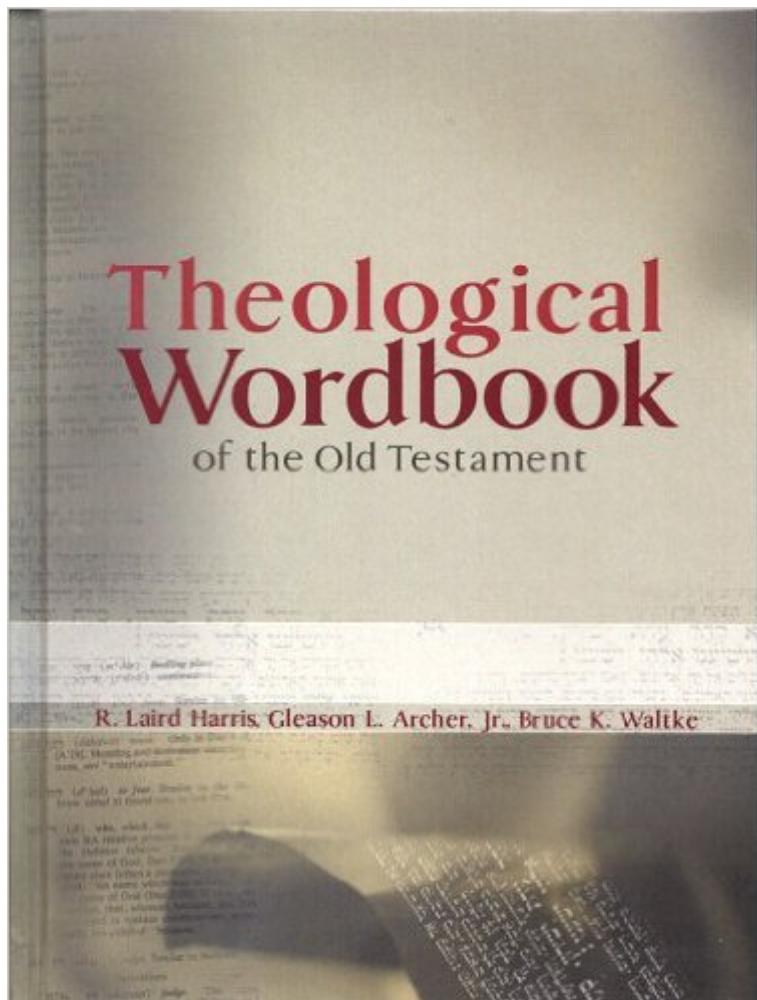


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# Theological Wordbook Of The Old Testament



## **Synopsis**

For busy yet serious students of the Old Testament This extensive scholarly work includes discussions of every Hebrew word of theological significance in the Old Testament, plus brief definitions of all other words found in the Brown-Driver-Briggs (BDB) Hebrew Lexicon. Keyed to Strongâ™s Concordance, the Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament has been a longtime favorite of serious students of the Bibleâ"pastors and laypeople alike. The busy pastor or earnest Christian worker who has neither the time nor the background for detailed technical study, yet desires to understand important terms, will enjoy this practical resource. There are more than 1,400 articles written by 43 Old Testament scholars, plus some 400 sub-entries giving definitions only. The articles focus on theological meanings of importance and do not include lengthy, technical, linguistic discussions. Virtually exhaustive bibliographies of published material relating to the words discussed are also included, as is a special section of Aramaic words used in the Old Testament. The new edition of this monumental reference work combines two volumes into one, now making it even easier to use.

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## **Customer Reviews**

The Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament is an invaluable tool if you want to get behind every word, (except names) of the old testament text. I use it extensively and have not been able to find it's equal. The information is easy to find because it uses the strongs numbering system. This work really lets the person of serious study grasp a clearer understanding of what the scripture is

saying. No serious bible student/reader should be without it.

