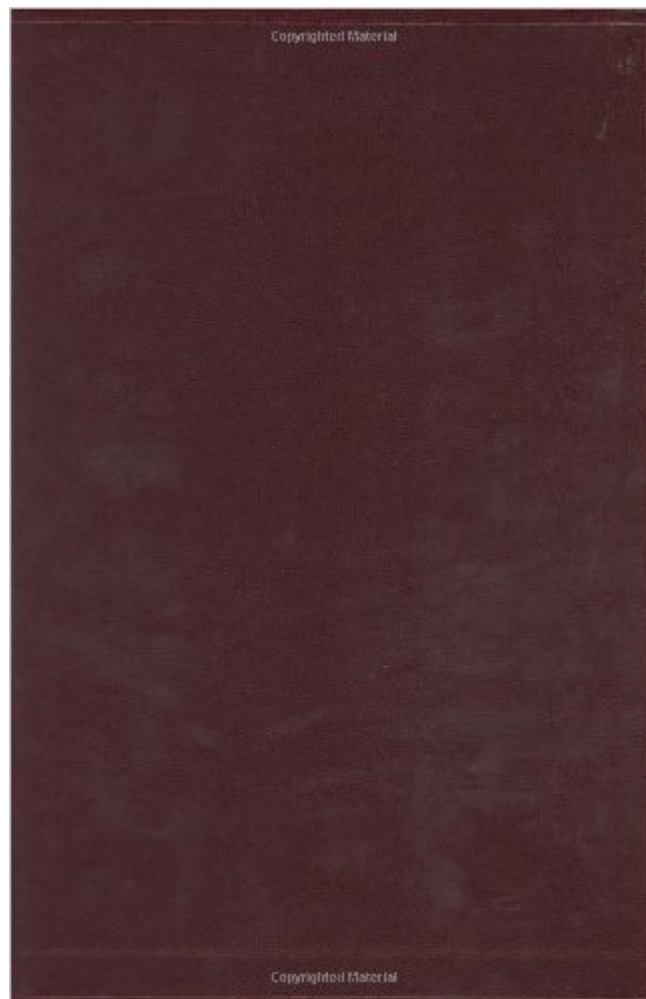


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## Customer Reviews

There are so many study bibles on the market, it is a difficult choice. I find the NIV Study Bible (and it's Lutheran version, the Concordia Self-Study Bible) quite nice in many respects. For example, it boasts the largest concordance found in any bible. However, it has a more conservative and less ecumenical emphasis than any of the NRSV bibles. The NIV people had a token Anglican amongst their translators, but since they didn't translate the "apocryphal" (deuterocanonical) books, they obviously were not taking into account the needs of Anglicans, Catholics, and Orthodox. The NRSV, on the other hand, translates the entire canon, including some books used only by Eastern Orthodox Christians. The NKJV MacArthur Study Bible is popular amongst fundamentalists. John MacArthur is a preacher who used to teach the heretical doctrine of "incarnational sonship" (basically Arianism). He has been accused on other occasions of holding non-orthodox doctrines, but those seem to be unsubstantiated. His commentary is extensive, an incredible accomplishment for an individual author. Unfortunately, the NKJV is missing the apocrypha (although the original 1611 KJV did have it) and is oft criticized for not being based on the most ancient manuscripts. Next up is the New Oxford Annotated Bible (NOAB), which is the first serious competition for the Harper Collins Study Bible (HCSB). The first edition was RSV, and they are now up to their 3rd edition, the

second one to use the NRSV. The notes in the NOAB are scholarly but more brief than those of the HCSB. This can be nice if you think the HCSB is just too huge to hold comfortably. This also brings up the question of quality vs. quantity. If you want a bible that can double as a boat anchor, the bigger the better.

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