

# Review: Evangelical Study Bible

*I am a member of the Bible Gateway Blogger Grid (BG<sup>2</sup>). As a #BibleGatewayPartner, I have received a copy of the [New King James Version Evangelical Study Bible](#) published by Zondervan Bibles at no cost to me in exchange for an honest review here on the Adonai Shalom USA blog. #BG<sup>2</sup>*

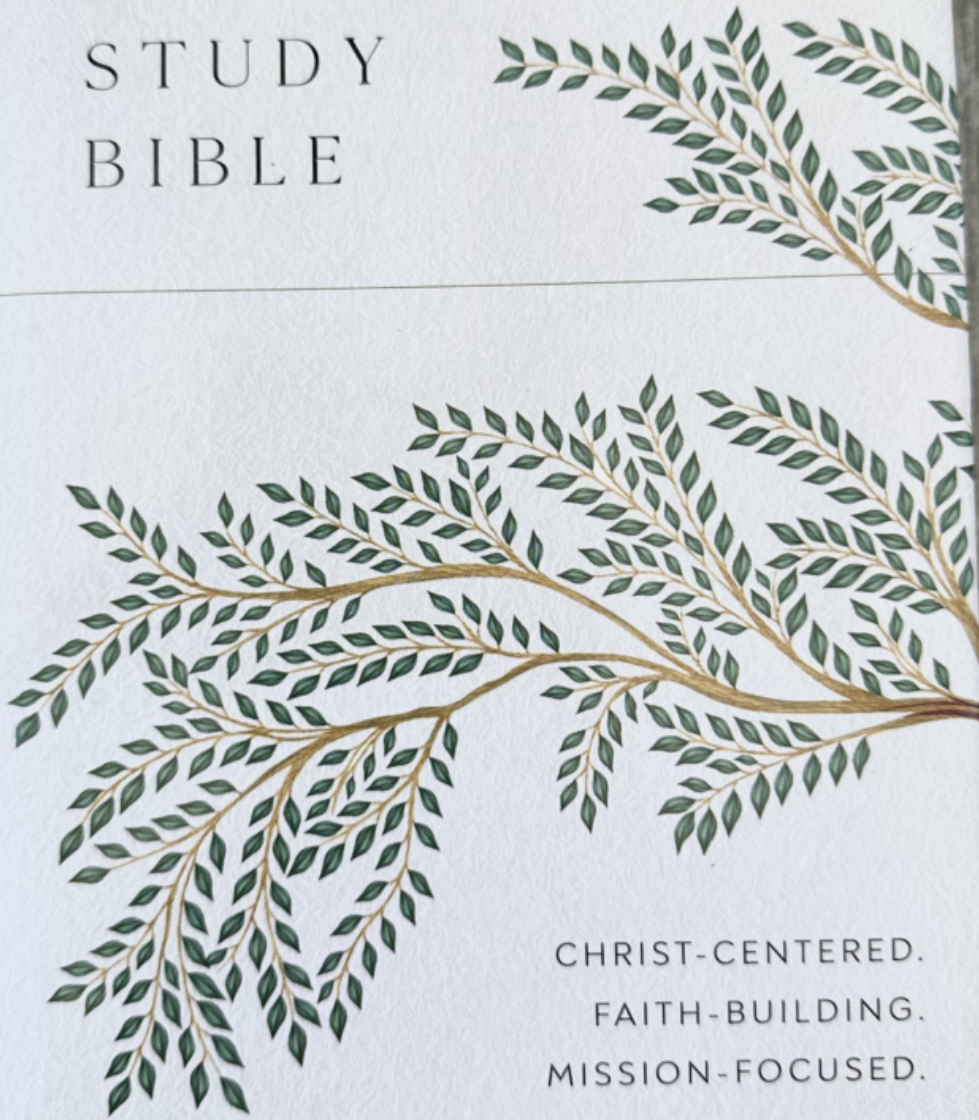
- [Evangelical Study Bible \(NKJV\) Book Review & Description](#)
- [Evangelical: Reaching the world around us](#)
  - [Use of color in the Evangelical Study Bible](#)
  - [Contributing Editors](#)
- [My recommendation:](#)
- [Book details](#)

## [Evangelical Study Bible \(NKJV\) Book Review & Description](#)

The new [Evangelical Study Bible](#) published by Thomas Nelson is immediately appealing! The design on the hardcover edition is very inviting: it features a lovely tree branch design with modern coloration and reminds us that the Bible is truly life-giving:

NEW KING JAMES VERSION®

EVANGELICAL  
STUDY  
BIBLE



CHRIST-CENTERED.  
FAITH-BUILDING.  
MISSION-FOCUSED.

