines puts the key teachings of the Bible at your fingertips. (CBD: \$14.99 Retail: \$24.99)

Beitzel, Barry. *The Moody Atlas of Bible Lands*. 1985. Chicago: Moody Press. This unique, award-winning atlas blends geographical and historical features with an evangelical text. It's packed with specially commissioned color maps and photos, adding clarity and detail to each Bible event. Hardcover, 234 pages. (CBD: \$29.99 Retail: \$42.99)

Concordances

Strong, James. *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*. 1920. Thomas Nelson. Why do more people use *Strong's* than any other concordance? Because it's truly exhaustive---covering every word in the KJV Bible---and because its unique numbering system is now referenced to many other important study tools. Inside this extensive concordance you will find: Words of Christ emphasized Strong's numbering system Indexes every word of the King James Version including articles, conjunctions, and prepositions Dictionaries of Hebrew and Greek. (CBD: \$19.99 Retail: \$29.99)

Zondervan NIV Exhaustive Concordance. 1999. Zondervan Corp. Locate and cross-reference every word of the NIV text, and examine the Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek words from which the NIV was translated. This concordance features the Goodrick-Kohlenberger numbering system, and includes new Hebrew and Greek dictionaries. An index cross-references the *Strong's* system, also. 1888 pages, hardcover. (CBD: \$22.99 Retail: \$39.99)

Word Studies

Vine, W. E. (1996). *Vine's complete expository dictionary of Old and New Testament words*. Nashville: T. Nelson. All entries in both O.T. and N.T. dictionaries are organized alphabetically in English, along with the Hebrew or Greek words from which they are translated. Vine's famous insights into the various shades of meaning, plus related Scripture references are included. Keyed throughout to Strong's numbering system, the B-D-B Hebrew Lexicon and the Bauer-Arnt-Gingrich Greek Lexicon. Warren Wiersbe says: "... one of my favorite tools ... a great time-saver for the busy student." (CBD: \$19.99 Retail: \$29.99)

Zodhiates, S. (2000, c1992, c1993). *The complete word study dictionary : New Testament Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers.* Now you can dig into the original language of the New Testament without becoming a Greek scholar! This enriching resource assigns a *Strong's* reference number to every word in the KJV text, provides grammatical information about each word, and parses each verb. 1356 pages, hardcover (CBD: \$26.99 Retail: \$39.99)

Wuest, K. S. (1997, c1984). *Wuest's word studies from the Greek New Testament : For the English reader*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. A wealth of information on most of the Greek New Testament---all in non-technical language! This reader's companion series clarifies many of the English words that do not fully capture the meaning of original Greek words. Includes topical word and devotional studies, book studies on most of Paul's epistles, and Wuest's *New Testament*. 3500 pages total, four hardcover volumes. (CBD: \$24.99 Retail: \$100.00)

***Theological dictionary of the New Testament*. 1964-c1976 (G. Kittel, G. W. Bromiley & G. Friedrich, Ed.). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.** "One of the few agreed upon standard reference works in the area of New Testament studies. The depth and breadth of the information contained within the pages of the ten-volume print edition are well worth the cost, weight, and shelf space that they require. (CBD: approx \$180.00 Retail: approx \$700.00)

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Harris, R. L. (1999, c1980). *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament*. Chicago: Moody Press. This monumental reference work contains studies of all the important words of the Old Testament and is particularly written for the busy pastor or church worker who may not possess all the technical tools of Bible scholarship. This scholarly work includes discussions of every Old Testament Hebrew word of theological significance plus brief definitions of all other words found in *The Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon*. The articles focus on the theological meaning,

including bibliographies for each word. Words are keyed to *Strong's* numbering system. 1124 pages total, two hardcovers. (CBD: \$49.99 Retail: \$79.00)

Bullinger, E.W. (1999, c1980). *Figures of Speech Used in the Bible*. Baker/Revel.

Bullinger describes 217 distinct Scripture figures of speech, defined as a word or sentence in a peculiar form, different from its original or simplest meaning or use. Each figure includes the pronunciation and etymology, as well as passages of Scripture in which it appears, and a full explanation. Nearly 8,000 passages are cited; helpful indexes. 1104 pages. (CBD: \$26.99 Retail: \$44.99)

Cross-References & Topical Studies

Smith, J. H. *The New Treasury of Scripture Knowledge : The most complete listing of cross references available anywhere- every verse, every theme, every important word*. Nashville TN: Thomas Nelson. Originally developed by R.A. Torrey. Verse-by-verse entries now cross-reference related verses, topics, themes, *and* important words. It also includes more than 100,000 new references, new indexes, a handy symbol system, and helpful "How to Use This Book" tips. 1664 pages, hardcover. (CBD: \$29.99 Retail: \$39.99)

