

Eight Essential Bible Exploration Books

Following is a list of eight books that can prove to be invaluable in exploring the Bible.

~ Reference ~

"The Dictionary"



A good English dictionary is an essential tool for exploring the Bible. Find one that suits your own needs in terms of size, layout and features. Be sure to select one of sufficient size to provide adequate information on the origins of the words.

"Strong's Exhaustive Concordance"

Compiled by James Strong



Although most Bibles provide a small concordance index, this volume has long been considered the most comprehensive and thorough of all Bible concordances. Be sure to get the edition with the words of Jesus in red. **NOTE: A superior alternative to a large concordance such as this would be one of the many excellent Bible Software packages available for use on your computer.**

"Herder's Dictionary of Symbols"

Compiled by Boris Matthews



This small, easy to use symbol dictionary is surprisingly comprehensive when it comes to providing the deeper symbolic meaning of thousands of different things we experience everyday. From words to numbers to colors to symbols to plants to creatures to all the elements of nature, this little book provides greater insight into the meaning of them all.

"The Revealing Word"

By Charles Fillmore



This is one of the classics in metaphysical Bible interpretation by the founder of the Unity School of Christianity. It is a listing of many words and phrases that appear in the Bible and other metaphysical writings. It seeks to give the reader inner meanings and interpretations of the listings especially as they apply to daily life.

~ Context ~

"DK Illustrated Family Bible"

Edited by Claude-Bernard Costecalde



A beautifully illustrated volume which provides an easy to read narrative of the all the essential stories in the Bible. A book like this provides a quick and easy way to set any scriptural passage in the context of a real human experience. **NOTE: There are many similar types of books that can fulfill this purpose. You might even find one that you like in the Children's section of your book store.**

"Reading the Bible Again for the First Time"

By Marcus J. Borg



This book is about taking the Bible seriously but not literally. It invites the reader to explore the mysteries of the sacred texts in a contemporary and thoughtful manner. The author also wrote the best-selling, **Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time.**

~ Inspiration ~

"Spiritual Intrepretation of Scripture"

By Joel Goldsmith



This is a good introduction to move the reader from a literal translation of scriptures to an interpretation that focuses on the Light of spiritual inspiration. It attempts to restore the "lost" Truth found in the sacred scriptures. The author was the founder of the "Infinite Way" study groups.

"The Sermon on the Mount"

By Emmet Fox



This is the distilled essence of the author's many years of metaphysical Bible study and focuses primarily on the book of Matthew where the Sermon on the Mount is recorded. It presents the reader with a practical manual for spiritual development.

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