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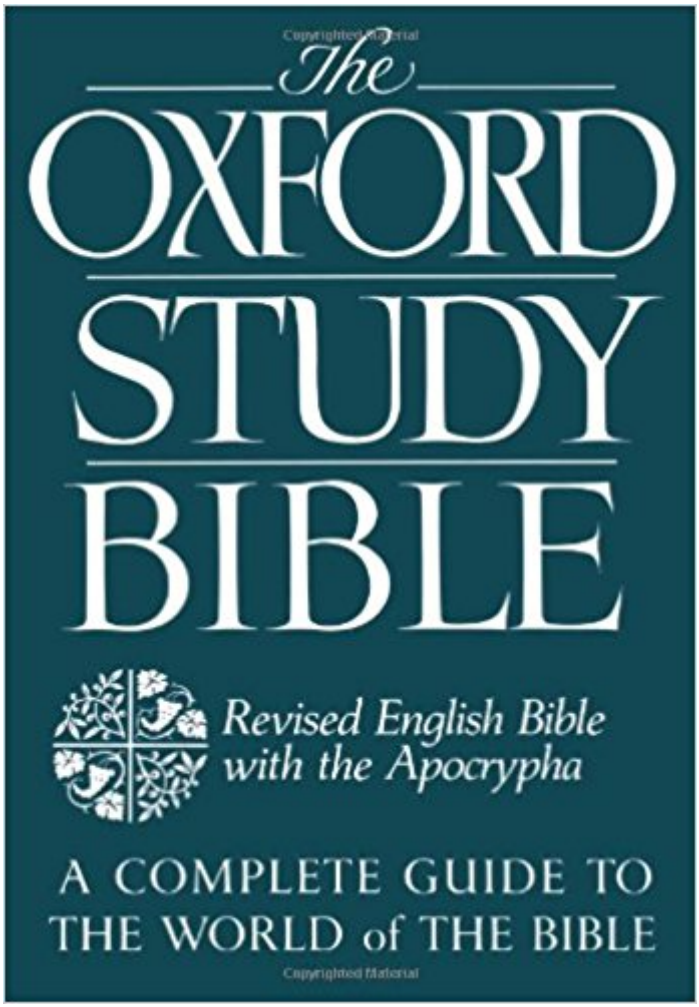

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Synopsis

The Oxford Study Bible is the first one-volume resource that introduces readers to the Bible through a combination of an overview of biblical history and scholarship and direct commentary on the text. Its features include 23 indispensable articles on the history, literary background, and cultural influences of the Bible, the complete text of the Revised English Bible with the Apocrypha, fully revised and updated page-by-page textual annotations, a special index to people, places, and themes in the Bible, and full color New Oxford Bible Maps with index.

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Customer Reviews

"Well-written and up-to-date articles on the historical, cultural, and religious background of the Bible. The publication of this resource marks a new level of ecumenical cooperation."--David E. Aune, Loyola University

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The REB is one of my go-to bible translations (the other two being the RSV-CE and the Jerusalem Bible). It is a well conceived and executed revision of the New English Bible (first published in the 1960s). It tones down some of the NEB’s more conspicuous quirks, and it’s about the most responsibly "inclusivized" revision of the 1980s. I keep a copy on my desk.The Oxford Study edition

has prefatory material and footnotes written from a standard academic liberal protestant perspective. There is also a "Select Index to People, Places, and Themes in the Bible" and a selection of 14 maps from the Oxford Bible Atlas.

I love the Bible (so I couldn't give this the ONE STAR I wanted for design), but the pages are falling out after TWO WEEKS!! LOOK FOR ANOTHER BIBLE

Strongly recommended for people interested in the poetry, historical context, and message of the Bible who don't want to go blue in the face trying to understand wordier translations.This bible makes things clear and accessible on first reading without making the text boring or monotonous. It maintains its poetry, but is no more poetic (and maybe at times it is less) than the NRSV. Unlike the NRSV this bible expresses the thoughts of the orignal authors even if word-for-word translation comes at a bit of an expense -- this is a huge plus for young people, lay people, people (re)discovering the bible, or people skeptical of many aspects of Christianity. This bible gives you beautiful words minus the confusion that often accompany more literal translations. As a plus it gives you historical and linguistic context galore to enhance your understanding. If you're not in the mood to read footnotes you don't have to -- this Bible is quite readable on its own and the footnotes are there to further the depth of your undersanding of the history, lingquistics, and meaning of what you're reading.The REB contains nearly 100 pages of articles on early Christianity and theological development that are a must for anyone desiring an honest understanding of Christianity. Honest and thorough, yet concise. Awesome feature.'s service was good. No complaints.The book is indeed a paperback and is large. This is not the type of Bible you throw in a backpack when on the go or lend out freely. The NRSV is an ecumenical and theologically honest Bible that is available in hardcover study Bible editions at the same price as this flimsy one. The NRSV is a bit harder to read, but if you plan on studying the text and linguistics of the Bible rather than simply the message go with the NRSV.The great thing about the REB is how easy it is to move through it and understand it without sacrificing aesthetics. Its sound and accurate.The REB is not nearly as gender inclusive as the NRSV, strange that it would uphold a useless conservative tradition when it often takes liberties that no other literary or scholarly Bible would take.Understandable. Literary. Historical.

I use this bible in preference to the New Revise Standard Version. I am now PC(USA) from United Presbyterian Church before we reunited with the southern Presbyterians. The New English Bible

(now REB) was a preferred version in our congregation for bible study and reference.

Great book. I would recommend every scholar of relevent fields to consider this book.

It took me much rechearch to find the study bible I was looking for. I'm so glad I chose to get this one. It is so helpful.

Useful essays as well as containing and formatting all of the traditional text. Clear translation.

A previous review by Michael K. Broadhead (see below) calls attention to an "oddity" in the REB's rendering of Jesus "anger" in Mark 1:41. Broadhead points out that KJV gives "compassion" and RSV gives "pity" for the same term. He could have added that the NEB -- the predecessor version to the REB -- gives "warm indignation".These words are indeed different. However, differences do not imply mistranslation, or that one of the translations has to be incorrect, or that the translators were careless.The REB rendering resulted from the translators' evaluation and selection of various textual and evidentiary sources, referred to as "witnesses." Tanslators have to assess and take into account divergent manuscrits in Greek, manuscripts of early translations into other lnaguages, and quotations from the New Testament by early Christian writers. Translators are highly conscious of the provisional basis of their judgements about the variants.I have read the NEB closely and comparatively. Setting aside the concept of accuracy, which is more elusive than we like to think and beyond the expertise of readers without training in ancient languages, beyond even that expertise of readers armed with lexicons, I have found the translation to be strong and convincing. I would especially recommend the REB or the NEB to readers who already know their KJV and RSV. The differences are more fascinating than "odd."The best thing about the REB is its full commitment to the English language and willingness to write as English is written, risky as that may be. So-called "accurate" translations that give give English word equivalents without sounding like acual English usage fail in the task of translation, from my point of view.

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