

Building Your Own Bible Study Library

Classic Christian Science

Scrolls in a Clay Pot

We've come a long way from the way the early books and libraries used to look. The Ten Commandments were written on stone and then paper scrolls made from papyrus were used in writing books in the ancient times. In studying the books of the Bible you may note that some of the books in the Bible are labeled "major" and "minor" prophets. This does not mean that that the "major" books were more important than the "minor" books, it means that the "major" books had more scrolls than the "minor" books.

Major Books of the Bible

The term "major" refers to their length, not their importance.

Isaiah	Ezekiel
Jeremiah	Daniel
Lamentations	

Minor Books of the Bible

The term "minor" refers to the books' lengths, not their importance.

Hosea	Nahum
Joel	Habakkuk
Amos	Zephaniah
Obadiah	Haggai
Jonah	Zechariah
Micah	Malachi



LET'S GET STARTED BUILDING YOUR OWN BIBLE STUDY LIBRARY

BIBLE REFERENCES ALONG WITH SCIENCE AND HEALTH WITH KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES
BY MARY BAKER EDDY IN THE READING ROOM OFFER UNIQUE BIBLE STUDY RESOURCES

WRITINGS OF MARY BAKER EDDY

Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

Nothing makes the Bible come to life more than **Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures** by Mary Baker Eddy. This textbook is the most inspired and practical "Bible reference book" the Reading Room has to offer. **Science and Health** is a textbook that has 750 Bible references from the **King James Version** of the Bible. In addition to **Science and Health**, most Reading Rooms maintain a shelf of general Bible reference books within the Reading Room to buy or borrow from the Lending Library.

Prose Works are other writing of Mrs. Eddy which includes the following:

Miscellaneous Writings - A collection of Mrs. Eddy's writings. In the Preface she writes, "May this volume be to the reader a graphic guide book, pointing the path, dating the unseen, and enabling him to walk the untrodden in the hitherto unexplored fields of Science."

Retrospection and Introspection - Autobiography of Mrs. Eddy - In this book, Mrs. Eddy identifies key experiences in her life that led to her discovery of Christian Science. She also examines the nature of her discovery and provides admonition for its future. 95 pages.

Unity of Good -

Here Mary Baker Eddy confronts the nature of evil and sets forth the omnipotence and omnipresence of good. 64 pages.

Pulpit and Press -

Issued after the dedication of the church edifice of The Mother Church in Boston, this book includes Mary Baker Eddy's dedicatory sermon and newspaper accounts of the building of this important landmark in the history of Christian Science. 90 pages.

Rudimental Divine Science - In this work, Mary Baker Eddy presents a succinct statement of Christian Science and touches upon its method of healing. 17 pages.

No and Yes - Originally written in response to criticism of Christian Science, this work sets forth what Christian Science actually teaches concerning such topics as the nature of Deity, of man, of sin, and atonement. 46 pages.

Christian Science versus Pantheism - For a number of years, Mary Baker Eddy, sent messages to her church on the occasions of its communion service. This is her message for 1898.

Message to The Mother Church 1900 - Mrs. Eddy's communion message to her church for 1900. Written during a time of prolonged personal attack against her, this message provides Mary Baker Eddy's analysis of "three types of human nature — the right thinker and worker, the idler, and the intermediate." 15 pages.

Message to The Mother Church 1901 - Mrs. Eddy's communion message to her church for 1901, including the topics "God Is the Infinite Person" and "Christ is One and Divine." 15 pages.

Message to The Mother Church 1902 - Mrs. Eddy's communion message to her church for 1902, on the topic "The Old and the New Commandment." 20 pages.

Christian Healing - This work is a sermon Mary Baker Eddy preached in April 1880 on Mark 16:17, 18. 20 pages.

The People's Idea of God -

This is a sermon Mary Baker Eddy preached in March 1880 on "One Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Ephesians 4:5). 14 pages.

The First Church of Christ, Scientist and Miscellany - Articles on church and miscellaneous collection of essays, poems, ect. by Mary Baker Eddy.

CONCORDANCE

Complete Concordance the Writings of Mary Baker Eddy - A partial Concordance can be obtained on a CD called "Concord" but the complete book is very important because you have the complete listing of all references to Mrs. Eddy under Eddy or One. You can never separate the Revelator from the Revelation so it is with this Complete Concordance. The book is a must when you are inspired to look up a partial citation that is coming to you. That is you are receiving an angel message from God.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Retrospection and Introspection by Mary Baker Eddy - *This autobiography by Mrs. Eddy is a precious document into Mrs. Eddy's life leading to "The Great Revelation". This is a must for everyone who wants to know about Mrs. Eddy and her deep love of God and Man.*

BIOGRAPHIES - These are all must reads.

