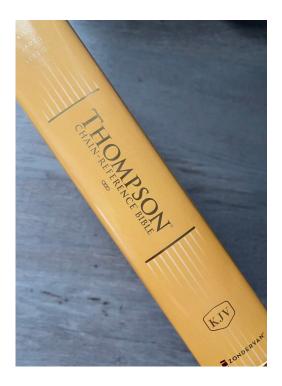
Review: KJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible

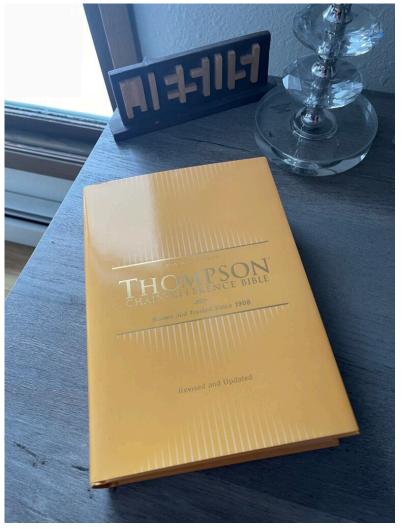
I am a member of the Bible Gateway Blogger Grid (BG^2) . As a **#BibleGatewayPartner**, I have received a copy of the <u>KJV</u> <u>Thompson Chain-Reference Bible</u> published by Zondervan Bibles at no cost to me in exchange for an honest review here on the Adonai Shalom USA blog. $\#BG^2$



<u>KJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible</u> Book Review & Description

The *KJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible* is an updated version of an original with the same name.

According to the introduction to this Bible, Dr. Frank Charles Thompson conducted in-depth Bible study beginning back in 1890 and wanted to make his findings accessible and available to the ordinary person studying the Scriptures. He highlighted what he felt to be the most important themes and topics and used a study system now known as "chain-reference." As with any monumental task, Thompson's original work contained some chain-references that were ultimately incomplete and needed revision. The editors of this new edition aimed to make appropriate corrections and reformat the margins to make it easier to use.



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The yellow coloring coupled with gray ribbon bookmarks will appeal to anyone and makes it stand out from other Bibles.

I also love the metallic lettering on the cover. I could immediately tell that the publishers wanted this Bible to be something the reader would treasure. After all, there is no greater treasure than to know the LORD through His Word!

I personally prefer the New King James Version of the Biblical text as I find it easier to read, but the New King James Version of the Bible was not published until 1982. Thus, Dr.Thompson would have utilized the 1611 King James Version that remains popular today.

Zondervan **does** have this Bible also available in other translations for those who would prefer.

A Very Practical Study Tool

The cross-references and numerical indices alone make this Bible well-worth the investment. Beyond that, Dr. Thompson included Bible character study outlines which include full Scripture references, map details, Messianic prophecies, an alphabetical index, and other charts including the harmony of the Gospels and topical studies. BER OF PEOPLE AND LIVESTOC

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Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God. 3 And they set the altar upon 14 his bases; for fear was upon . 859 them because of the people of those countries: and they offered burnt offerings thereon unto the LORD, even burnt offerings morning and evening. 4 They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every day required; ty 10.18

5 And afterward offered the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of the LORD that PS. 8113 Is 1276 were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a gness 3892 freewill offering unto the LORD. dl Offerings 2628 7:16 6 From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto the LORD. But the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not yet laid. 7 They gave money also unto

n n. 2 Chr. 2:10 the masons, and to the carpenng Freely 2115 Masons 246 * ters; and meat, and drink, and sidon 3282 oil, unto them of Zidon, and Cedar 3673 to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the pa 1914 Jon. 1:3 sea of Joppa, according to the Cyrus 907 4:3 grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

TEMPLE FOUNDATIONS LAID

8 Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerub-Zerubbabel 3991 Neh. 12:47 babel the son of Shealtiel, and p.p. 1 Chr. 23:24 Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren Levites 2114 the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; of Assur, which brought us up and appointed the Levites, hither.

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9 Then stood Jeshua with his p.c. Erro 2.40 9 Store Stood Jeshua with his p.c. Erro 2.40 9 sons and his brethren, Kadmiel Jeshua 1887 and his sons, the sons of Judah, together, to set forward the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brethren the Levites.

10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the ordinance Praise 1452 of David king of Israel.

11 And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy en-

dureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid

12 But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy:

13 So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

ADVERSARIES' HELP REFUSED

NOW when the adversar-4 ies of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity builded the temple unto the LORD God of Israel; 2 Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye do; and we do sacrifice unto him since Samaritans (2) the days of Esar-haddon king

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Notice in this excerpt from the book of Ezra, there are many options for subsequent study found in the margins. The entire Bible is filled with these prompts and corresponding Biblical texts.

I really like how ample white space is given for short personal notes if desired and I also appreciate that the actual Biblical text isn't broken up by commentary or other notes.

Moreso than a <u>devotional Bible</u>, the <u>KJV Thompson Chain-</u> <u>Reference Bible</u> is a **study Bible** in the truest sense of that word: rather than relying upon the comments of others, the formatting of this Bible encourages readers to search deeply into the Scriptures for themselves.

Each suggested reference topic is relevant and can inspire significant study. Seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit (*Ruach haKodesh*) as you read the Word of God using the references in the margins and I am certain you will make profound discoveries!

The <u>KJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible</u> is available in many formats including <u>red letter</u>, <u>large print</u>, <u>hardcover</u>, and <u>bonded leather</u>. It is available in the <u>KJV</u>, <u>NKJV</u>, <u>ESV</u>, <u>NIV</u>, and <u>NASB</u> translations. It seems apparent to me that the publisher genuinely wants the study of Scripture to be accessible to as many people as possible. What a blessing!

My recommendation:

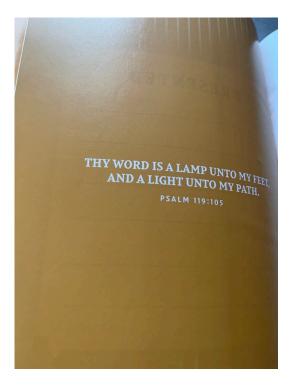
Rating: 5 out of 5.

The <u>KJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible</u> is definitely worth a 5 out of 5.

This is a Bible that will be beneficial to anyone who genuinely enjoys studying the riches of Scripture. It will be particularly helpful to those who prepare weekly sermons or messages as well as to those who lead Bible studies or other ministries.

The KJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible would also serve well in an evangelistic encounter as cross-references can quickly and easily be located to help persuade an unbeliever to trust in the glorious Word of God.

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