

# Bible Study: Session 2 — More Tools

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## Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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### Five W's and an H (W<sup>5</sup>H<sup>1</sup>)

- *Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How*
  - Questions to dive deeper into any subject
  - Certainly true in Bible study
  - Each questions effectively leads to the others
  - Best part cannot be answered “Yes” or “No”
    - All require deeper investigation and thought
    - Let's look at the way these questions should be asked and answered.
- Important point
  - Theologians and serious students of scripture often disagree
    - Authorship, time of writing, and other details
  - While these details important contributions and should not be overlooked
    - Do not get hung up on them
  - Some books are easier to know authorship and time of writing than others
- In your study, you will not always know the answers to the W's and H
  - Use best evidence you can and leave it there
  - Never let arguments over scripture interfere with study and understanding
  - Interpret to the best of your ability
    - Keep learning
    - Content what matters most.

But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. (Titus 3:9 ESV)

- Who
  - Who was author and to whom were they writing?
  - Who does it apply to?

- Specific group or applicable to all people?
  - Who are people named in the passage?
    - Names often contain clues to personality, specific roles, or lessons
      - Esther's original Hebrew name was Hadassah
        - Righteousness
      - Persian name was Esther (Esther 2:7)
        - Hiddenness
      - Esther was righteous woman who served the purposes of God
      - Book of Esther contains no reference to God in the text
        - Remains hidden by the author
      - Righteousness/hiddenness present in lead character's name
        - Together express major theme of the book
- What
  - What is the author saying?
  - What is the principal purpose of the text?
  - What is the author referring to?
- Where
  - Where was the book written and under what circumstances?
  - Locations have meaning in the Bible
  - Name and history of location often offer valuable insights
  - Geography, culture, and history bolsters our understanding
- When
  - When was the text written, and what period does it describe?
  - Many actual historical events along with parables and allegories
  - These events took place during certain period of history
    - What was happening in the world at that time?
    - For example, Babylonian Exile different Roman Empire
- Why
  - Why was the text written?
    - Record historical events?
    - Instruct proper protocols or conduct?
    - Weep over suffering or wrongdoing?

- Prophecy future events?
  - Correct identified problem?
- How
  - How does it apply to me, and does it apply at all?
    - If applies, how do I incorporate it into my life?
    - Much scripture filled with examples of what not to do
      - In addition to things we should do
    - Not everything is for incorporating into our lives
    - When looking at conduct described, must consider whole of scripture
- Zooming the Lens
  - You've seen photographs of entire galaxy
    - And microscopic photos zoomed in to cellular level
  - Same with focus on scripture
    - Can take wide view of entire Bible
    - Or focus on specific books
      - Then sharpen attention
        - Chapters, verses, sentences, phrases
    - Finally, can magnify study to single word
  - Best approach considers all these views

## Ten Essential Questions

1. Who and what people have I read about and what lessons are taught in the reading?
2. What locations have I read about and what have I learned about them? Does the place name have a meaning I should know? What was the location historically and up to the present day? Do I know where it is on a map relative to other places?
3. Does the passage pertain to any specific time in history or a particular person?
4. Do any referenced verses I can also read shed additional light on the passage?
5. Does this passage discuss or reference God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit?

6. What if anything does it tell me about myself, the sinful nature of man's heart, or the new nature God births within us?
7. Is there an action I must take, an example to follow, any promise to hold onto, any guidance given, or any prayer I should pray?
8. How is this scripture profitable for doctrine, reproof, correction, or instruction in righteousness?
9. Is the Gospel contained in this passage?
10. Is there a main summarizing verse in this passage that I should commit to memory?

▪ Bible Translations

- Over 100 English Bible translations
  - Will discuss few recommended choices
- Four philosophies of translation
  - Word-for-word
  - Meaning-for-meaning
  - Thought-for-thought
  - Paraphrased
- No “best” translation
  - Some better than others
  - Depending on what you are trying to achieve
- Good idea to maintain one primary Bible
  - Refer to other translations to see how they compare

