

## LBIR Recommended Bible Study Resources

Here is a short list of resources that we've found helpful for effective Bible study. Some are slightly more liberal; others slightly more conservative. Each has been a source of informative discourse for many students, shedding light on Scripture in a way others don't. The multi-volume sets can get quite expensive—obviously some more than others. However the smaller commentaries and Study Bibles listed here are great resources too, and usually cost \$50 or less. *Note: Many of the larger commentary sets have single-volume siblings that are much less expensive, yet still contain a wealth of useful information.*

The monographs are single volumes that we've found interesting and useful.

Although all of these are available in hardcopy, we recommend students use digital versions in a computer Bible app called Logos. When it comes to digital Bibles and libraries, we've tried 'em all, and Logos is by far the best in our opinion. Yes, there is a learning curve, but it's well worth it. Depending on when you do it, the Logos app can usually be had for \$50 - \$75 or so, and then you add books and resources as funds allow. Most, if not all, of the individual resources and commentaries also go on sale at various times throughout the year.

If you like having the advantages of the digital world but don't want to get into Logos, many of the monographs we've listed here are available for Kindle too, and also in other Bible apps (such as Olive Tree, Accordance, etc.).

### Bibles

- NIV 1984 (or NIV 2011, usually just called "NIV")
- ESV (English Standard Version)
- HCSB (Holman Christian Standard Bible)
- MEV (Modern English Version)
- NKJV, KJV
- The Message

### Multi-Volume Commentary Sets

- Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries. London: InterVarsity Press, 2017.
- Tyndale New Testament Commentaries. London: InterVarsity Press, 2017.
- The Expositor's Bible Commentary. Edited by Frank E. Gaebelin, Zondervan Publishing House, 2010.
- Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary. Zondervan, 2002.
- Word Biblical Commentary. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2014.
- Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2000.
- Simpson, A. B. *The Christ in the Bible Commentary*. Vol. 2. Wingspread Publishers, 1992.

### Smaller Commentaries

*Note: Unlike the print versions, these generally do not contain the biblical text.*

- A Logion Press Commentary. Horton, Stanley A. Springfield, MO: Logion Press, 1999.
- Through the Bible Book by Book. Pearlman, Myer. Gospel Publishing House, 2012.
- The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures, edited by J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, 2:437. Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985.

### Study Bibles

- New Spirit-Filled Life Bible: Notes. Hayford, Jack et. al. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Bibles, 2002.
- The Nelson Study Bible: New King James Version. Nashville: T. Nelson Publishers, 1997.
- The NIV Study Bible: Notes (Revised Edition). Kenneth L. Barker. Zondervan, 2020.
- Woman's Study Bible. Thomas Nelson, 1995
- Faithlife Study Bible. John D. Barry et. al. Lexham Press, 2012

### Monographs (helpful and interesting single-volume resources)

- Dictionary of Biblical Imagery. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2000.
- Four Portraits, One Jesus: A Survey of Jesus and the Gospels. Strauss, Mark. 2nd Edition. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Academic, 2020.

- A Harmony of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles: The Books of the Kings of Judah and Israel. New York; Chicago; Toronto; London; Edinburgh: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1897.
- Harmony of the Gospels. Robertson, A. T. A Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2009.
- New Nave's Topical Bible. Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, 1994.
- Nelson's Quick Reference Topical Bible Index. Nelson's Quick Reference. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1996.
- Find It Fast in the Bible: A Quick Topical Reference. Rhodes. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 2016.
- Holman Bible Handbook. Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 1992.
- The Essential Bible Dictionary. Silva, Moisés. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011.
- Foundations of Pentecostal Theology, vols 1-2. Duffield, Guy P., Nathaniel M. Van Cleave. Foursquare Media, 2016.
- This Is That: Personal Experiences, Sermons, and Writings of Aimee Semple McPherson, Evangelist. McPherson, Aimee Semple. Los Angeles, CA: The Bridal Call Publishing House, 1919.
- Bible Doctrines: A Pentecostal Perspective. Menzies, William W., Edited by Stanley M. Horton. Logion Press, 1993.
- The Holy Spirit in the New Testament: A Pentecostal Guide. Simmons, Wm. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2021.
- The End Times in Chronological Order: A Complete Overview to Understanding Bible Prophecy. Rhodes, Ron. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 2012.
- The End: Everything You'll Want to Know about the Apocalypse. Hitchcock, Mark. Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale, 2012.
- The Second Coming of Christ: Is He Coming? How Is He Coming? When Is He Coming? For Whom Is He Coming?. McPherson, Aimee Semple. Los Angeles: Aimee Semple McPherson, 1921.
- Overcoming the Dark Side of Leadership: How to Become an Effective Leader by Confronting Potential Failures, Revised Edition. Gary L. McIntosh and Samuel D. Rima. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2007.
- Dictionary of Biblical Imagery, Leland Ryken et al. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2000.
- Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1988.
- Chronological and Background Charts of the Old Testament. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Academic, 2019.
- Chronological and Background Charts of the New Testament. 2nd Edition. ZondervanCharts. Zondervan, 2009.
- Bite-Size Bible® Charts: A Lot of Discovery in a Little Book. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 2012.
- *Dake's Topics*. Dake, Finis Jennings. WORDsearch, 1991.

#### **Charts** (helpful and interesting)

- Visual Outline Charts of the New Testament. Bashoor, M. Scott. B&H Academic Digital, 2016.
- Chronological and Background Charts of the New Testament. House, H. Wayne. Edited by 2nd Edition. ZondervanCharts. Zondervan, 2009.
- Chronological and Background Charts of the Old Testament. Walton, John H. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Academic, 2019.
- Chronological and Background Charts of Church History. Walton, Robert C. Revised Edition. Zondervan Charts. Zondervan, 2018.
- Holman Book of Biblical Charts, Maps, and Reconstructions. Smith, Marsha A. Ellis, June Swann, Trent C. Butler, Christopher L. Church, and David S. Dockery. Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1993.