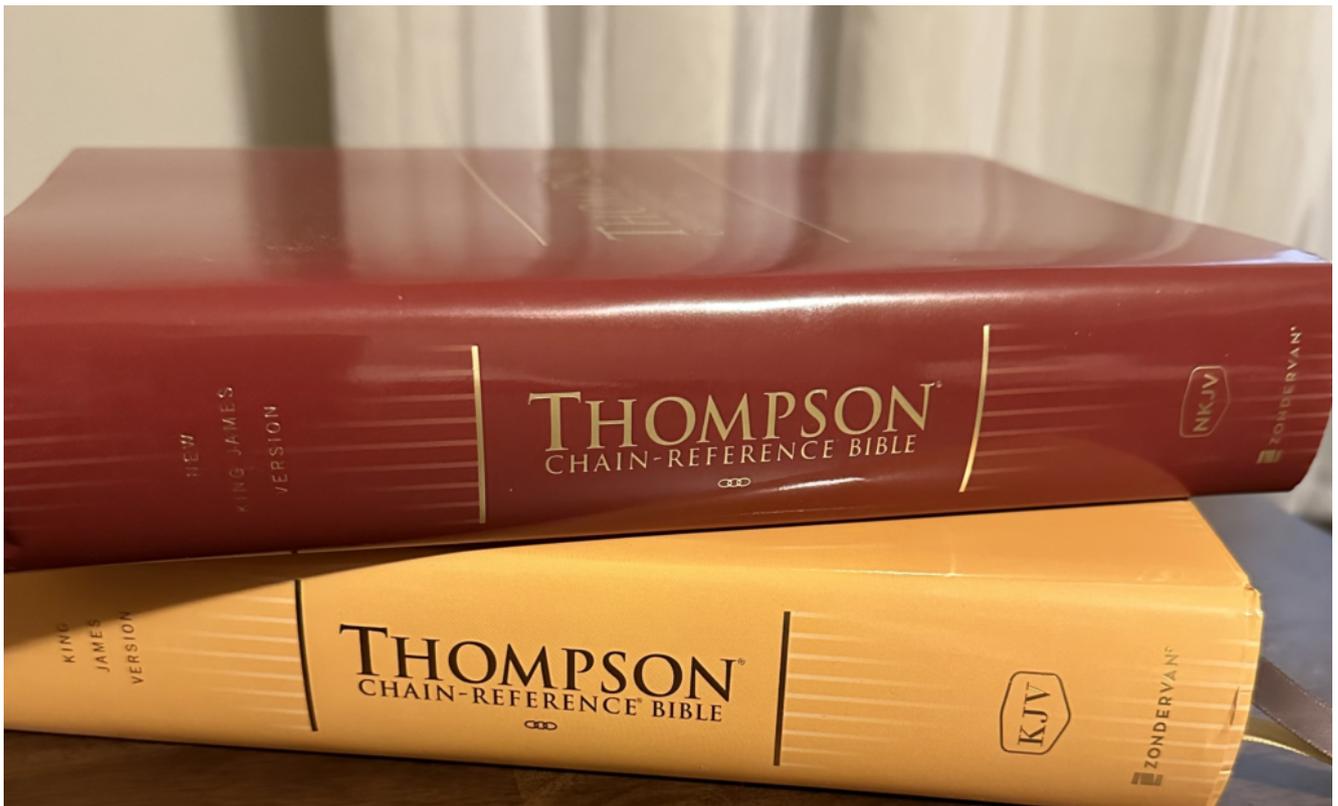


# Review: NKJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible

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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.