Mary Baker Eddy by Sybil Wilbur - The only authorized biography by Mrs. Eddy.

Twelve Years with Mary Baker Eddy by Irving Tomblinson - Irving Tomblinson worked in Mrs. Eddy for twelve years. He was an eyewitness account to Mrs. Eddy's healing work.

We Knew Mary Baker Eddy series - Eye witness accounts on healing by Mrs. Eddy. These are precious books that have been discontinued so you may contact me for more information. These books were at first individually produced in a four part series then they were put together into one book which does not have the photos of Mrs. Eddy. The individual four part series has photos of Mrs. Eddy. The third book in this four part series has a photo that is important in that Mrs. Eddy is wearing a crown. This crown is significant as to who Mrs. Eddy is in prophecy.

Christ and Christmas by Mary Baker Eddy - Her life in paintings. The symbolism in this book is explained by what is black and white. Black represent evil and white represent the light of Christ. What to say "yes" to and what to say "no" to. As you read this book you will want to keep Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures open to page 115: 12 -116: 3 - the three degrees as Mrs. Eddy explains. Also Mrs. Eddy wrote articles about Christ and Christmas which can be found in Prose Works.

BOUND VOLUMES OF THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE JOURNAL AND SENTINEL

The Christian Science Journal Sentinel was a monthly magazines designed by Mrs. Eddy for the beginning student of Christian Science and the Christian Science Journal was for the advance student of Christian Science. You can find these magazine rich with healing and articles based on the Bible in you local Reading Room. These bound volumes date back to 1883.

BIBLE REFERENCES

Bible references, chosen for sale in the Reading Rooms are of high quality and easy to use. The following explanation may be helpful to you in building your **Bible Research Library**.

BIBLE COMMENTARIES

Basically, commentaries discuss the *Bible* chapter-by-chapter and verse-by-verse. Significant words and phrases within the text are usually explained. Most offer an introduction to each book in the **Bible**, plus a great variety of general articles on the **Bible**. Both **Peake's** and **Interpreter's One-Volume** include colorful maps. Because ongoing scholarly research involves changing opinions on dates and places, introductions and general articles in newer commentaries are generally more useful.

The One Volume Bible Commentary by Rev. J. R. Dummelow M.A. - This Commentary was copyrighted in 1908 during Mrs. Eddy's time. Dummelow wrote this for the ordinary Bible reader. This commentary is made of contributors - Bible Scholars which are listed at the beginning of the book. In the Preface Dummelow writes, "The Bible is the inspired record of God's gradual revelation of himself, His Nature, Character, and Will, - a revelation made in the first instance to a people who were chosen to be guardians of this treasure and communicate it in due time to the rest of mankind, - a revelation consummated in the Person, Life, and Work and Jesus Christ."

Harper's Bible Commentary summarizes each book of the *Bible* chapter by chapter, but rarely discusses specific details within the chapter. Reflects new scholarship and discusses each book of the *Bible* in summary form, rather than verse-by-verse, from a literary and historical perspective. **Harper's** give a basic "story-line," but cannot be read in place of the *Bible* verse for verse. This commentary is useful with any Bible translation.

The Interpreter's One-Volume Bible Commentary has the same approach as **Peake's**, but comments are not as detailed. Consideration is given to the **Revised Standard Version** and The **New English Bible**, as well as the **King James Version**. The general articles include topics such as measure, money, how the Bible came down to us, and more. An index lists all Bible verse referenced.

Peak's Commentary on the Bible is a single volume commentary that was first published in 1919 and has been revised since then. Based on the **Revised Standard Version** of the *Bible*, it includes many special introductory articles establishing the historical, social, religious, literary, and geographical context of the Bible.

Bible Dictionaries

Bible dictionaries define the specialized vocabulary of the *Bible*, which ordinary language dictionaries do not include. Theological words such as "righteousness," have significantly deeper meanings in *Bible* use. The contents of all four *Bible* dictionaries have the same basic features with some useful differences.

Anchor Bible Dictionary is a comprehensive six-volume comprehensive *Bible* dictionary that contains about 1,200 pages with a total of over 6,000 entries is used by most *Bible* Scholars. The volumes are illustrated throughout, contain maps keyed to text for quick locations of archaeological and biblical sites, and are extensively cross-referenced for thorough coverage of topics. These can be ordered from our Reading Room.

Harper's Bible Dictionary (1996 edition) gives special attention to the field of archaeology with more complete descriptions of places than other dictionaries. Pronunciation guides are incomplete, and the pronunciation of proper names is given in their original language. It is companion to **Harper's Bible Commentary**.