This is a great set. I got it about 20 years ago when it first came out, and, as a pastor of over 23 years, I say "Go for it!" Although I do not refer to this work every week, it comes in handy when I need to do a Hebrew word study. Because it is cross-indexed with Strong's, you can find the Hebrew words (and their definitions/expansions) without knowing a stitch of Hebrew. For practical ministry use, this is the set to get! It provides plenty of information, clear definitions, but does not get tedious (usually). I would recommend it over older studies which are not nearly as accurate (especially those done before the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in the 1940's).

This is a good Hebrew research tool. Its best feature is that it's only two volumes (compared to 11+ for the Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament!). The entries are short compared to other theological lexicons and wordbooks, however, and you don't get as much depth as you do in other theological lexicons. If you're looking for slightly more than a lexicon, this is a great tool. But if you really want to study Hebrew words, their range of meanings, different usage, extra-Biblical usage, etc. try the 3 vol. Theological Lexicon of the Old Testament (Jenni, Westermann) or - for the best of the best - the Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament (11 vol completed, more to come).

The Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament offers the perfect blend of dictionary and commentary. Words are grouped by root and derivations. Meanings are distilled from their Biblical contexts, and when these are few, brief excursions into cognate languages or extra-Biblical texts augment the articles. A grid of numerical codes ties into the perennial Strong index, which is also used in other works, for instance Green's Interlinear Bible (Hebrew-English). This allows a beginning student, who lacks knowledge of the Hebrew language, access to the wealth of grace and wisdom that is inherent to Scriptures but often lost in translations. TWOTOT shows the combined effort of its 46 contributors plus editorial board, and is specifically designed for use by "the busy pastor or earnest Christian worker." This is to result "in the edification of the church of Christ through the assistance it may give to her ministers and His servants." To anyone who desires to achieve a deeper understanding the Bible, this wordbook is invaluable.

This two volume set is exhaustive tool for the serious Old Testament student. Conveniently cross referenced to Strong's Exhaustive Concordance numbers, it doesn't take long to find what you are looking for. No one denominational bent is emphasized so it is a good tool for all denominations of

the Christian faith as well as a good tool for non-Christians.

The Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament is an excellent resource for those that desire to research the meanings of significant Hebrew words. It is very useful for those with little to no working knowledge of the Hebrew language. It is simple to use and provides great insight. For example, the word "bless" includes the idea "to endue with power for success, prosperity, fecundity, longevity, etc." (page 132) I turn to this volume almost every time I need to research the meaning of a Hebrew word. It is a great buy for the price.

This two-volume set was in excellent condition, well-packaged and very prompt. I look forward to enjoying using it in Old Testament as well as New Testament research. An example: the word 'Baal' was explained in Hebrew usage, as "possess, own, rule over, marry" plus "owner, husband". In Aramaic, where it is spelled Be'el, as "owner, lord". (See Be'elzebub). In the Heb usage there follows approximately two pages of explanation of varying usages in several ethnicities, even tying in the link with "Haddu/Hadad" as the storm god who brings the rain. He is also a fertility god who joins Astarte in bringing fertility to the earth and his followers. This detailed explanation is very useful in my current study of the decline of Israel after the Kingdom is split. It sheds light on how land was considered his possession, requiring tribute in order to produce. I intend to spend more time comparing Israel's blessings when listening to YHWH only, to His having to send them into captivity when blending this deception in His worship, then to find life-application lessons in my own worship.

I have been using this for over 25 yrs now, & I believe that for most students of the Hebrew, it is close to the ideal set. Also it doesn't require a deep knowledge of Hebrew to use. Just take the Strong's number, look in the index to get the TWOT number, go to that number, and there you have it. The entries are arranged by that, not by page number. One thing I like about this is that with the exception of some names, it has something there for all the words, even if only a brief definition. It also gives many of the sources the authors consulted, which is handy if one needs to look further. Are there any flaws? 1 or 2. The main one is that, in the 2-volume edition (the one I have), the index is only in Vol 2. There should have been a duplicate in vol 1 (the 1-volume edition shouldn't have that problem). There are entries I disagree with, but what's new about that? So I don't hesitate recommending this as a companion to a good lexicon. There isn't as much information here as in say, the T.D.O.T., but I believe this has more than enough to do a good exegesis on the Hebrew

Bible, and there is a big difference in the price.

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