New King James Version Evangelical Study Bible

**Evangelical: Reaching the world**

## around us

I particularly liked what is printed on the front inside of the book jacket: a short admonition to be bearers of Truth: to use this [Bible](#) to become firmly “grounded in the truth” in order to reach the world around us. The book jacket challenges the societal norms of today which falsely posit that “truth is just a perspective . . . always changing, shifting, and transforming to conform to the standards of the world around us.”

Given that the book jacket is indeed the first impression most of us would get from a hardcover book, I believe this was tastefully and wisely done.

We are blessed to have so many different study editions of the Scriptures available to us in the English language. This particular study Bible emphasizes the importance of living out an evangelical faith. I would not be surprised if the [Evangelical Study Bible](#) becomes a very popular edition for Bible study groups throughout the English-speaking evangelical world. The articles and in-text resources are very accessible for new as well as more mature Christians, making this an excellent choice for anyone looking for a general evangelical study resource.

CHRIST-CENTERED.  
FAITH-BUILDING.  
MISSION-FOCUSED.

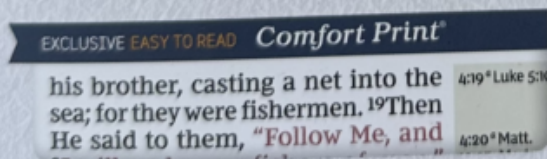


To be an evangelical is to believe in life-changing truth. It is to believe that the Bible not only gives us the key to eternal life in Jesus but also the way to live today.

The *Evangelical Study Bible* will deepen your faith through the unchanging truth of God's Word. With verse-by-verse commentary and interesting sidebars that dig deeper into the historical and contextual background of Scripture, it will build your faith. And with more than fifty articles addressing the most pressing issues of our day, it will equip you to engage others with confidence and lay a foundation of truth for the next generation.

**Features include:**

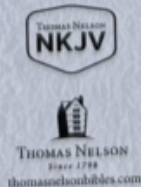
- Verse-by-verse commentary on the entire Bible from trusted scholars
- Over 100 short articles on Christian teachings and doctrine
- Over 50 articles on navigating current cultural issues
- Over 100 archaeological notes
- Brief biographies of more than 100 biblical figures
- Full-color maps and charts
- Book introductions with outlines
- Topical Indexes
- Cross references
- Concordance
- Clear and readable 10.5-point NKJV Comfort Print®



Actual Text Size

**GUARANTEED FOR LIFE**  
[www.thomasnelsonbibles.com/guarantee](http://www.thomasnelsonbibles.com/guarantee)  
Thomas Nelson guarantees the quality of this Bible. Visit our website today to learn about the care of your Bible, register for your lifetime guarantee, and receive free offers.

