

# John Schoenheit's List of Recommended Study Resources

Adapted from the Adult Bible Study Conference "What to Bring List", we hope that it will be helpful to you as you study God's Word.

## General info:

Bible study materials are actually a little better for the *King James Version* than for the *NIV* because the *KJV* is a more literal translation.

## English Concordances:

*Strong's Exhaustive, Young's, NIV Exhaustive, New American Standard Exhaustive*, etc. Make sure it has Strong's numbers, or a numbering system that will allow you to use the study materials in Greek or Hebrew. The *NIV Exhaustive* uses the Goodrick/Kohlenberger numbering system. Make sure the concordance is "exhaustive" or "complete." I really recommend owning 2 Concordances—both a Strong's concordance and the concordance to the Bible you use the most.

## This Just Out:

I have been contacted by Zondervan that they are going to produce a larger print *Strongest Strong's* in the fall of the year. I expect that will be very helpful for us whose eyesight is not what it used to be. Also, there is a version of the *Strong's* that is smaller than the full size that says on the front it is exhaustive (most of these are blue hardcover). It is not effectively exhaustive.

## Quick and easy:

If you do not have a Greek concordance, a Hebrew Concordance, a Greek Lexicon or a Hebrew Lexicon, I recommend *The Biblical Languages Library*, a four volume set from Christian Book Distributors (1-800-Christian, [www.christianbook.com](http://www.christianbook.com)). At about \$75.00, it is cheaper than ordering separately. It is based on the *KJV*, and is very good. You need a *Strong's Concordance* to make it work.

## Greek Concordances:

*The Englishman's Greek Concordance of the New Testament*. Based on the *KJV* (get one coded to the Strong's numbering system).

*The Word Study Concordance*. A two volume set. If you do not already own this, buy the Englishman's listed above.

*The Greek-English Concordance to the New Testament* by J. Kohlenberger III. Based on the *NIV*. Uses the Goodrick/Kohlenberger numbering system. That means you have to have an *NIV Exhaustive Concordance* to use it.

## Hebrew Concordances:

*The Englishman's Hebrew Concordance to the Old Testament.* Based on the *KJV* (get one coded to the Strong's numbering system.).

*The Hebrew-English Concordance to the Old Testament* by J. Kohlenberger III. Based on the *NIV*. Uses the Goodrick/Kohlenberger numbering system. That means you have to have an *NIV Exhaustive Concordance* to use it.

#### Bible Dictionaries and Bible Encyclopedias:

The rule of thumb with Bible dictionaries is, "the bigger the better." I love the International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, which is last on the list.

*New Bible Dictionary*, Howard Marshall, ed., (Intervarsity Press).

*Holman Bible Dictionary*, Trent Butler, ed., (Holman Bible Publishers).

*Smith's Dictionary of the Bible* (4 volumes), H. B. Hackett, ed., (Baker Books). The one volume version is not very good.

*A Dictionary of the Bible*, James Hastings, ed., (Hendrickson). Popularly known as "Hastings Bible Dictionary."

*Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Dictionary* R. Youngblood, ed. (Thomas Nelson, Pub.)

*The Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible*, Merrill Tenney, ed., (Regency/Zondervan. 5 volumes).

*The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*, Geoffrey Bromiley, ed., (Eerdmans, 4 volumes).

#### Bible Atlas:

*Oxford Bible Atlas* edited by Herbert May, now in its third edition. This is the best there is.

#### Interlinear Bibles:

Jay Green does a four volume interlinear Bible that has both the OT and NT with a Strong's number above each word. I love it and use it a lot. CES gets a substantial discount on these because we order them in bulk and we sell them for \$100.00. Other than that, I have no specific recommendations on an interlinear. There are many on the market with all kinds of differences.

#### Greek Lexicons: (Use by English Word)

*Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words* (There are a bunch of variations on *Vine's* on the market. If you get one, get one that has the Greek words coded to Strong's numbering system. You must have a *King James Version* Bible to use it effectively).

*A Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament* by E. W. Bullinger. Commonly known as "Bullinger's Lexicon." All words are from the *KJV*, but a full concordance allows you to find the correct Greek word. You must have a *King James Version* Bible to use it effectively). Not coded to Strong's.

#### Greek Lexicons: (Use by Greek Word)

*Thayer's Greek English Lexicon of the New Testament.* Excellent and easy to use lexicon. Get one with the Strong's numbers.

*The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament* by Spiros Zodhiates. Excellent lexicon, coded to Strong's.

*A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature* by Walter Bauer (also called "Bauer's Lexicon) edited by Arndt and Gingrich (so it is also said to be by them). There are no Strong's numbers and the words are in Greek, so you must have a fundamental knowledge of Greek to use this lexicon.  
*Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament Based on Semantic Domains* by J. Louw and E. Nida (2 volumes). This is a wonderful resource but has no Strong's numbers and the words are in Greek.  
*The New Analytical Greek Lexicon* by W. Perschbacher. Can be difficult to use. The new ones are coded to Strong's, which is helpful.

#### Hebrew Lexicons:

*The Brown Driver Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon*. Make sure it is coded to the Strong's numbering system.

*Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament*, by Harris, Archer and Waltke. It does not cover every word in the Old Testament but it has good material on what it does cover. Buy only if you already have a *Brown Driver Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon*.

*Old Testament Word Studies* by W. Wilson. Make sure you have one coded to Strong's.

*Vine's Dictionary of Old Testament Words*. It is based on the *KJV* and coded to Strong's.

#### Topical Bibles:

The industry standard is *Nave's Topical Bible*, and there is also one based on the *NIV* and one on the *KJV*.

#### Synonym Studies:

*Synonyms of the New Testament* by Richard Trench

*Synonyms of the Old Testament* by Robert Girdlestone

#### Figures of Speech:

*Figures of Speech Used in the Bible* by E. W. Bullinger.