776 [e] wə-hā-'ā-reš,	776 [e] hā-'ā-reš.	853 [e] wə-'ēt	8064 [e] hā-šā-ma-yim	853 [e] 'ēt	430 [e] 'ē-lō-hīm;	1254 [e] bā-rā	7225 [e] bə-rē-šīt
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And the earth	the earth	and	the heavens	-	God	created	In the beginning
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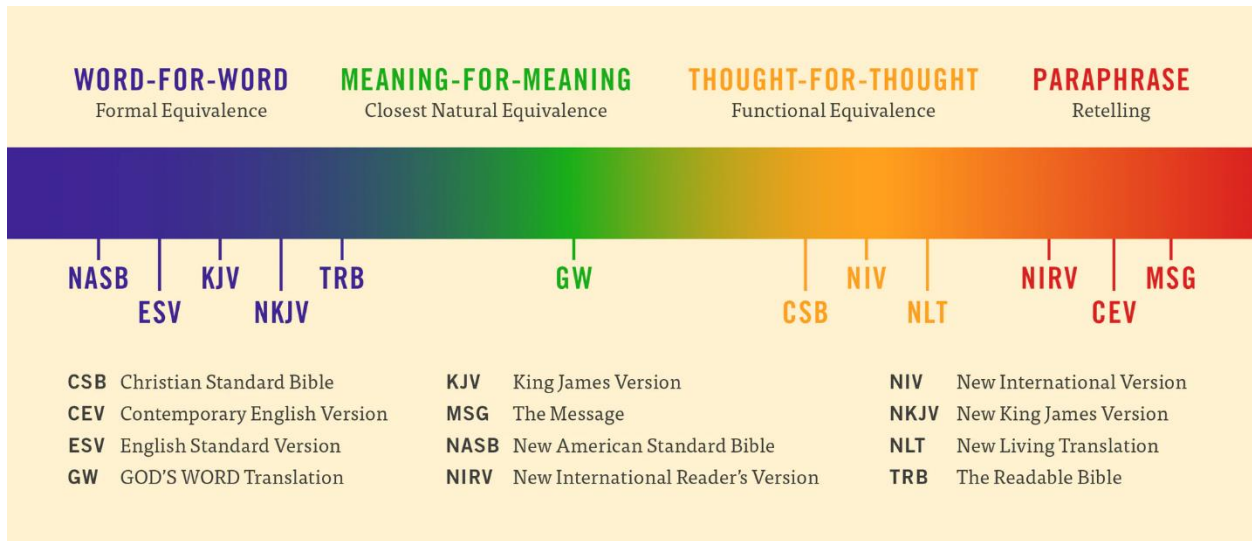
  

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# Bible Translations Compared



## *New American Standard Bible (NASB)*

- Translation Style: Word-for-Word
- Reading Level: 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Scripture Examples

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was a formless and desolate emptiness, and darkness was over the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. (Gen 1:1-2)

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Eph 2:8-9)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. 11Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. (Eph 6:10-12)

### *English Standard Version (ESV)*

- Translation Style: Word-for-Word
- Reading Level: 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### **Scripture Examples**

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. (Gen 1:1-2)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Eph 2:8-9)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (Eph 6:10-12)

### *King James Version (KJV)*

- Translation Style: Word-for-Word
- Reading Level: 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### **Scripture Examples**

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. (Gen 1:1-2)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. (Eph 2:8-9)

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and

blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (Eph 6:10-12)

### *New King James Version (NKJV)*

- Translation Style: Word-for-Word
- Reading Level: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

### *Scripture Examples*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. (Gen 1:1-2)

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. (Eph 2:8-9)

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. (Eph 6:10-12)

### *Christian Standard Bible (CSB)*

- Translation Style: Thought-for-Thought
- Reading Level: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

### *Scripture Examples*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness covered the surface of the watery depths, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. (Gen 1:1-2)

For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only son so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift — not from works, so that no one can boast. (Eph 2:8-9)

Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and by his vast strength. Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens. (Eph 6:10-12)

### *New International Version (NIV)*

- Translation Style: Thought-for-Thought
- Reading Level: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

### *Scripture Examples*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. (Gen 1:1-2)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. (Eph 2:8-9)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (Eph 6:10-12)

### *New Living Translation (NLT)*

- Translation Style: Thought-for-Thought
- Reading Level: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

### *Scripture Examples*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. (Gen 1:1-2)



For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. (Eph 2:8-9)

A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. (Eph 6:10-12)

### *The Message (MSG)*

- Translation Style: Paraphrase
- Reading Level: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

### *Scripture Examples*

First this: God created the Heavens and Earth—all you see, all you don't see. Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness. God's Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss. (Gen 1:1-2)

This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. (John 3:16)

Saving is all his idea, and all his work. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. It's God's gift from start to finish! We don't play the major role. If we did, we'd probably go around bragging that we'd done the whole thing! No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving. (Eph 2:8-9)