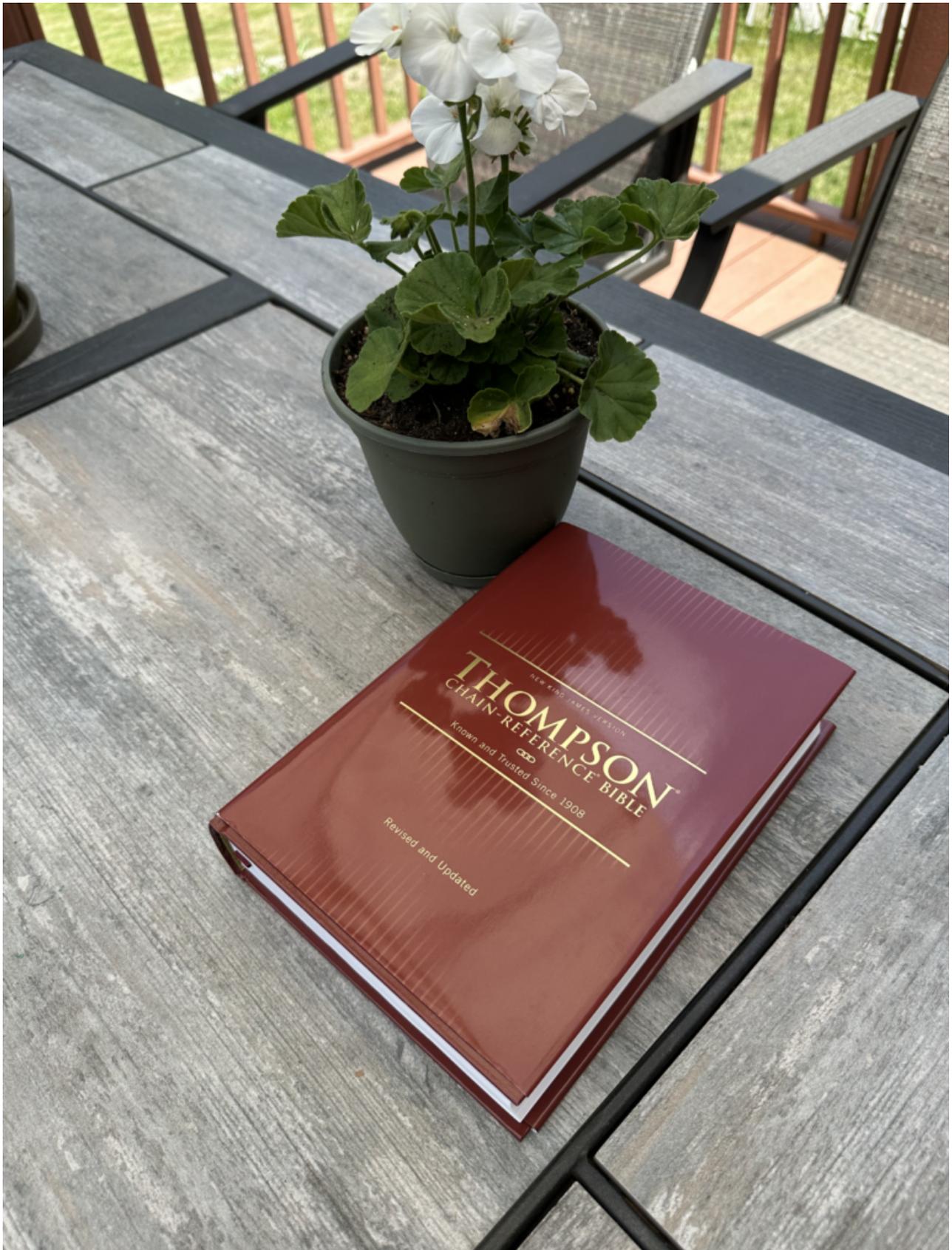


[\*\*NKJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible\*\*](#)