STYLE# - 6532

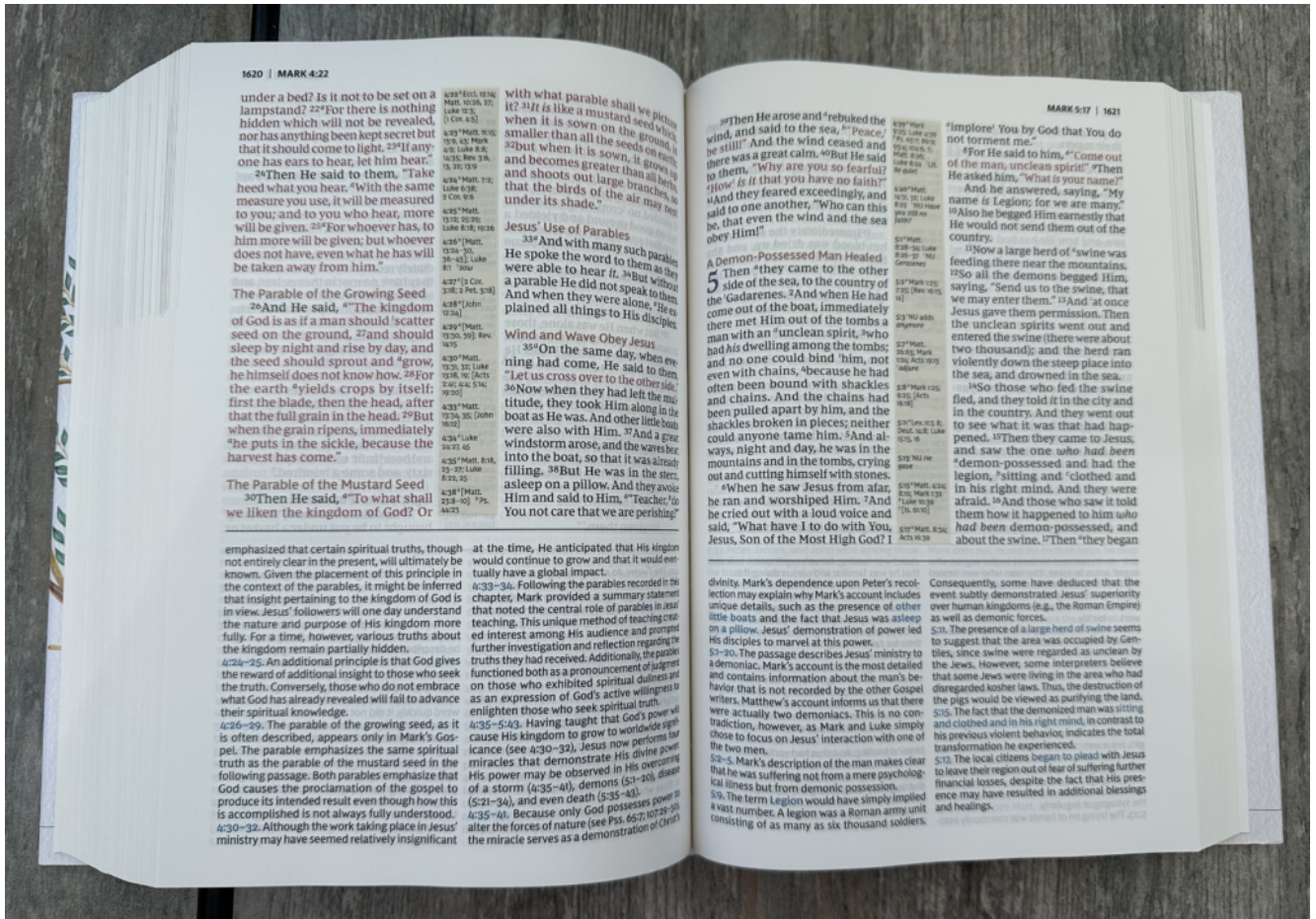


# Use of color in the Evangelical Study Bible

The [Evangelical Study Bible](#) contains what the editors call “special helps” which are “unique to this Bible.” These include doctrinal footnotes, personality profiles, information of archaeological sites with full-color photos, apologetics articles, and in-text full-color maps. There is an introductory page for each book of the Bible complete with a full color image.



The use of color throughout makes this [Bible](#) particularly eye-catching. Today’s social media savvy youngsters use photos and images constantly. Likewise, this Bible grabs one’s attention through the use of full color images, a wise choice to meet the goal of making this an evangelical-friendly Bible. There are additional full-color maps in the back that offer additional eye-catching material and useful tools for personal study and even apologetics.



This [Evangelical Study Bible](#) follows the custom of using red lettering for the words of Jesus. I am such a fan of red letter Bibles. I love to clearly see what Jesus said!

This Bible also features verse-by-verse commentary, short articles and background notes on Christian teachings and doctrine, cultural and archeological notes, word studies, and other helpful indices. The text is a very readable 10.5 point font, slightly larger than the 9.5 point font in the [Thompson Chain-Reference Bible](#) that I also recently [reviewed](#).

The [NKJV Evangelical Study Bible](#) lives up to the slogan printed on the cover: "Christ-centered, Faith-Building, Mission-Focused."

