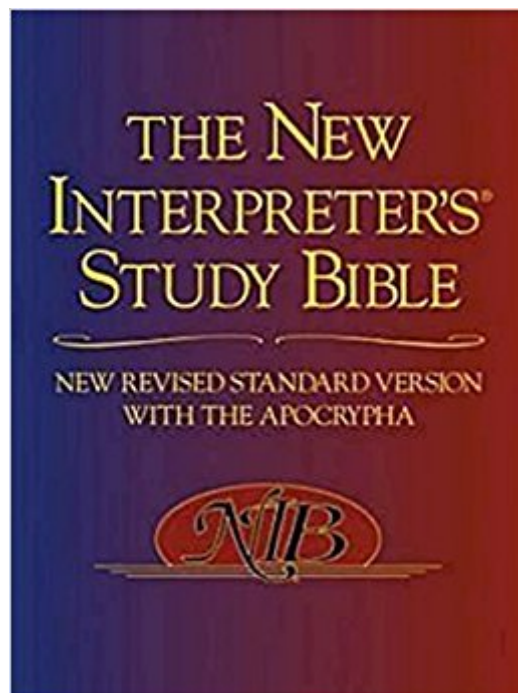




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The New Interpreter's Study Bible: New Revised Standard Version With The Apocrypha



Synopsis

The New Interpreter's Study Bible brings the best of biblical scholarship to the service of the Church. In this new edition based on The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible with Apocrypha, sixty distinguished scholars have provided background and insight on the biblical text. Features include extensive historical and theological annotations on the biblical text; brief introductions and outlines for each biblical book; excursuses giving further background and insight regarding particular themes and passages; and nineteen commissioned maps detailing the biblical world at various historical periods.

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Customer Reviews

"Of the current editions of study Bibles, in my opinion the most helpful for pastors, teachers, and all students of the Scriptures has now been issued by Abingdon Press under the dedicated guidance of Dr. Walter Harrelson."

Dr. Walter Harrelson served as Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Old Testament at Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, Tennessee, and adjunct professor in the Divinity School of Wake Forest University in Winston Salem, North Carolina. He wrote several books and many articles on the Old Testament, as well as on religion and worship in Bible lands.

While I don't necessarily agree with everything presented in the study materials, I love that I am able to dive deeper into the Bible and its historicity/surrounding contexts as both a scholar and a

layperson. This version was recommended to me by a PhD Bible scholar and it has not disappointed me!

This study bible offers insights and commentary not found in "what's already on the shelf." It's a physically big book but not so imposing as to discourage taking to meetings. Recommended.

Beautiful translation. I'm not real sure the cover will stay attached to the book or that it will survive my frequent use of it. We'll see.

The NRSV is the premiere study Bible and "The New Interpreter's" series is among the best scholarly yet accessible available. However, this software is not user friendly. The search features--which are what I primarily purchased it for--are frustrating. It is hard to narrow word searches and searches always revert to Genesis 1:1. I had major problems with the copy feature and the computer code for each verse number always shows up when pasting and must be removed manually. Also, you cannot load the Bible onto the hard drive, the software only works with the CD-ROM in place. I had hoped to be able to use this on both my laptop and netbook (which has no CD drive), but can only use it in the first (and must then swap it out when I want to use the CD drive). This could be a much better product than it is.

Scholarly and yet easily applicable for learners of any faith

Steeped in conservative Christian theology, I determined that i had to throw out the Bible..or find another way to view it. This is my attempt to do and am studying the book of Hebrews and the Minor prophets with this study Bible. It is interesting and refreshing to read while learning a new perspective. The maps are awesome, the commentary great and I am learning so much more! It is well worth the money!

This is a well-conceived product that incorporates the NRSV, RSV and the KJV, and the Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible (IDB). The 5-volume Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible has been one of the standard in-print reference works since the fifth volume supplement was added in 1980 and was subsequently released by Abingdon Press on CD-ROM in 1992, which at that time sold through them for about \$130. The dictionary here in this study bible set has been superseded by a Feb. 2010 CD-ROM version, The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible, selling on for \$400! Not that

much in Christian history in 18 years has changed to lessen the usefulness or the accuracy of the version included with this set. In-print, the 1980 version weighs in at an astounding 4,948 pages and is normally sold for around \$90 used. Having that many resources included in this set for the price is great for any budget-conscious bible student. A very nice addition to this version not included in the 1992 Interpreter's Study Bible CD set is that any highlighted word in the NRSV bible is linked to the IDB and a quick double click brings a definition from that wonderful 5-volume set. Perhaps the main complaint I could expound would be to express my frustration with both Abingdon and for not stating anywhere in the descriptive literature about this product that it is in a fairly obscure database format: InfoBase. It is workable, but it would seem that Abingdon should take a look at the mainstream bible study software in the market and partner this product with Logos. That this product could be available through Logos would certainly put a smile on my face, since like most bible students, I have a very heavy investment in the Logos system, as well as seeing the wonderful connections this product would have while doing a search in Logos. It would add even more reason for a Logos-only user to purchase this software. All-in-all, InfoBase is a high-end business product and no matter what you are doing in any of the books you have loaded, you are always behind the database "wall" which is neither user-friendly nor intuitive. It would be nice not to have all of the database apparatus cluttering each screen, once you have found your hit, or just simply reading or browsing. Probably the most objectionable flaw with this product is that it does not install the data to your hard drive. The database program is installed to your HD, but the original CD-ROM disk must ALWAYS be inserted in a local drive for this system to work. (Not a networked CD either). This is such an obsolete method of "copy protection" harkening back the first days of the CD-ROM in the late 80's. C'mon Abingdon...your main users are very unlikely to be software pirates who trade in CD disks and will steal this Christian product. Give your readers/pastors/purchasers the benefit of the doubt and let us install the entire product on our desktops and laptops simultaneously so we can keep the original disk pristine and stashed away with our other "fully-installable" CD-ROMs. I would cite this "defect" as one more instance of less-than-full disclosure on both Abingdon's and 's product page for this software. Of course 's description is taken directly from the Abingdon product literature so they are not quite as guilty as charged. By the way, my work-around was to install the entire disk on a virtual CD and then load that on my hard drive. Works perfect, except the virtual CD software cost \$39. Still, it is one of the best-priced biblical study tools available on today! It has been the main factor in my decision to make the NRSV my "bible of choice."

I am going to enjoy using this Bible. I bought and gifted three others and the users are very

satisfied.

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