# 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.

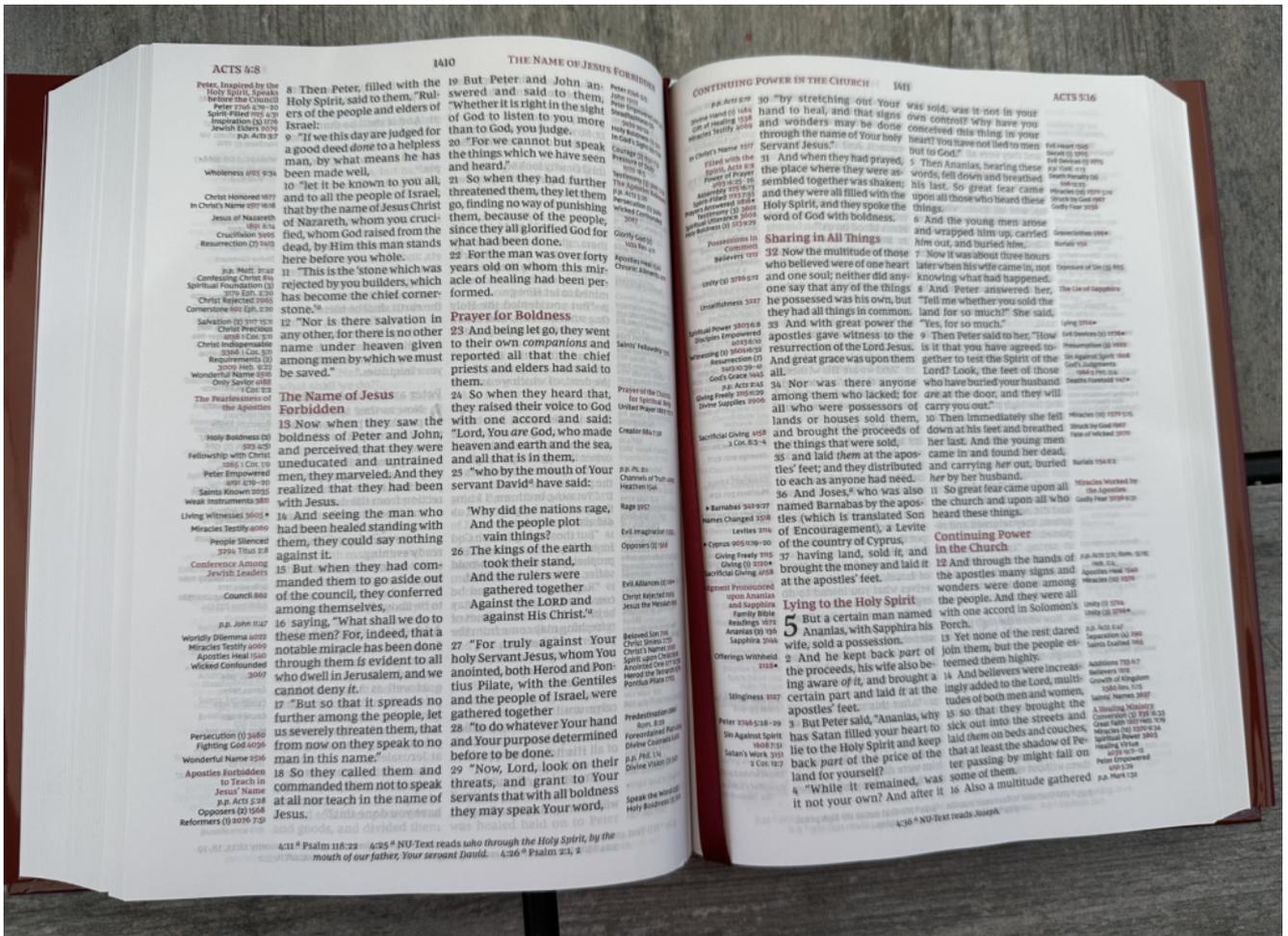


The NKJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible

# 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.

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## 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*