And that about wraps it up. God is strong, and he wants you strong. So take everything the Master has set out for you, well-made weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the Devil throws your way. This is no weekend war that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels. (Eph 6:10-12)

### *The Passion Translation (TPT)*

- Translation Style: Paraphrase
- Reading Level: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### **Scripture Examples**

Not available in this translation. (Gen 1:1-2)

For here is the way God loved the world—he gave his only, unique Son as a gift. So now everyone who believes in him will never perish but experience everlasting life. (John 3:16)

For by grace you have been saved by faith. Nothing you did could ever earn this salvation, for it was the love gift from God that brought us to Christ! So no one will ever be able to boast, for salvation is never a reward for good works or human striving. (Eph 2:8-9)

Now my beloved ones, I have saved these most important truths for last: Be supernaturally infused with strength through your life-union with the Lord Jesus. Stand victorious with the force of his explosive power flowing in and through you. Put on God’s complete set of armor provided for us, so that you will be protected as you fight against the evil strategies of the accuser! Your hand-to-hand combat is not with human beings, but with the highest principalities and authorities operating in rebellion under the heavenly realms. For they are a powerful class of demon-gods and evil spirits that hold this dark world in bondage. (Eph 6:10-12)

### *Amplified Bible (AMP)*

- Translation Style: Word-for-Word
- Reading Level: 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### **Scripture Examples**

In the beginning God (Elohim), created [by forming from nothing] the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void or a waste and emptiness, and darkness was upon the face of the deep [primeval ocean that covered the unformed earth]. The Spirit of God was moving (hovering, brooding) over the face of the waters. (Gen 1:1-2)

For God so [greatly] loved and dearly prized the world, that He [even] gave His [One and] only begotten Son, so that whoever believes and trusts in Him [as Savior] shall not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

For it is by grace [God's remarkable compassion and favor drawing you to Christ] that you have been saved [actually delivered from judgment and given eternal life] through faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [not through your own effort], but it is the [undeserved, gracious] gift of God; not as a result of [your] works [nor your attempts to keep the Law], so that no one will [be able to] boast or take credit in any way [for his salvation]. (Eph 2:8-9)

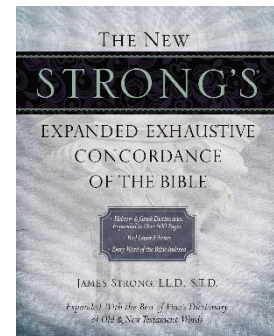
In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [draw your strength from Him and be empowered through your union with Him] and in the power of His [boundless] might. Put on the full armor of God [for His precepts are like the splendid armor of a heavily-armed soldier], so that you may be able to [successfully] stand up against all the schemes and the strategies and the deceits of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) places. (Eph 6:10-12)

## Reference Works to Benefit Study

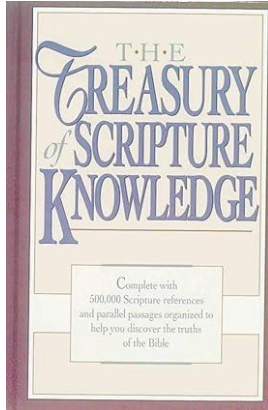
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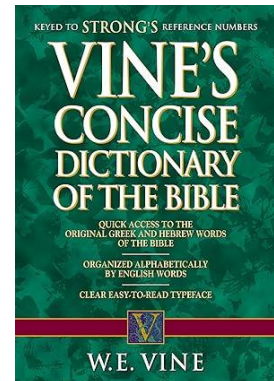
## Treasury of Scripture Knowledge



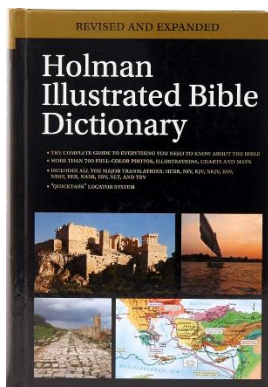
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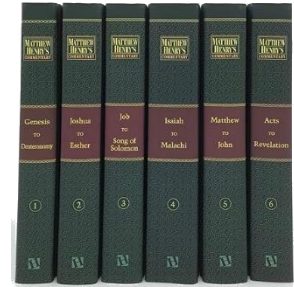
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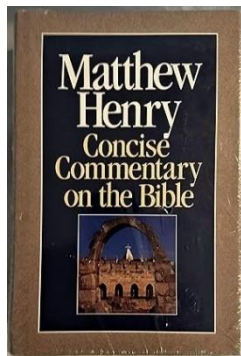
Considered a go-to resource for Bible students, teachers, and pastors for over 25 years because of its comprehensiveness, conciseness, and clarity. Over 6,500 articles allow for greater understanding and interpretation of the Scriptures. Each article begins with a concise definition followed by a thorough discussion of the topic supplemented with 700 full-color photos, maps, reconstructions, and charts.

