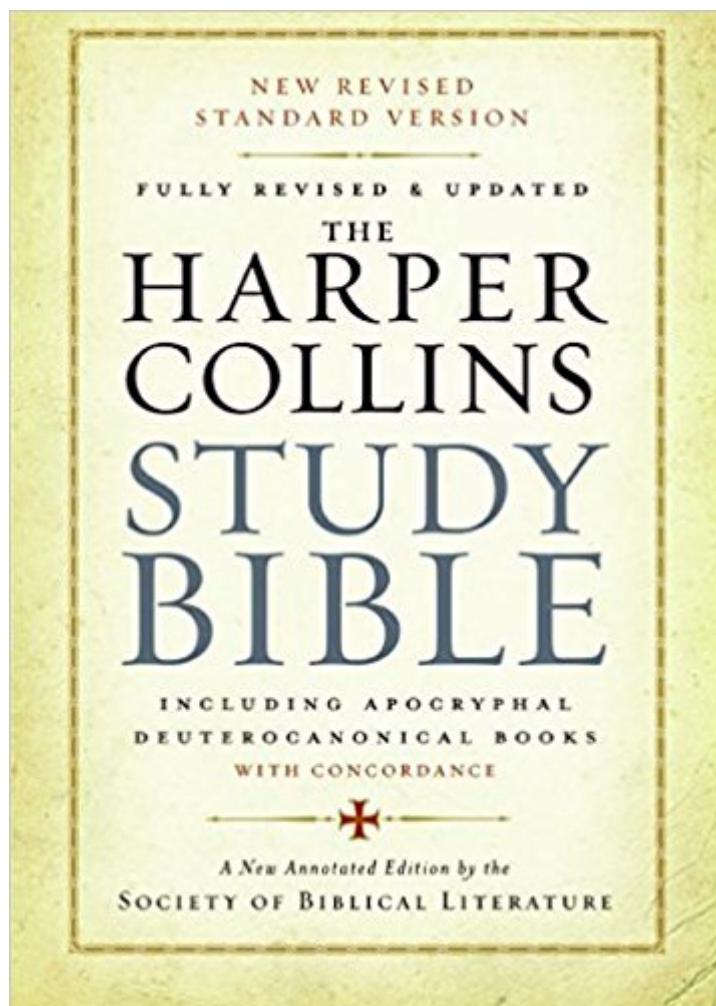


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The landmark general reference Bible that offers the full text of the New Revised Standard Version, now completely revised and updated by leading biblical scholars, including, new introductions and notes, diagrams, charts and maps. 25% revised or new material. After 10 years of new archeological discoveries and changes in biblical studies, it was time for an overhaul of this classic reference work. With the guidance of the Society of Biblical Literature, an organization of the best biblical scholars world wide, we have selected Dean of Yale Divinity School, Harold Attridge, to oversee the Study Bible's updating and revision. The fundamental strengths of the first HCSB remain . . . up to date introductions to the Biblical books, based on the latest critical scholarship, by leading experts in the field concise notes, clearly explaining names, dates, places, obscure terms, and other difficulties in reading the Biblical text careful analysis of the structure of Biblical books abundant maps, tables, and charts to enable the reader to understand the context of the Bible, and to see the relationship among its parts. But, in this new

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I really like my new Bible. Like the introduction, study notes, etc. The only negative thing is I bought a paperback wanting to save a few dollars and now realize I should have just purchased a hardback. It is a bit flimsy and due to lots of use, pages and cover are already getting a bit beat up. So I ended up buying a Bible Cover to make it last longer. That was another \$18.00.

Just got started with this Bible, but really like it so far. One thing I wish is that it had the "red lettering" other Bibles have.

I have been using the "paper" versions for years and found it one of the BEST study Bible. It is the NRSV translation but each book is introduced by and footnoted by a different biblical expert providing lots of important information. I am reviewing this because I was patiently waiting for a digital version - didn't really think anyone would do that - but they have! And it is great! Truly adds to study capabilities - search and note taking - without highlighting in a paper version. A great addition for the Bible student!

I've been studying the Holy Bible since I was very young. (King James) Although I'd studied it

before, since I bought this book and have begun reading it, the bible has come alive so much more. The translation is very easy to read and has so many great footnotes. When getting to the NT books, the pre-book explanation's become really helpful, especially with the Pauline Epistles. I highly recommend this book for anyone who is thinking of taking their biblical study to the next level.

Need to really work on navigation. Each book has at the beginning a list of numerical chapters, however these are not entree points but footnotes. Very discouraging. Typical - chapter : verse - notation usage is missing. Either I have missed something or the editors of this version released a version prematurely. I would avoid purchasing until this blunder is fixed. If I am mistaken and just unversed as to ease of use I apologize for this bad review, but please educate me as to how to navigate.

A great resource for this reading the bible for spiritual or academic pursuits. It really provides a fair amount of background and history with notes to where there is some ambiguity in the text because of translations or multiple meanings of the untranslated words. I do wish I would have bought the hardcover edition that is not very much more expensive, since the cover of mine is starting to bend noticeably, and this is a little annoying, but that's because really like my books!

The KJV has a very nice lyrical sound to it, but is effectively a poor translation. The CEV is the most readable version (perfect for children), but can oversimplify for clarity. If you want a translation that is accurate and clear for serious study, the NRSV is undeniably the best. Now the Harper Collins Study Bible not only uses the NRSV, but it includes LOTS of ACTUALLY USEFUL footnotes. I find it annoying in other Bibles when there's a footnote that just gives another book, chapter, and verse and then when you go to the trouble of looking it up it's just a similar wording (as if to say "Hey! The Bible has some consistency of language!") Instead, these footnotes will discuss the nuance of a particular word, point out important context, or suggest that an alternative interpretation exists. Very handy! One footnote in Exodus comments that though the literal translation says that God appeared as a pillar of cloud by day and fire by night, some theologians believe He appeared as a storm god in this scene, and when night obfuscated the clouds, the lightning within shone like fire. An interesting idea. The maps and other graphics are also a nice touch.

I am reading the Bible again after 50+ years. I looked all over for a guide and found this Study Bible. The layout is great for someone like me with verse by verse commentary at the bottom of each page

and an intro to each Book. My Bible is the KJ which I am reading, but I appreciate the more modern, up-to-date verse translations via the Study Bible's New Revised Standard Version. I can recommend this book comprised of comments from some 84 scholars, all of whom are listed. Please be advised that this Study Bible is written from the point of view of believing in its contents and not to rip the Bible apart. Personally, I prefer that. The only negative is that the comments at the bottom of each page are really small type, readable, but nevertheless quite small, almost like footnotes. This was necessary to keep total pages down to a dull roar, I imagine. Have to get stronger reading glasses anyhow.

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