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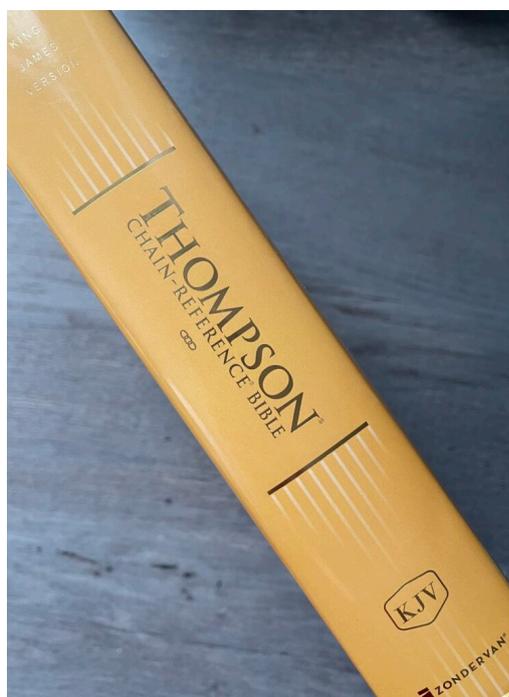
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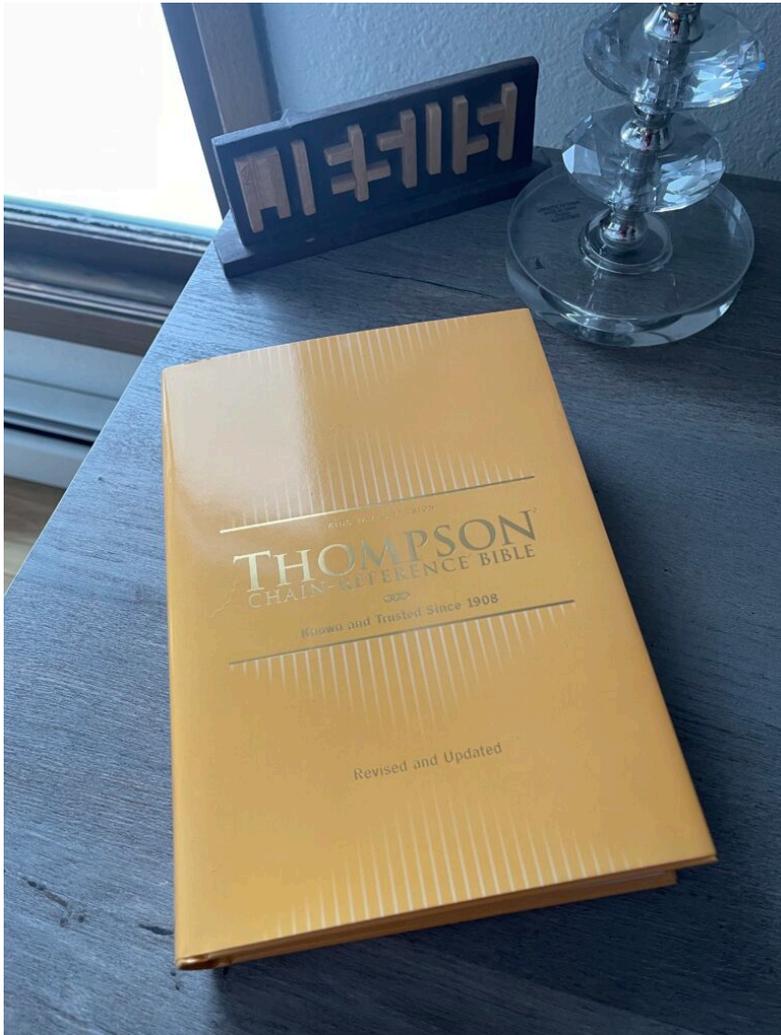


## [KJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible](#) Book Review & Description

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.



[KJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible](#)