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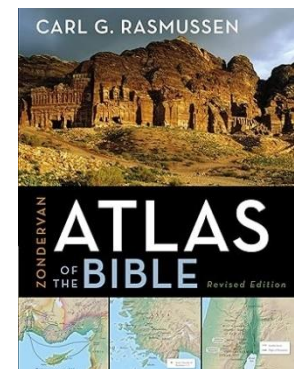
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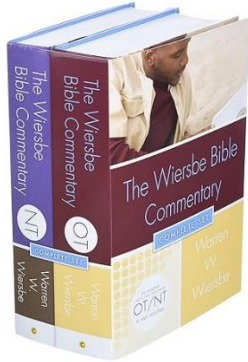
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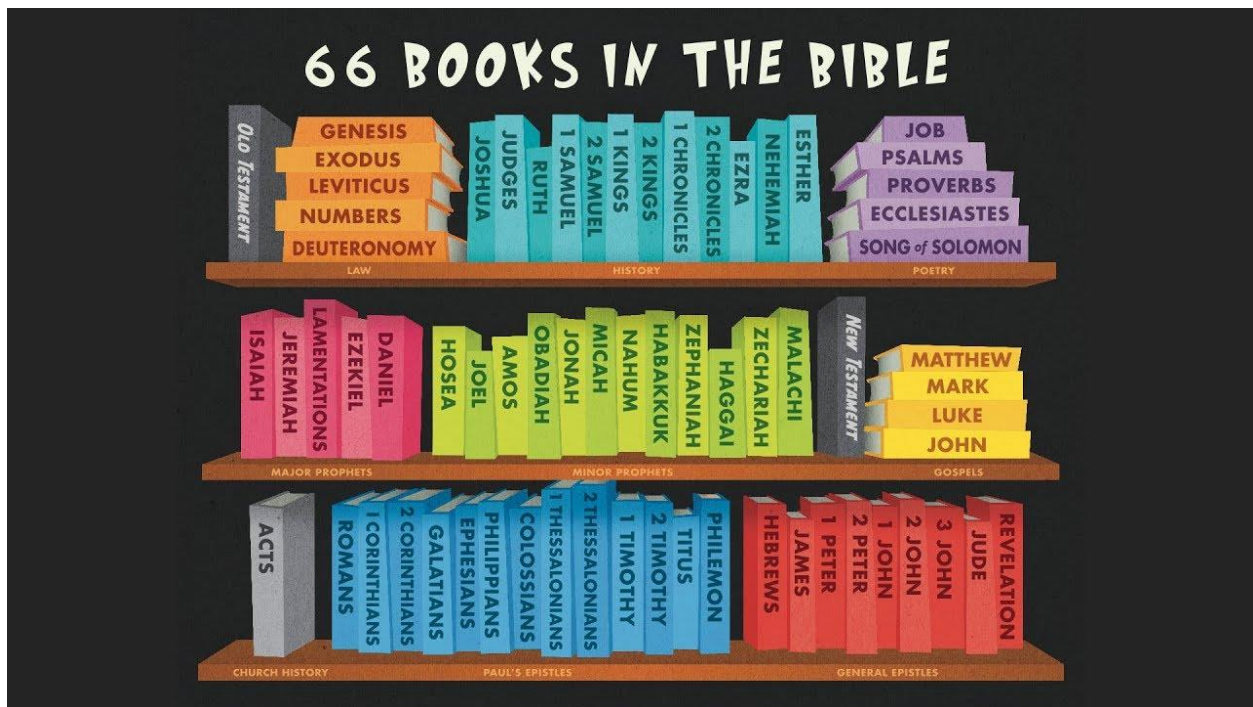


## Wiersbe Bible Commentaries



Warren Wiersbe is a prolific writer, having authored over 150 books, and you will find selections ranging from commentaries on individual books of the Bible to collections covering entire Testaments, to His Bible study series, and his popular BE series, showing Christians how to incorporate Biblical teachings into their lives. If it has Wiersbe's name on the cover, it's a great resource.