## Contributing Editors

An impressive list of contributing editors can be found in the early pages of the [Evangelical Study Bible](#). These Biblical scholars have received degrees from reputable universities and

theological schools including Dallas Theological Seminary, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Regent University, Liberty University, Hebrew Union College, and Westminster Theological Seminary. The commentary throughout the [Evangelical Study Bible](#) appears to be dependable and fairly interdenominational. The editors profess faith in our LORD:

*“We believe that the Bible is God’s message to men and women of all time – that it presents His plan for salvation and daily Christian living. We pray that this new edition of the Evangelical Study Bible will increase your understanding of that message and will richly bless your spiritual life and growth for years to come.”*

*“Dear Reader,” Evangelical Study Bible, viii.*

## My recommendation:

★★★★★

Rating: 5 out of 5.

The [Evangelical Study Bible](#) deserves a **5 out of 5**.

This is an excellent evangelical resource for anyone who takes their faith seriously and wants to enhance their personal study and devotional time with in-text study resources and verse-by-verse commentary.

Pastora Jennifer Mieliulis Fuentes, *M.Div.*, *Duke University*

## Book details

**Title:** Evangelical Study Bible

**Author:**

**Publisher:** Thomas Nelson

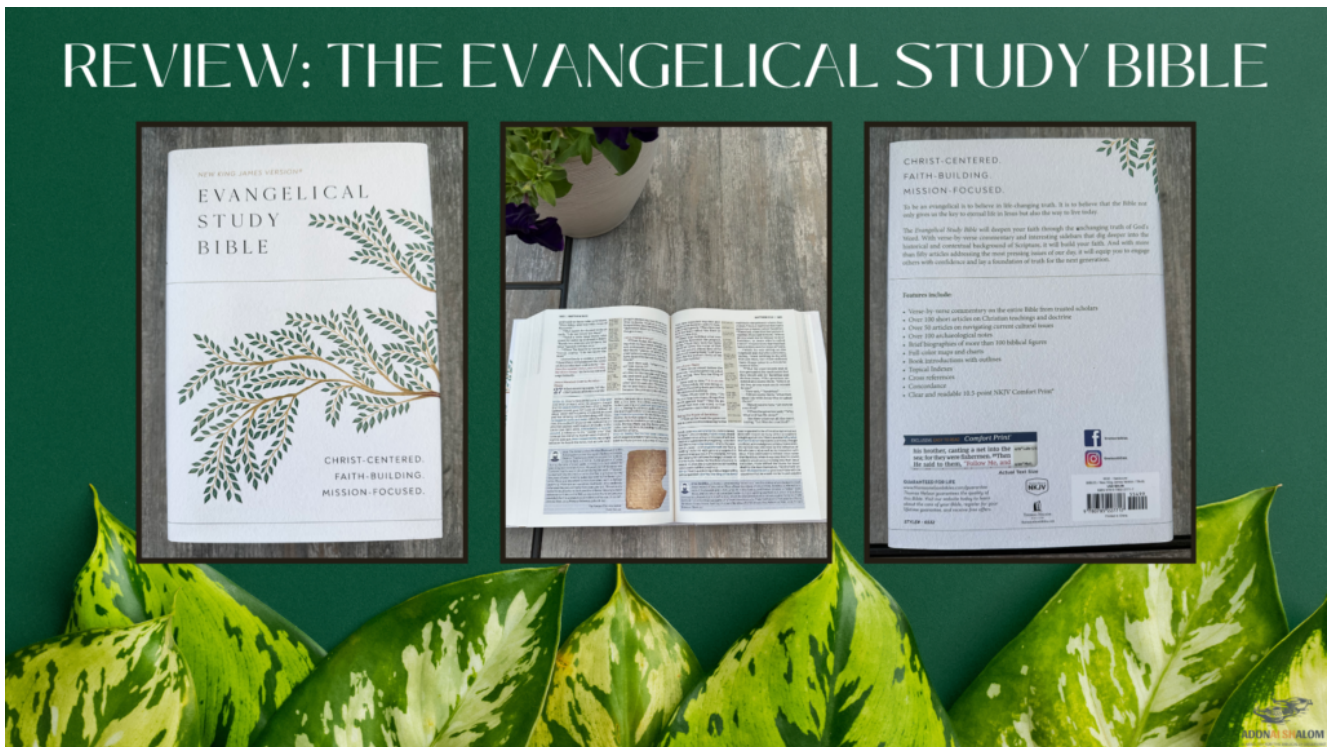
**Release Date:** 2023

Genre: BIBLES/New King James Version/Study

ISBN-13: 978-0-7852-2771-7

PURCHASE LINKS: [Amazon](#) | [FaithGateway Store](#)

