

Bibliography

A wealth of resources is available to the modern student of God's Word. However, using the best and most helpful resources can be a big help in understanding and rightly applying God's Word. The resources below represent the work of careful students of God's Word. They vary from being very basic to being for the more advanced lay student of God's Word.

Note: As always, use discernment with any resource. Inclusion of a resource in this list does not imply agreement with everything that the author says, but rather a recognition that much of what is said is helpful.

Computer Resources

- Preceptaustin.org – a free website that pulls together resources for books of the Bible and various topics/themes. Worth browsing especially if you do not have other resources available.
- **Logos** – a powerful computer program that allows the user to purchase books, take notes, study the Greek and Hebrew originals, and much more. This is a resource I use every day.
 - Basic – Free introductory program. Includes many free resources and the ability to study Greek and Hebrew words without knowing the language.
 - Fundamentals \$49.99 (Currently) – Contains many helpful resources listed below, including Wiersbe's commentaries on the New Testament, Zuck's book on hermeneutics, Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible, the Bible Knowledge commentary, and much more.

Study Bibles – include introductory material on books of the Bible, helpful articles, and brief comments on every book of the Bible.

- Ryrie Study Bible (\$35)
- MacArthur Study Bible (\$15 digital; \$30 hardback)

Concordance – lists out all the places a certain Greek or Hebrew word is used and can often be used by those who don't know Greek or Hebrew. While originally these were printed resources, the ability to search on computer has made print copies obsolete.

- Biblewebapp.com
- Strong's Concordance – the gold standard for concordances, now available online: (<https://www.biblestudytools.com/concordances/strongs-exhaustive-concordance/>)
- Logos – see above

Bible Dictionary – Give articles on specific issues such as locations, customs, and other resources

- New Bible Dictionary (\$20) – basic, inexpensive dictionary.
- Evangelical Dictionary of Theology (\$35 kindle; \$50 hardback)
- Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible (2 vols.) (\$75) – more detailed but also pricier. A good work that I refer to often.
- International Standard Bible Encyclopedia (<https://www.studylight.org/encyclopedias/isb.html>) – This is a free resource, but it is over 100 years old and so there is much new information that it lacks. However, for those with no Bible dictionary it still contains much that is helpful.

Commentaries

- **Bible Knowledge Commentary (\$70)** – A good way to get a little something on every book of the Bible that is deeper than a study Bible.
- **Wiersbe (“Be Series” or “Expository Outlines”)** – Solid biblical teaching that manages to be both profound yet simple and applicable. Reasonably priced and available on every book of the Bible.
- **MacArthur (NT)** – solid, detailed commentaries available on every book of the NT.
- **Spurgeon’s Treasury of David** – a three volume commentary on the Psalms (<https://www.biblestudytools.com/commentaries/treasury-of-david/>)
- **Bible Background Commentary (OT and NT)** – a 2 volume set that includes helpful information for the historical and cultural background for different passages.
- **Tyndale New/Old Testament Commentary Series** – brief yet thorough commentaries on every book of the Bible. Some authors are more solid than others.

Books on Hermeneutics

- **Basic Bible Interpretation** (Roy Zuck)
- **How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth; How to Read the bible Book by Book** (Gordon and Fee) – These books, especially the first, have become the gold standard for hermeneutics aimed at a lay audience. They are tremendously helpful, but readers may not agree with everything the authors state, especially in chapter 2 on choosing a good Bible translation and the final chapter on Revelation.
- **Grasping God’s Word** (Duvall and Hays)
- **How to Read Series** (Tremper Longman III) – overall a helpful series giving practical aid on reading 5 challenging books of the Old Testament – Genesis, Exodus, Job, Psalms, Proverbs. The books on Genesis, Exodus, and Job contain some views on the Old Testament and history that I don’t agree with, and so I would recommend Psalms and Proverbs most heartily, with a reserved recommendation of Exodus and Genesis.