- What Am I Reading?
  - Bible made up of different literary styles
    - Each requiring different type of comprehension
  - However, style must never be only tool to determine meaning
  - The Word, being spiritual book, requires accurate discernment
  - Two biggest mistakes
    - Overlook spiritual application implied in text
    - Over-spiritualize text and infer something not there
  - Although each book may fall into a category
    - Most books contain various styles
  - Determine genre to the best of your ability
    - Without allowing it to hamper your study
    - Recognition of genre should always add to your learning
      - Never detract from it
    - Your receptive mind guided by the Holy Spirit supersedes all else when studying the Bible
  - Also: literally or allegorically?
  - Not all theologians agree on specific breakdown
    - These categories agreed to by most



- A Reminder
  - We never know genre with 100% accuracy
  - Some books have several styles and genres within them
    - They are flexible and flow into one another
  - Never let proposed genre be only tool to find meaning
  
- Marking Your Bible
  - Post-It Page Markers, Flags, and Arrows
  - Good option when temporarily marking specific passages
  - 0.5" x 1.75"
  - Rectangular and arrow



- Stickers
  - Many varieties
  - Decorate with something inspiring
  - Bible study should be enjoyable
    - As well as educational and moving
  
- Color-Coding
- Pencils, pens, or highlighters?
  - How many?
  - How complex?
  - Remain consistent
  - Understand it completely
  - Not for another to see or be impressed by
    - For specific purpose of helping Christian maturity
- Pencil/Pens
  - Good basic method
  - Many pens bleed through page
  - Some pencils damage the page
  - Many prefer simplicity of lines, circles, and symbols
    - To identify keywords and subject of passages
    - PIGMA 005 Microns or Mr. Pen Non-Bleed Pens are best
      - Archival pens that don't bleed or smear
      - Dry fast and draw smoothly
      - Available in wide variety of colors (and sets)
      - Small ruler or straightedge help keep lines tidy
- Highlighters
  - Ordinary liquid-based highlighters generally bleed
  - Gel or solid highlighters don't
  - Mr. Pen gel-based highlighters are best I've found
    - Variety of colors, readily available, inexpensive
    - Have never bled through my Bibles
  - Keep color-coding system consistent
    - Simple or complex, whatever works for you
  - I use 12-pack of Mr. Pen highlighters in variety of colors
    - However, use just eight of them
    - Each indicates group of related concepts
    - I even labeled them, so I won't forget.







- Leave some space at the end in case you later come back to that same passage and want to include further notes
  - At the end of your original note, refer to the next number in sequence and perhaps in table of contents
  - Start new note and continue writing
  - “Techie” person could achieve same thing with notes on computer, phone, or tablet.
    - Plus gain search function

*Miscellanies*

M0001 - John 3:16 - God so Loved the World (>M0005)

The gospel revealed: The love of God is the origination of our regeneration by the Spirit and our reconciliation by the Son.

M0002 - Gen 1:1 - Creation

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit.

M0003 - John 10:10 - Satan's vs. Jesus Mission

Ut enim ad minim veniam, quis nostrud exercitation ullamco laboris nisi ut aliquip ex ea commodo consequat.

M0004 - Eph 6:11-12 - Armor of God

Fusce cursus elit vestibulum dictum elementum. Nullam et lectus cursus, venenatis sapien at, scelerisque nunc.

M0005 - John 3:16 - Live Forever (<M0001)

The great gospel benefit: Whosoever believes in Christ will never perish. True believers are eternally indebted to Christ.

<http://edwards.yale.edu/>

## The “ology” Terms

The “ology” suffix at the end of the word means to study. The prefix at the beginning indicates the specific area focused on.

*Theology*: Nature of God and religious beliefs

*Protology*: Origins and first things, God’s purpose for humanity

*Anthropology*: Humanity as we relate to God

*Bibliology*: The Bible and doctrine

*Hamartiology*: Sin in three categories: imputed (Adam’s sin), inherent (sinful nature), and personal (our specific thought or acts)

*Christology*: Person, nature, and role of Christ

*Pneumatology*: Holy Spirit

*Soteriology*: Doctrines of salvation

*Ecclesiology*: Nature and structure of the church

*Eschatology*: Last things and the end times, concerned with death and the final destiny of the individual soul and humankind

*Systematic Theology*: Study that answers, “What does the whole Bible teach about a given topic?”

*Practical Theology*: Study of how to best apply theological truths to the life of the church and the world (including preaching, Christian education, counseling, evangelism, missions, church administration, worship, etc.)