#BibleGatewayPartner



Evangelical Study Bible

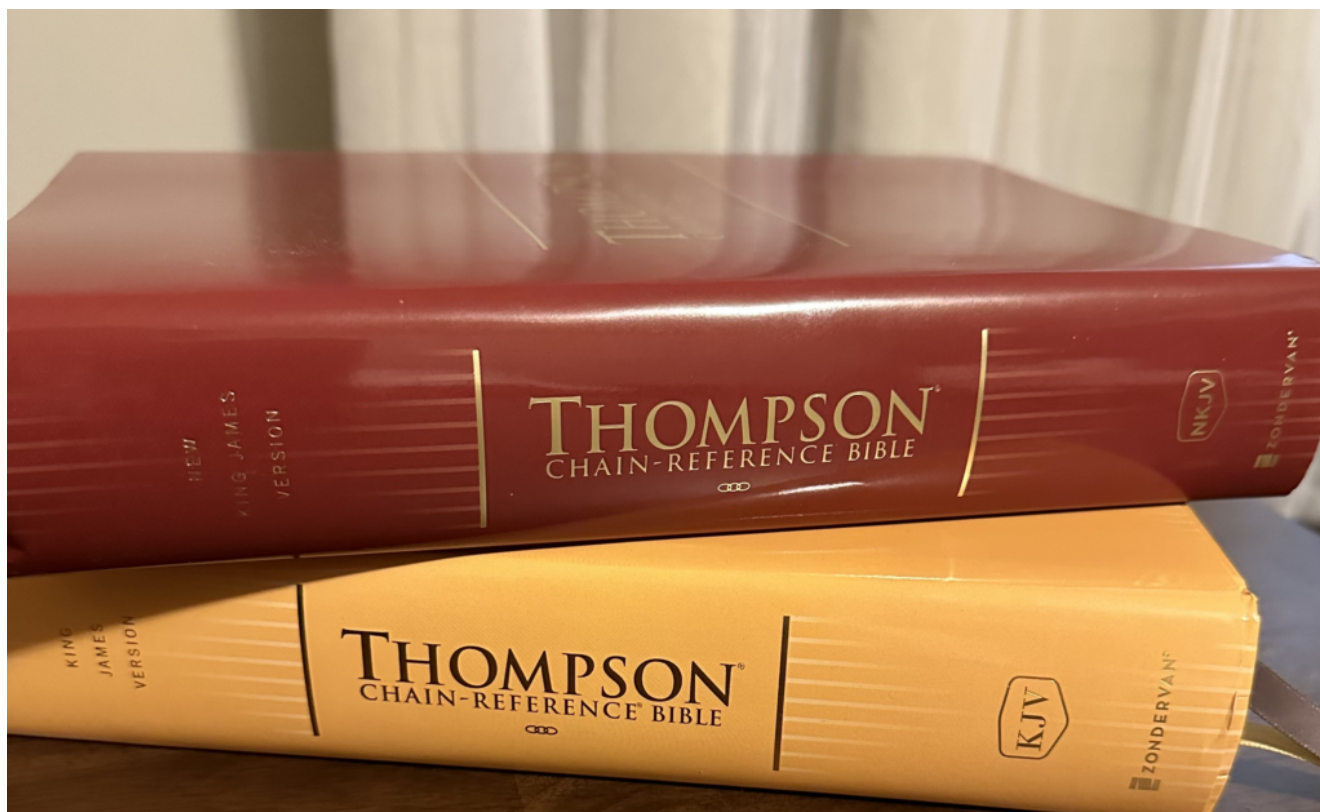
---

## Review: NKJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible

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



A few months ago, I had the opportunity to review the [KJV \(King James Version\) Thompson Chain-Reference Bible](#) that had been newly published. Now, I will review the [NKJV \(New King James Version\) Thompson Chain-Reference Bible](#) that is part of the same collection.