The Interpreter's Dictionary of the *Bible*, five-volume set is the most inclusive which identifies proper names and significant subjects in the *Bible*, covers over 7,500 entries, gives pronunciations, and offers full-length articles on each book of the *Bible*. Included in this five-volume set are 24 pages of full-color maps. Volume five is a supplemental that updates the first four volumes. An example on how to use the dictionary: on Canon (God's Word, " Vol. A, p. 498) there are 21 pages on the *Old Testament* and 14 on the *New Testament*, followed by and extensive bibliography on each. To help the user, lengthy articles such as these are introduced with an outline. The phrases of the outline then serve as division caption throughout making it easy to find specific information. Many of the articles include helpful insights. Can be ordered or used in our library.

The New Westminster Dictionary is an authoritative work, which has been a standard reference volume of *Bible* students for many years. Included are more than 5,000 words, phrases, and proper names; over 450 illustrations, including photographs, drawings, and color maps of the Holy Land and its artifacts; a list of abbreviation; and pronunciation guide. The dictionary has two noteworthy features: defining words in terms of their religious and theological importance; and, citing the spiritual significance of the terms. The pronunciation guide is excellent. **The Westminster Concise Bible Dictionary** is limited in scope and that is its virtue. The simple clear design is good for quick reference, and for use with children or newcomers to the English language.

BIBLE CONCORDANCES

Concordances list alphabetically the principal words of the *Bible* and give a reference to where the word occurs.

Cruden's Complete Concordance first published in 1737 with over 225,000 references is an excellent research aid that has key words in the **Kings James Version**. An appendix lists proper names seldom mentioned in the Scriptures and not included in the body of the concordance. Notes and Biblical Proper names are listed alphabetically.

Young's Analytical Concordance to the *Bible* give more options in locating a passage, because passages are entered under more than one word, providing many possibilities for *Bible* research. The Hebrew and Greek reference sections give the literal meaning of the word and indicate the various possibilities it may assume in translation. These sections also show how a single English word is used to translate several words, which in their original language have variety of meanings.

The New Strong's Concise Concordance of the Bible provides quick access to specific verses, without the Hebrew and Greek detail. Gives the essentials of Strong's classic concordance in a convenient, compact size. Provides brief definitions and pronunciations guides for all proper names. Includes every verse in the **Kings James** version.

VERSIONS OF THE BIBLE

The New Revised Standard Bible is comfortable for users of the **King James Version**. The object of the revision committee was to keep the language of the **King James Version** unless a change made the meaning clearer. One such change is using other words for the pronoun "he" in places where the text means men and women.

The New Testament in Modern English, by J.B. Phillips, is useful for those who simply want to enjoy reading the *New Testament* without have to look up unusual word or phrases. Phillips has chosen to emphasize the meaning. He has paraphrased the original Greek rather than to translate it literally. Many readers find it helpful to compare this text with whatever standard translation they regularly use. The clarity of the language together with the notes, maps and index make this a useful resource.

The New Oxford Annotated Bible includes full text and brief concordance of the **New Revised Standard Version** of the *Bible*; thousands of informative annotations covering every line of Scripture; substantial new material; wider margins; new or expanded introduction to books of the *Bible*; a thirty-six page indexed map section; updated scholarship; extensive cross referencing; and, with its many additional features is considered one of the best study Bibles available.

HISTORY OF THE BIBLE

The Reforming Power of the Scriptures: A Biography of the English Bible covers the history of the *Bible* from its' beginning to the present day. Readers discover the compelling story of how the *Bible* came to be such a revered book and see why some people even gave their lives to preserve it. Compiled from the inspiring series of articles by Mary Metzner Trammell and William Dawley, which appeared in *The Christian Science Journal*, the book includes over 100 illustrations and color photographs.

Other Bible References

Discovering the Biblical World is made to order for the individual who wants to understand Bible history. This updated version of the book makes easy reading of 3000 years of history. The books of the prophets come alive in their natural sequence when they are discussed in relation to the kings of their period. The colorful maps, organized around the events. Together with pictures and charts make this a very complete resource for the interested browser or the self-directed learner. Beginning *Bible* students as well as Sunday school pupils will find this book especially useful.

A Light Unto My Path - Only available in Reading Rooms to review.

These are old audio cassettes that were the result of popular demand by the many visitors to the *Bible Exhibit* on Paul's journeys at The Mother Church. In addition to the audiocassettes which are an exact replication of the narration for the Time-Line and Journey Map. It comes with a

colorful 48-page booklet. Every picture for each of Paul's journey, a pullout map tracing the twelve journeys, and description of other features of the exhibit.

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