Nave, Orville. *Nave's Topical Bible: A Digest of the Holy Scriptures*. Nashville TN: Thomas Nelson. The time-tested choice for finding what the Bible says on over 20,000 topics. Nave's Topical Bible features 100,000 Scripture passages arranged under more than 20,000 headings by topic or idea, not merely by word. Arranged alphabetically and with a complete system of cross references, you can find the information you need on any subject - an A to Z of ideas, concepts, and information that helps you get the most out of your Bible study. (Amazon: \$19.95 Retail: \$29.99)

Torrey, R. (1995, c1897). *The new topical text book : A scriptural text book for the use of ministers, teachers, and all Christian workers*. Written in the tradition of Nave's Topical Bible, the New Topical Textbook is a practical tool for approaching the Bible text by topic. The most useful aspect of this work is that it is surprisingly different from Nave's in its selection of topics. (Amazon: \$10.36 Retail: \$12.99)

Ryrie, Charles C. (1995, c1972). *A survey of Bible doctrine*. Chicago: Moody Press. This text treats all of the essentials of biblical doctrine in a conservative and easy-to-understand manner. The topics covered include the importance of doctrine, what doctrine is, what God is like, the inspiration of the Bible, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the angelic world, the nature and depravity of man, salvation, the church, and what the future holds. (CBD: \$9.99 Retail: \$12.99)

Ryrie, Charles C. (1995, c1972). *Basic Theology*. Chicago: Moody Press Over the years Charles Ryrie's name has become synonymous with dispensational theology. Now his classic study, long considered a standard text for Bible students and pastors, is available to the next generation! This edition features 94 chapters arranged in outline style for easy reference. Considerable attention is given to the dispensational view of the end times. 560 pages, hardcover. (CBD: \$21.99 Retail: \$29.99)

Grudem, Wayne. (1994). *Systematic Theology*. Chicago: Zondervan Pursue systematic theology and leave the stodginess behind with this introduction to the "science" of biblical doctrine. You'll benefit from the strong emphasis on the scriptural basis of each doctrine and the thorough treatment of categories. You won't outgrow this introduction because it includes a bibliography that's cross-referenced to 34 other systematic theologies. 1264 pages, hardcover. (CBD: \$29.99 Retail: \$39.99)

Commentaries

Walvoord, J. F. (1983-c1985). *The Bible knowledge commentary : An exposition of the scriptures*. Wheaton, IL: Victor Books. From the faculty of Dallas Theological Seminary. *The Bible Knowledge Commentary* is a verse by verse, phrase by phrase walk through the entire Bible. This two volume commentary explains problem passages, alleged discrepancies, customs, geographical locations, key Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek words. It includes for each book an introduction (discussion of author, historical background, purpose, features), outline, commentary, and bibliography. It contains over 100 maps, charts, and diagrams. Based on the NIV. The *OT Commentary* has 1589 pages and the *NT* has 991. (CBD: \$59.98 Retail: \$94.98)

Carson, D. A. (1994). *New Bible commentary : 21st century edition (4th ed.)*. Leicester, England; Downers Grove, Ill., USA: Inter-Varsity Press. In recent years there have been many new developments in biblical scholarship, some challenging and some affirming scriptural accounts. This authoritative reference work brings together many of the finest scholars of our day to meet the needs of the church well into the next century. This readable and accessible volume offers sixty-six solid, concise, evangelical commentaries—one on each book of the Bible. Also provided are introductory material on date, authorship, purpose, key themes and a to-the-point outline of each book. These are followed by passage-by-passage and verse-by-verse comments (based on the NIV text) that open up Scripture in light of the most recent developments in scholarship. (CBD: \$29.99 Retail: \$45.00)

Archer, Gleason. (1994). *New International Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties*. Leicester, England; Downers Grove, Ill., USA: Inter-Varsity Press. An invaluable resource for working through difficult passages of Scripture or counseling those who believe that "the Bible contradicts itself." Without resorting to simplistic solutions, Archer makes a compelling case for the unity and integrity of Scripture, providing answers for skeptics and assurance for those confused by apparent discrepancies in God's Word. 412 pages, hardcover. (CBD: \$17.99 Retail: \$24.99)

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Logos Research Systems (<http://www.logos.com/products/>) (Libronix)

The Bible Study Library (CBD: \$194.96 Retail: \$259.95) includes the following:

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 - English Standard Version
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 - Young's Literal Translation
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 - Bible Knowledge Commentary
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 - IVP Bible Background Comm: New Testament
 - Wycliffe Bible Commentary New Testament
 - Wycliffe Bible Commentary Old Testament
 - Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Bible
 - Teacher's Commentary
 - Life of Christ
 - St. Paul: Traveller Roman Citizen
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 - Be Comforted (Isaiah) by Warren Wiersbe
 - Be Committed (Ruth & Esther) by Warren Wiersbe
 - Be Decisive (Jeremiah) by Warren Wiersbe
 - Be Determined (Nehemiah) by Warren Wiersbe
 - Be Holy (Leviticus) by Warren Wiersbe
- Be Obedient (Abraham) by Warren Wiersbe
- Be Patient (Job) by Warren Wiersbe
- Be Satisfied (Ecclesiastes) by Warren Wiersbe
- Be Skillful (Proverbs) by Warren Wiersbe
- Be Strong (Joshua) by Warren Wiersbe
- Bible Outlines**
 - Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the New Testament
 - Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the Old Testament
 - Survey of Old Testament Introduction
 - Old Testament Survey Series: The Books of History
 - Old Testament Survey Series: The Major Prophets
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 - Old Testament Survey Series: The Pentateuch
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- Small Group Resources**
 - Biblical Foundations for Small Group Ministry
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 - Getting Together
 - Starting & Ending a Small Group
 - Good Things Come in Small Groups
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- Language Tools**
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 - NAS Hebrew Dictionary
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 - Dictionary of Biblical Languages (Aramaic OT)
 - Dictionary of Biblical Languages (Hebrew OT)
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 - Concordances
 - NAS Exhaustive Concordance
- Hermeneutics**
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- Bible Study Training**
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 - Handbook to Bible Study
 - Diving For Pearls in God's Treasure Chest
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 - Ethics for a Brave New World
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 - Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary
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 - Power Through Prayer
 - Handbook to Prayer
 - Prayer: Basic Training
 - Necessity of Prayer
- Manners and Customs**
 - New Testament Milieu
 - New Manners and Customs
- Cross References**
 - Treasury of Scripture Knowledge
- Bible Lists**
 - Willmington's Book of Bible Lists
- Theology**
 - Moody Handbook of Theology
 - Ryrie's Survey of Bible Doctrine
 - Systematic Theology
 - Concise Theology
 - Institutes of the Christian Religion
- Illustrations**
 - Encyclopedia of 7,700 Illustrations
- Photographs**
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- Witnessing**
 - True Evangelism
- Devotionals**
 - My Utmost for His Highest
 - Morning and Evening
 - Alone with God
 - Imitation of Christ
 - Drawing Close to God
- Christian Living**
 - Living a Full Life
 - Fourfold Gospel
- Quotations**
 - Great Quotations
- History of the Church**
 - Studies in Early Church History

The Scholar's Library (CBD: \$472.49 Retail: \$629.95) includes all of the above, plus lots of language references (full and abridged Kittel, Theological Wordbook of the OT, B-D-B) and Pastor's Library. You can always add more books, journals, and other tools to your library. (Thomas Nelson has the E-Bible which is the Logos Libronix system.)

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www.studylight.com

Online Bible study tools include Nave's Topical Bible, Thompson Chain Reference (topical), Treasury of Scripture Knowledge (topical), several Bible dictionaries, International Standard Bible Encyclopedia (ISBE) – 1915 version, Greek and Hebrew Lexicons (linked to Strong's numbering system).

www.blueletterbible.com

Similar to studylight.com. It's a good one-stop resource for accessing the Bible in different translations, doing a Greek or Hebrew word study, getting an introduction to each book of the Bible, and accessing the older International Standard Bible Encyclopedia (ISBE).

www.bible.org

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www.soniclight.com

Dr. Tom Constable (Dallas Theological Seminary) has made available over 7000 pages of his personal study notes on every book of the Bible. Audio studies can be downloaded in MP3 format. Notes are also available in Palm or PocketPC format.

<http://www2.mf.no/bibel/vines.html>

An online version of Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words

www.crosswalk.com

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Lookup a passage in various translations, or search for a keyword or topic in the Bible. This site offers other resources such as an online audio Bible, Easton's Bible Dictionary (1897), InterVarsity Press New Testament Commentary, Matthew Henry's Commentary, and links to numerous online Bible studies and devotionals.

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www.ccel.org

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Step-by-step instructions for the inductive Bible study method. Click the "Bible Study Aids" link to access online Bible dictionaries, commentaries, lexicons, etc.

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