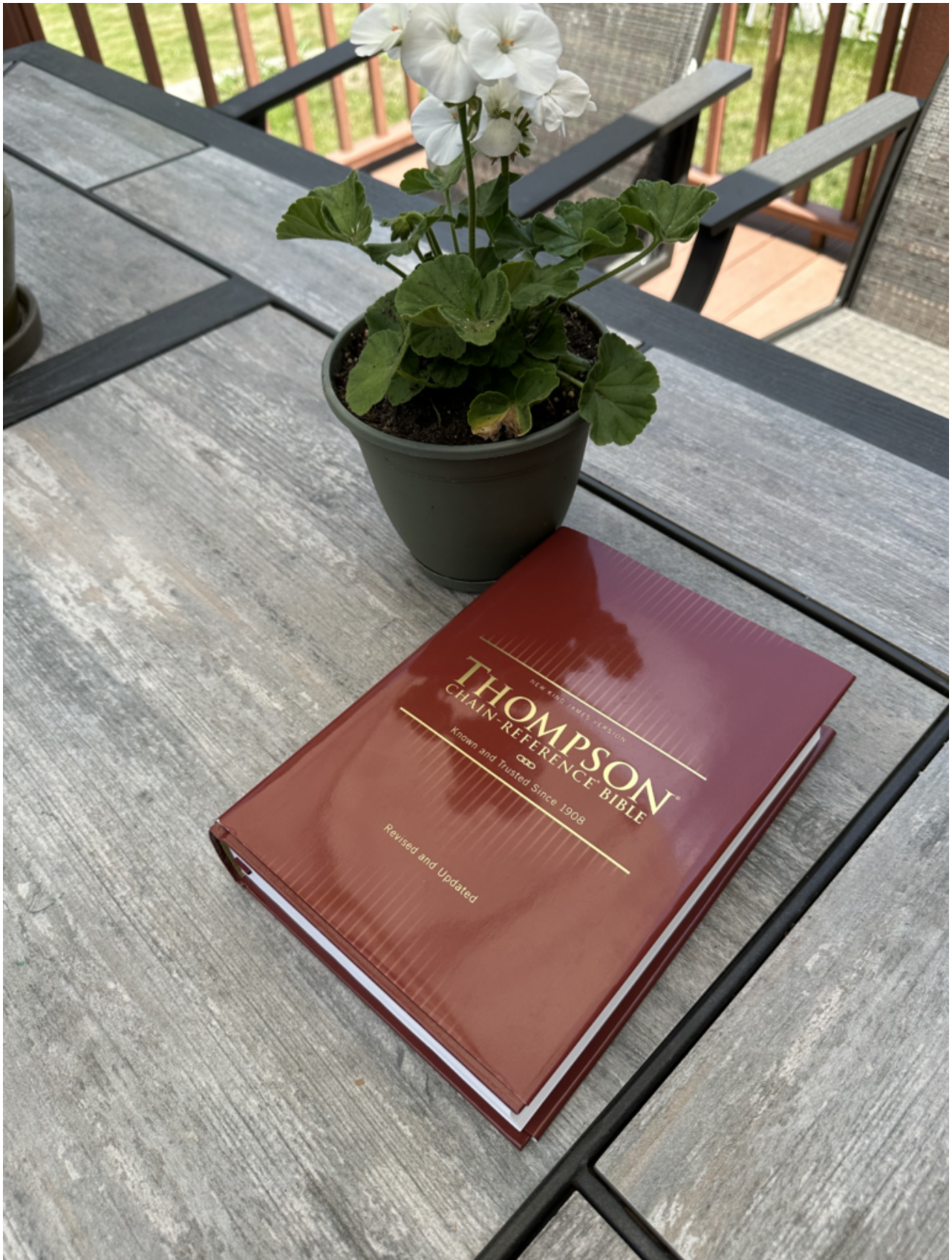


## **[NKJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible](#)** **Book Review & Description**

The [Thompson Chain-Reference Bible](#) is available in several translations including the King James Version (KJV) [as mentioned above], New King James Version (NKJV), New International Version (NIV), New American Standard Bible (NASB), and English Standard Version (ESV). Additionally, if you are involved with a Spanish-speaking ministry or are looking for a Spanish translation, Zondervan has made the [Thompson Chain-Reference Bible](#) available in the Reina Valera (RV60) and Reina Valera Revisada (RVR).

