

# Appendix: For Further Study and Investigation

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This appendix has a list of books, websites and other resources that can help you gain a deeper understanding of the Bible and the God of the Bible.

## To learn more about the main message of the Bible

Here are resources that can help you understand the Bible in greater detail.

- **Gan, Jennifer and Amos Kwok.** *Interlocked*. 2019.

*Come and See* is a distillation of *Interlocked*, which is a Bible study that integrates the Genesis-to-Revelation historical narrative with doctrine and apologetics for believers to live as thriving disciples of Christ. Visit <https://interlocked.online>.

- **Harbin, Michael A.** *The Promise and the Blessing*. Zondervan, 2005.

This book is formatted like a textbook but is easy to read, and useful for a thorough study of the Scriptures from the first to the last books of the Bible.

- **Halley, Henry H.** *Halley's Bible Handbook with the New International Version*. Zondervan, 2007.

This is a useful reference book to learn about the background of biblical places, peoples and events as you read through the Bible. It's like a Bible guidebook. Available in physical and digital versions.

- **Taylor, William and Richard Borgonon.** *The Word One to One*. 10 Publishing, 2013.

*The Word One to One* consists of two book studies: the gospel of John and the book of Acts. Designed like an introductory Bible study, it can be used by just two people studying together or even alone. The text of the Scripture is accompanied by simple explanations. Visit the website to download the PDFs or the app for free. Physical books can also be ordered. Visit <https://www.theword121.com/>

- **Verse by Verse Ministry International.** [versebyverseministry.org](https://versebyverseministry.org)

This organisation provides Bible teaching book by book and verse by verse. This is done through recorded video series. Visit <https://versebyverseministry.org/>

- **Biblical Training.** [Biblicaltraining.org](https://www.biblicaltraining.org)

This is an online Bible training “school” catering to people who find it hard to get access to good Bible training in different parts of the world. There are three levels of training available: Foundations (Basic), Academy (university level), Institute (graduate level). The courses are taught by a variety of Bible professors, pastors and scholars. Visit <https://www.biblicaltraining.org>

## Questions about Christianity

- **Got Questions** is a Christian organisation with a website that answers thousands of common (and uncommon) questions that people have about the Bible.

Visit: <https://www.gotquestions.org>

- **McDowell, Josh and Sean McDowell.** *Evidence that Demands a Verdict* (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2017).

This book answers a comprehensive list of questions about the evidence for Christianity.

## Questions about creation, science and related topics

There are a number of good Christian organisations staffed by Christian scientists who conduct research and write about the biblical worldview and science. Here are three recommendations you can explore. They each have hundreds of articles, videos and books at basic and advanced science levels.

- **Answers in Genesis:** Visit <https://answersingenesis.org/>
- **Creation Ministries International:** Visit <https://www.icr.org/>
- **Institute for Creation Research:** Visit <https://www.icr.org/>

## Questions about how we got the Bible

There are many books and resources that go into greater detail about how we got the Bible as well as how we know that the Bible we have today is really God's Word delivered to mankind. Here are several suggested resources.

- **Answers in Genesis.** *A Pocket Guide to The Bible* (Petersburg, KY: Answers in Genesis, 2009).

This is a short book that answers the most-asked questions about the Bible succinctly.

- **Bruce, F. F.** *The Canon of Scripture* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2018).

This book provides an in-depth history on how we got the Bible. Going through the history of the writing of Scriptures, to how the early church recognised what was Scripture to how the manuscripts were preserved, copied, translated and transmitted down to us.

- **Lanier, Greg.** *A Christian's Pocket Guide to How We Got the Bible.* Christian Focus Publications, 2018.

This book is a quick read that provides a good overview of how God gave the Scriptures to mankind through the Jewish people. It does an excellent job of providing enough information.

- **Mounce, William D.** *Why I Trust the Bible: Answers to Real Questions and Doubts People Have about the Bible.* Zondervan Reflective, 2021.

The author worked on the NIV and ESV. This book explains how we got the Scriptures we have today (particularly the New Testament). It shows the historicity of Jesus from what non-biblical writers around Jesus' time wrote about him. It also discusses so-called contradictions in the New Testament and why we have just 27 New Testament books.

- **Strobel, Lee.** *The Case for Christ: A Journalist's Personal Investigation of the Evidence for Jesus.* Zondervan, 2016.

The author, a former atheist and investigative journalist, investigated the claims of the New Testament that Jesus really is the Son of God and that he actually died and rose from the dead. The book takes a look at the evidence from the fields of science, philosophy, and history.

- **Solomon, Robert M.** *The Enduring Word: The Authority and Reliability of the Bible.* Armour Publishing Pte Ltd, 2011.

An easy-to-read account of how we got the Bible. Covers the types of manuscripts we have, the history of the manuscripts, how translations are done and more.

- **Wallace, J. Warner.** *Cold-Case Christianity: A Homicide Detective Investigates the Claims of the Gospels.* David C. Cook, 2013.

The author, a former atheist and a retired police detective, offers a layman's explanation of the evidence showing that the resurrection of Christ is a true, historical event. The author uses the same legal methods of today's courts to prove that the resurrection did occur. Also visit the author's website: <https://coldcasechristianity.com/>

## Recommendations on Bible commentaries

A good Bible commentary can be very useful in helping you understand the Bible better. Here are three recommendations.

### 1. BE Series

**Author:** Wiersbe, Warren W.

**Publisher:** David C. Cook

**Year:** Various years

The BE Series is actually a collection of 50 separate volumes. Each booklet provides very good, devotional-type commentary, written in a very warm, approachable and relatable way. The BE Series is especially excellent when used as part of quiet time or focused book study. It shows readers how the Bible can be so relevant and impactful to our everyday Christian lives. Each booklet covers part of a book of the Bible (and sometimes covers several short books of the Bible) so you can just get the booklet(s) related to the area of study you wish to explore.

There are also similar resources from Warren Wiersbe:

- The Bible Exposition Commentary (The entire BE Series repackaged as a six-volume commentary.)
- The Wiersbe Bible Commentary (An edited and condensed version of the BE Series. Two volumes are available separately: Old Testament and New Testament.)

## 2. The Moody Bible Commentary

**General Editors:** Rydelnik, Michael, and Michael Vanlaningham.

**Publisher:** The Moody Bible Institute

**Year:** 2014

The Moody Bible Commentary is an in-depth, user-friendly commentary that serves as a good guide to the Bible. Because it is a one-volume commentary, it is not daunting. Yet its simple language provides enough explanation and details that new believers and even longer-term Christians will benefit from it. It provides the cultural background to help the reader to get a better grasp of the Scripture text. There are also maps and charts, and bibliographies for further reading.

## 3. Dr. Constable's Expository Notes

**Author:** Constable, Thomas L.

**Publisher:** Sonic Light

**Year:** 2017

These notes are available as PDF (Portable Document Format) documents and as webpages. Dr. Thomas L. Constable's lifetime of notes that cover all 66 books of the Bible have been put together on his church's website and are available for free.

Dr. Constable's notes are thorough, in-depth, scholarly, yet easy enough for regular Christians to use. The commentary provides verse-by-verse explanations as well as extensive background information on the history, time and authors of Scripture.

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