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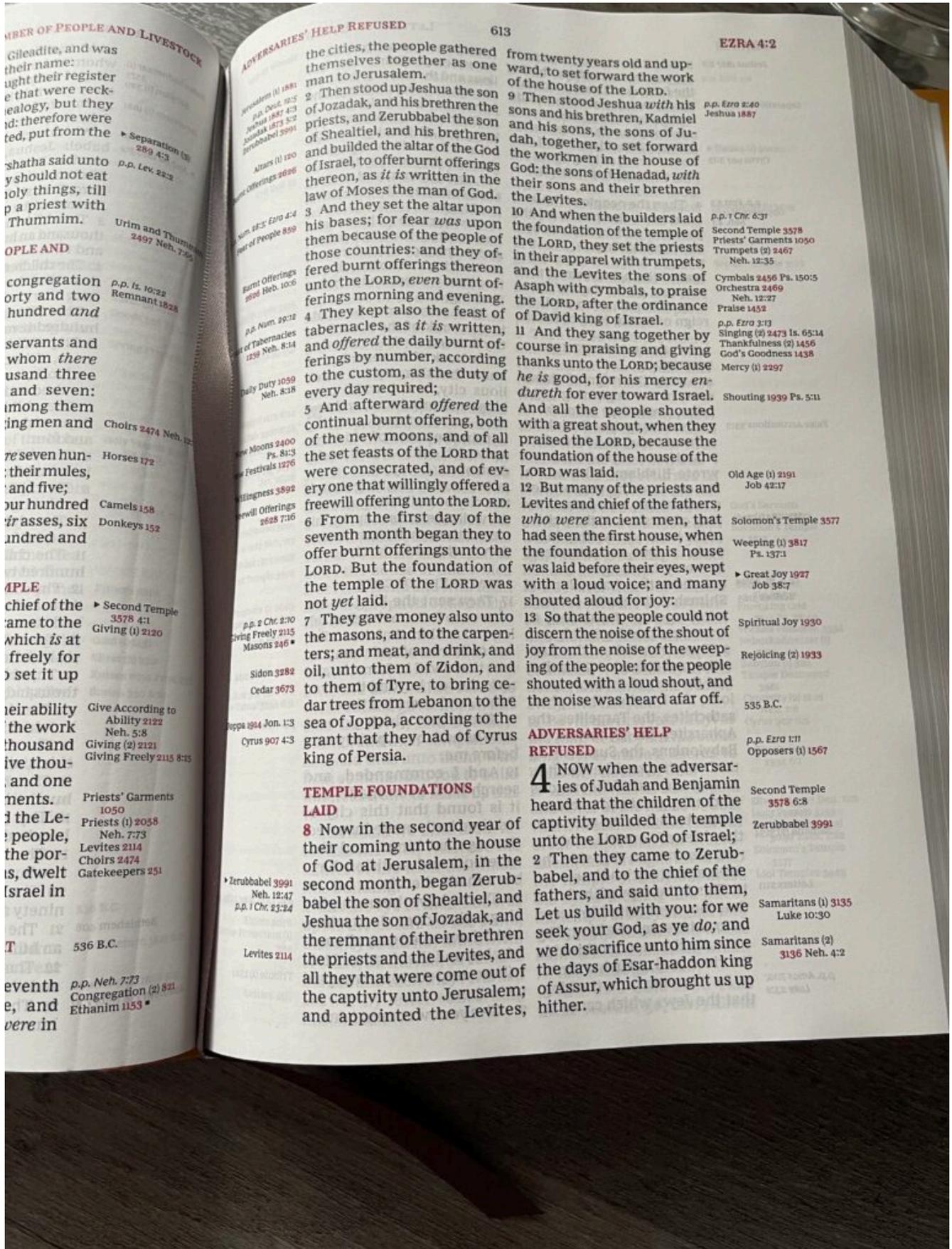
I also love the metallic lettering on the cover. I could immediately tell that the publishers wanted this Bible to be something the reader would treasure. After all, there is no greater treasure than to know the LORD through His Word!

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.



[KJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible](#)

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.

More so than a [devotional Bible](#), the [KJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible](#) 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 [KJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible](#) is available in many formats including [red letter](#), [large print](#), [hardcover](#), and [bonded leather](#). It is available in the [KJV](#), [NKJV](#), [ESV](#), [NIV](#), and [NASB](#) 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:

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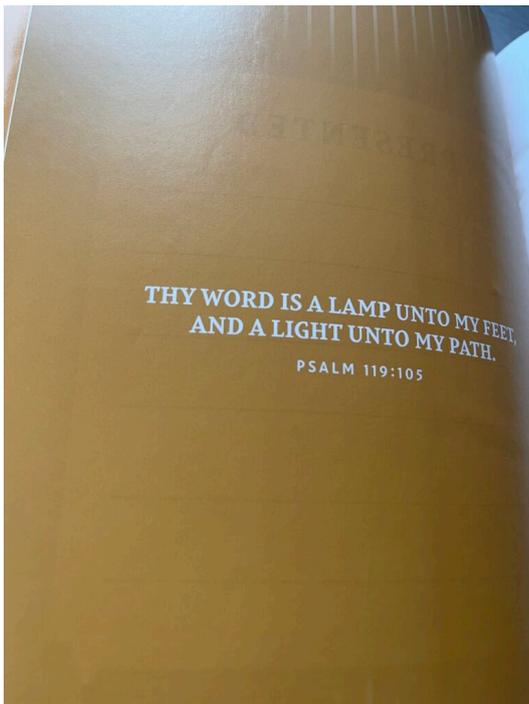
The [KJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bible](#) is definitely worth a **5 out of 5**.

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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