This publication of the [Thompson Chain-Reference Bible](#) has

been done with utmost quality. The King James Version (KJV) and New King James Version (NKJV) hardcover editions feature a glossy book jacket with metallic embossed lettering. The hardcover [NKJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible](#) features a beautiful crimson red cover and comes integrated with red and golden-yellow satin bookmarks as well as full-color maps at the end of the book. The font print size is very readable at 9.5.

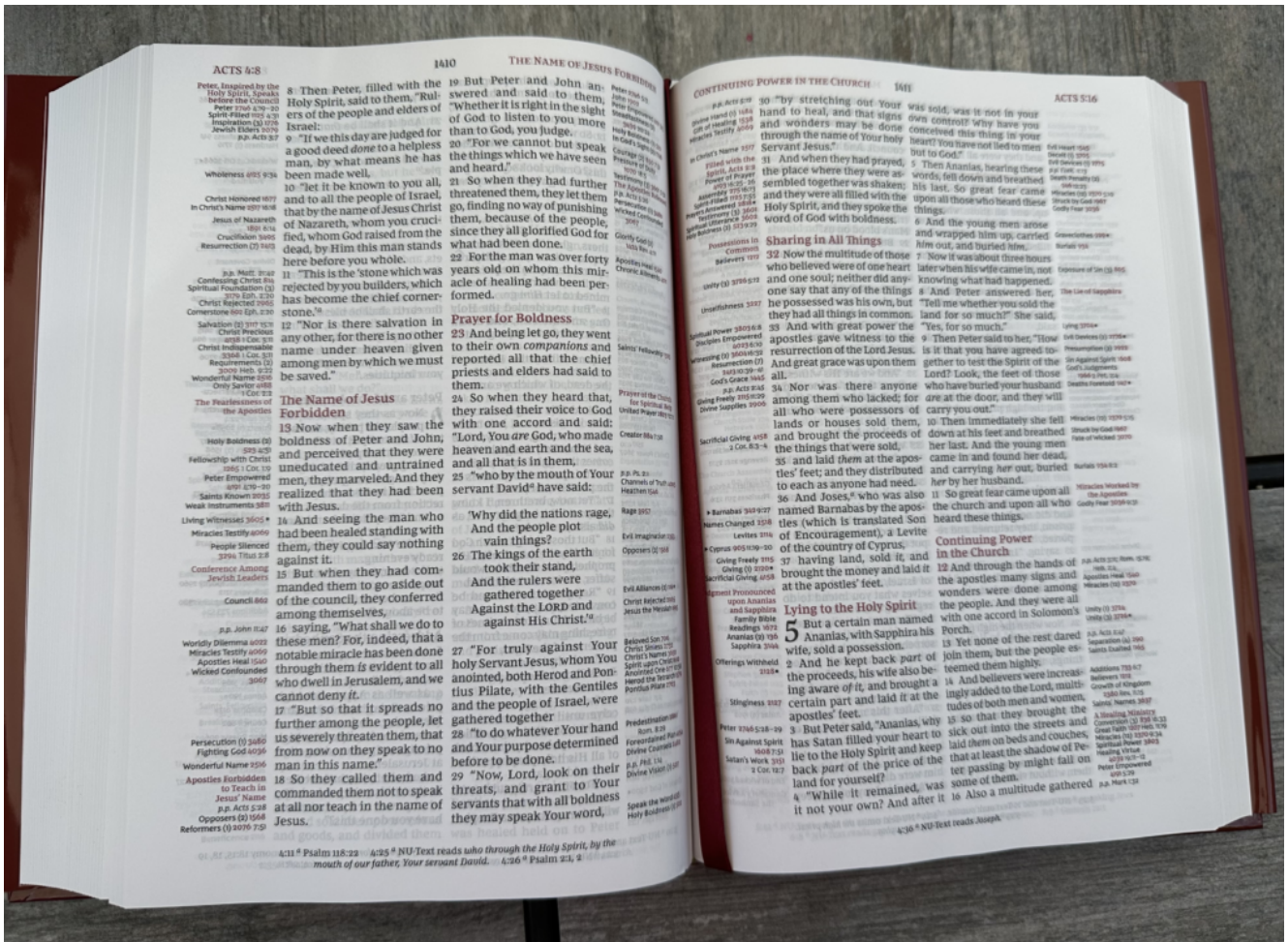


The NKJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible

# The Chain-Reference System

FaithGateway provides an explanatory video on their website that helps familiarize anyone who may not be accustomed to the Thompson chain-reference system used in this Bible. This helpful video is also available on YouTube:

The triangles indicate the beginning of a "chain" of references which is assigned to a "topic number." Following that number, there is a Scriptural reference that points the reader to the next occurrence of that topic in Scripture. Continuing the chain will lead the reader to an end point, indicated by a square.



The NKJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible This system was developed by Dr. Frank Charles Thompson who began working on the chain-references in 1890. Some of them were incomplete, so Bible scholars have put in much time and effort to ensure the completeness of this work; the fruit of

their labor now published as this newer edition [NKJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible](#).

Of note on page 1635, "Principles of Bible Study" are provided in Thompson's own words. It really provides a wonderful context to understand his personal reasoning and conviction in compiling such detailed references.

This Bible is intended to help serious students of the Scriptures engage in topical Bible study and even sermon preparation. Besides full color maps, the final section of this Bible provides an alphabetical index, numerical index, character studies, illustrated outlines, evangelical resources, memorization suggestions, concordance, and map index.

EXCLUSIVE  
EASY TO READ  
**Comfort  
Print**

## AN EASY-TO-LEARN, EASY-TO-USE TOOL FOR IN-DEPTH BIBLE STUDY

Beloved and acclaimed for more than five generations, the *Thompson® Chain-Reference® Bible* is unparalleled in its ability to enrich personal devotions, topical study, and sermon preparation. This unique reference Bible enables you to search the breadth of Scripture's teachings on thousands of topics and allows you to follow those topics throughout the entire Bible. With over 100,000 references, covering over 8,000 topics, the chain-reference system is an ideal tool for comprehensive topical study. The *Thompson Chain-Reference Bible* also offers a library of additional study resources that allows readers to interpret the Bible using related scripture passages rather than consulting a commentary.

The *NKJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible* is printed in the NKJV Comfort Print® typeface for easy reading. Expertly designed specifically to be used for the New King James Version (NKJV) text, Comfort Print offers an easier reading experience that complements the translation. This Bible also features a fresh, two-color design that preserves the original look of the chain-reference system, while making each page cleaner and easier to read.

### FEATURES

- Complete text of the New King James Version (NKJV)
- Easy-to-understand Chain-Reference System with over 100,000 references
- Alphabetical and numerical indexes highlight study materials for over 8,000 topics, each with its own topic number, for exhaustive topical study
- An extensive study resource section includes biographical sketches, illustrated studies of the Bible, a concordance, Bible harmonies, and many other helpful study tools
- Fresh, two-color page design
- 66 book introductions
- 16-page full-color map section with map index
- Line-matched text for enhanced readability
- Words of Jesus in red
- Two double-sided satin ribbon markers, each 3/8-inch wide
- Exclusive NKJV Comfort Print typeface
- Print size: 9.5

Back cover of the NKJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible

## My recommendation:

★★★★★

Rating: 5 out of 5.

The [NKJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible](#) definitely earns a 5

**out of 5.**

This is a high-quality study resource that will benefit anyone who loves the Word of God. It would make an excellent gift for anyone, whether a teenager, mother, father, seminarian, seasoned pastor, or even a retired professor!

*As Dr. Thompson wrote: "Study the Word as a miner digs for gold or as a diver plunges into the depths of the sea for pearls. Most great truths do not lie on the surface; they must be brought up into the light by patient toil." ([NKJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible](#), p. 1635).*

This is a Bible edition worth treasuring.

Pastora Jennifer Mieliulis Fuentes, *M.Div.*, *Duke University*

## **Book details**

**Title:** NKJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible

**Author:** Dr. Frank Charles Thompson

**Publisher:** Zondervan

**Release Date:** 4/11/2023

**Genre:** BIBLES/New King James Version/Reference

**ISBN-13:** 978-0-310-45940-8

**PURCHASE LINKS:** [Amazon](#) | [FaithGateway Store](#)

#BibleGatewayPartner

[Review: KJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible](#)