## **Related Terms**

*Apologetics*: Study of theology for defending Christian teaching against criticism and distortion, and providing evidence of its credibility

*Hermeneutics*: Method, theory, and principles of studying and interpreting the Bible (see Exegesis and Eisegesis). Both a science and an art.

*Exegesis* (good method): Interpreting “out of” scripture, using the words of the text in their original context to determine the true intent of the author

*Eisegesis* (bad method): Interpreting “into” scripture, using the text to support one’s pre-conceived notions

*Homiletics*: Art of preparing sermons and preaching

## **It’s About the Book**

*Pentateuch*: In Christianity, the first five books of the Old Testament, comprised of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

*Synoptic Gospels*: the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke in the New Testament, which present comparable histories of Jesus’ life and death.

*Torah*: In Judaism, Torah usually means the first five books of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament). It is also called the Law and or (in Christianity) the Pentateuch

*Tanakh*: The Entire Hebrew Bible (Our Old Testament), comprised of the *Torah* (First Five Books), the *Nevi'im* (Prophets), and the *Ketuvim* (Writings).

*Septuagint:* (abbreviated LXX) The earliest existing Greek translation of the Old Testament from the original Hebrew. The Septuagint was most likely made for the Jewish community in Egypt when Greek was the common language throughout the region. The name (from the Latin septuaginta, meaning “70”) was derived from the legend that 72 translators (six from each of the 12 tribes of Israel) independently produced identical translations.

*Apocrypha:* (from the Greek apokryptein, meaning “to hide away”) Some Bibles will include this collection of books between the Old and New Testaments. The Protestant Church does **not** consider these books to be part of the Biblical canon, although some Protestants see them as having some value for uninspired instruction. The Apocryphal Books included in the 1611 King James Version of the Bible were 1 Esdras, 2 Esdras, Tobit, Judith, Rest of Esther, Wisdom, Ecclesiasticus (also known as Sirach), Baruch and the Epistle of Jeremy, Song of the Three Children, Story of Susanna, The Idol Bel and the Dragon, Prayer of Manasseh, 1 Maccabees, and 2 Maccabees.

*Gnosticism:* (from Greek: gnōstikós, meaning “knowledge” or “insight”) While not describing the Bible or its parts, you may come across this term in your study. Gnosticism was an early heresy in which the Christian message was misunderstood and misapplied.

*Heresy:* An opinion or doctrine that stands in opposition to the accepted doctrine of a church or religion. In Christianity, it is the ignoring, refusing, or misinterpreting of Holy Scripture and replacing it with erroneous teachings.

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YouVersion

Website: [bible.com](http://bible.com)

Price: Free, Donations accepted

Mobile App: Yes

Logos Bible Software

Website: [logos.com](http://logos.com)

Price: Free to very expensive,  
depending on the library

Mobile App: Yes

### ESV Online

Website: [esv.org](http://esv.org)

Price: Free, Purchased Add-ons,

Donations accepted

Mobile App: Yes

### Bible Gateway

Website: [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com)

Price: Free, BibleGateway Plus

@ \$4.99/month

Mobile App: Yes

### Blue Letter Bible

Website: [blueletterbible.org](http://blueletterbible.org)

Price: Free, Donations accepted

Mobile App: Yes

### Bible Study Tools

Website: [biblestudytools.com](http://biblestudytools.com)

Price: Free, pop-up advertising,  
paid Plus Plan accepted

Mobile App: Yes

### Study Light

Website: [studylight.org](http://studylight.org)

Price: Free, advertising, pay to  
remove ads

Mobile App: No

### BibleSpeak

Website: [biblespeak.org](http://biblespeak.org)

Price: Free, Affiliate Book Sales

Mobile App: No

### Treasury of Scripture Knowledge

Website: [tsk-online.com](http://tsk-online.com)

Price: Free

Mobile App: Yes

### Webster's Dictionary 1828

Website:

[webstersdictionary1828.com](http://webstersdictionary1828.com)

Price: Free

Mobile App: Similar

### King James Bible Dictionary

Website:

[kingjamesbibledictionary.com](http://kingjamesbibledictionary.com)

Price: Free

Mobile App: Similar

### Christian Classics Ethereal Library

Website: [ccel.org](http://ccel.org)

Price: Free, Donations

Mobile App: No

### Internet Archive

Website: [archive.org](http://archive.org)

Price: Free, Non-Profit,  
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Mobile App: Yes

### Google Scholar

Website: [scholar.google.com](http://scholar.google.com)

Price: Free

Mobile App: No