



Tools for Bible Study

STUDY BIBLES

A good Study Bible will contain most of the things one needs to study sacred scripture well: *Introductions to each book, helpful maps and tables, footnotes from experts on the Bible and the Ancient Near East, a glossary and a concordance.* Several study bibles I recommend are:

- ◆ **The New Oxford Annotated Bible – Fourth Edition** by Oxford University Press
- ◆ **The New Interpreter's Study Bible** by Abingdon Press
- ◆ **The HarperCollins Study Bible** by HarperCollins Publishers
- ◆ **The NIV Study Bible** by Zondervan

RECOMMENDED BIBLE VERSION – NRSV

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) considered to be the most ecumenical modern literal translation.

THE REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY

- ◆ **Doubleday Pocket Bible Guide** by Linda Grenz (Doubleday, 1997)
- ◆ **A Guide to Prayer for All Who Walk with God** by Reuben Job & Norman Shawchuck (UpperRoom, 2013)

BIBLE DICTIONARIES

- ◆ **The HarperCollins Bible Dictionary – Revised and Updated** edited by Mark Allan Powell (2011)
- ◆ **Anchor Bible Dictionary** (6 Volumes) edited by David Noel Freedman (1992)

CONCORDANCES

- ◆ **The New Strong's Expanded Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible** by James Strong (Thomas Nelson, 2010)
- ◆ **Exhaustive Concordance: New Revised Standard Version** by Bruce Metzger (Thomas Nelson, 1991)

ONE VOLUME COMMENTARIES

- ◆ **The New Interpreters Bible One-Volume Commentary** by Beverly Gaventa & David Peterson (Abingdon, 2010)
- ◆ **HarperCollins Bible Commentary – Revised Edition** by James L. Mays (HarperCollins, 2000)

COMMENTARY SERIES

- ◆ **For Everyone** by NT Wright (Westminster John Knox Press)
- ◆ **The New Daily Study Bible** by William Barclay (Westminster John Knox Press)
- ◆ **The New Interpreters Bible** (Abingdon Press)
- ◆ **Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching** (Westminster John Knox Press)

BIBLE INTRODUCTIONS

- ◆ **An Introduction to the Old Testament** by Walter Brueggemann (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2003)
- ◆ **Understanding the Old Testament – 5th Edition** by Bernhard Anderson, Steven Bishop, & Judith Newman (2006)
- ◆ **Introducing the New Testament** by Marianne Thompson, Joel B. Green and Paul J. Achtemeier (Eerdmans, 2001)
- ◆ **The Writings of the New Testament** by Luke Timothy Johnson (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1999)
- ◆ **A Critical Introduction to the New Testament** by Carl Holladay (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2005)
- ◆ **Introduction to the New Testament** by Raymond Brown (New York: Anchor Bible, 1997)
- ◆ **A Beginners Guide to the New Testament** by William Barclay (Westminster John Knox Press, 1995)

WEBSITES WORTH VISITING

- ◆ lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu
- ◆ www.enterthebible.org
- ◆ www.workingpreacher.org
- ◆ www.textweek.com
- ◆ www.biblia.com
- ◆ www.biblica.com
- ◆ www.biblestudytools.com
- ◆ www.biblegateway.com
- ◆ www.crosswalk.com
- ◆ www.followtherabbi.com
- ◆ www.lectionary.org
- ◆ www.thethoughtfulchristian.org
- ◆ www.odtd.net