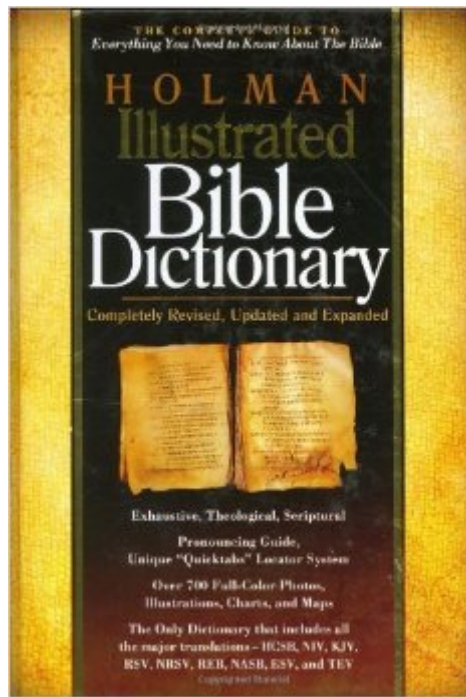


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Synopsis

Revised and expanded, this best-selling study tool is better than ever! It features 700 color photos, 80 color maps, a pronunciation guide, the latest archaeological excavation information, time lines, extensive cross-referencing, unique scale drawings, and much more.

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Customer Reviews

This is probably the best new bible dictionary to come along in some time. It contains over 700 full-color photos, illustrations, charts, and maps. And these are not just "eye-candy," they are meaty and well thought-out. For example, under the topic of "Revelation" there is a 5-page chart which summarizes how each of the major interpretive views (amill, historic pre-mill, pretrib premill, preterist, postmill) understands each major point of interpretation or passage (e.g., seven heads of Rev 13, Beast, bride of Christ, etc.). The maps are beautifully done and the text is conservative and information-dense. This is not your typical fluff published to make a fast buck. The topics covered are extremely comprehensive. This may be the best single-volume Bible Dictionary I've seen to date. The only slightly negative observation I could make is the size of the work (over 1700 pages) is a bit large for a single volume and the binding could probably be better. (I haven't had a problem yet, but I can tell that I need to handle it carefully due to its size and weight.)

I owned other Bible Dictionaries but I can't resist buying this one because of the breath of topics covered in this book. The Timeline of the Biblical World and Christianity versus World Events are very helpful to see clearly how Christianity evolves while other world events are happening. Not only

does this book covers topics from several bible translations, what I like most, is that it also covers theological topics that are scholarly written that most bible dictionaries don't cover. All sorts of maps, charts and diagrams add clarity and value to the definitions and foremostly, they are all in color.

Having owned the earlier version of the Holman Bible Dictionary, I find this new edition is much more extensive with its content. Many of the definitions are more like college-level essays on every Bible topic you can imagine. It also includes full outlines on every book in the Bible, full-color maps, and beautiful photographs of the Holy Land. It is definitely not light reading, but for the serious Bible student or minister, the Holman Bible Dictionary is a volume you will be using again and again. I highly recommend the Holman Bible Dictionary.

I bought this book for my father-in-law, who has eyesight problems to teach his Sunday School class. He is 80 years old. He loves it. The print is large for him. He has found it so helpful in preparing his lessons now. It has given a new enthusiasm to his life. He says it is well written and the topics are easy to locate and the illustrations are the best. The man should know, he has been teaching Sunday School for 55 years.

Unfortunately included all of the hardback reviews in the Kindle section. All of these glowing reports omit the fact that navigation in the kindle version is very difficult. the Table of Contents takes you only to the first letter of the word you are seeking, after that its "scroll baby scroll". The search function does not take you to the primary topic entry, but rather to each occurrence of the word or part of the word. EXAMPLE, when I entered the word "cross", 245 entries came up, only one of which was the topic heading for "Cross". I was taken to the name of one of the authors (Diane Cross), every instance in which there was a "crossing" of a river. I was eventually able to find the primary topic on my iPad version by extensive scrolling, the process takes much longer on my Kindle device. or publisher, whichever is to blame, please limit the contents of the Kindle reviews to the Kindle version. If I want to know the evaluation of the book proper, I can always go to the hardback section. On an electronic device, navigation is everything - lack of proper navigation makes a reference book worthless.

Unlike the Smith Bible Dictionary, the Holman is in color and are real pictures and not drawings. This is a plus in many ways, but Smith's did have some good drawings (of fish for example) that the Holman does not have an equivalent. The maps and reconstruction models are top notch. The

articles are for the most part very good. There are some interpretive problems for example when the writer of the article on Paul goes into Paul's theology, he is at points reading anachronistically. Also, in the article on Palestine written by Timothy Trammel, he fails to give a history on how the land came to be called Palestine on the maps. The introductions are good and useful and the stuff on Jerusalem, the Temple, pottery, Spiritual Gifts, the Jewish festivals, death, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and many more besides are top notch. By all means get this book, it is worth it.

I bought the Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary on the strength of a friend's recommendation. This dictionary is very comprehensive. It covers every word I have looked for. The charts and time-lines are an unexpected bonus. The binding is excellent. That's important when dealing with a large book. If you are looking for a Bible Dictionary that covers the most words and has the most information in general, this is probably the one!

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