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COMMENTARIES AND OTHER RESOURCES THAT CAN BE BORROWED FROM ARCHIVE.ORG

Explanation - The following list includes not only commentaries but other Christian works by well known evangelical writers. Most of the resources below are newer works (written after 1970) which previously were available only for purchase in book form or in a Bible computer program. The resources are made freely available by archive.org but have several caveats - (1) they do not allow copy and paste, (2) they can only be checked out for one hour (but can be checked out immediately when your hour expires giving you time to read or take notes on a lengthy section) and (3) they require creating an account which allows you to check out the books free of charge. To set up an account click [archive.org](#) and then click the picture of the person in right upper corner and enter email and a password. That's all you have to do. Then you can read these more modern resources free of charge! I have read or used many of these resources but not all of them so ultimately you will need to be a Berean (Acts 17:11[±]) as you use them. I have also selected works that are conservative and Biblically sound. If you find one that you think does not meet those criteria please send an email at <https://www.preceptaustin.org/contact>. The resources are listed in alphabetical order by the author's last name and some include reviews of the particular resource. For hundreds of other commentaries and books that can be borrowed see [Christian Commentaries Online](#).

[Preaching Luke-Acts](#) by Allen, Ronald J.

James Rosscup - This conservative commentary is a detailed work in the Greek and is well-written. The author

did the famous Greek-English lexicon and two books on alleged contradictions.

[Acts of the apostles](#) by Allen, Ronald J

[Turning to God : a study of conversion in the book of Acts and today](#) by Barclay, William [See discussion of his orthodoxy](#) especially the article "[The Enigmatic William Barclay](#)".

[The Acts of the Apostles: An Introduction and Commentary](#) (Tyndale New Testament Commentaries) E. M. Blaiklock

[The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible : New Testament, King James Version \(POSB\)](#) - Acts, Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians - This is a very useful resource which always includes numerous related cross-references. It will be of aid to you preaching and teaching.

[Acts - Bible Study Commentary](#) by Bruce, F. F. (1982) 124 pages - this is not the top rated NICNT version

[The book of the Acts \(New International Commentary on the New Testament\)](#) by Bruce, F. F. (1988) 584 pages

Rosscup - This work, first issued in 1954, is now revised not long before Bruce died, with a new translation of the Greek text in place of the ASV. The bibliographical lists are extensively updated in footnotes, Bruce has interacted with later studies, arranged comments on fewer verses, and achieved a more lucid style in places. However, the basic verse-by-verse commentary remains substantially the same. It remains the finest commentary on Acts as to exposition in detail. Bruce points to I. H. Marshall's commentary for detail on Luke's theology. He shows a fine grasp of pertinent history, a sound explanation of most passages, and insights on many of the problems.

[Keith Mathison \(Ligonier\)](#) - First published in 1954, F.F. Bruce's commentary on Acts in the NICNT series soon became a standard conservative evangelical commentary. In 1988, his commentary was revised and updated. It still remains one of the best commentaries on this book of Scripture.

[Tim Challies](#) - F.F. Bruce has two commentaries on Acts and the contribution to the NICNT series is regarded as the stronger of the two. Not only that, but it is regarded as one of the very best works on the book. A couple of commentators on the commentaries point out that Bruce is especially strong on the historical aspect of Acts.

[The Acts of the Apostles: the Greek text with introduction and commentary](#) by Bruce, F. F. (1990) 608 pages. Somewhat Technical.

[New Bible Commentary](#) - (1994) Bruce, F. F. "The Acts of the Apostles," in New Bible Commentary. A boiled down version of Bruce's expertise, quite helpful in itself.

[Acts](#) by Calvin, Jean Crossway Classic Commentaries.

[Cyril Barber](#) - Contains all of the remarkable insights of the first English edition without the stilted language. This is a work that deserves a place in every pastor's library.

[The Acts: an exposition](#) by Erdman, Charles R

James Rosscup - Concise treatments are given to each of the N. T. books. The main value of the set lies in its clear synthesis which helps the student grasp the flow of thought as he moves through a book. Erdman possessed a lucid writing style. He was amillennial.

[The Acts of the Apostles a new translation with introduction and commentary](#) by Fitzmyer, Joseph A

[Mathison at Ligonier](#) gives it runner up status in best commentaries on Acts.

[Cyril Barber](#) - Begins with a translation of the entire book, followed by a closely reasoned explanation of title, authorship, date, and purpose of Acts. Essays discuss the text and sources, the composition and form-critical analysis, language and style, and historical character of Acts, etc. The exposition combines historic and linguistic data, but offers minimal help to preachers.

[Acts](#) by Gangel, Kenneth - This is more like a workbook with questions and short explanatory notes.

[Cyril Barber](#) commenting on Gangel's more extensive work in the Holman NT Commentary says "Clearly written, and with the theme of Luke's second work cogently presented, this commentary does justice to the biblical text and the purpose for which this historic account was produced. Gangel follows the best interpretative tradition and then applies the principles in the best possible manner.

[Luke-Acts and New Testament historiography](#) by Green, Joel B

[The apostolic church](#) by Harrison, Everett Falconer, 1902- Not a commentary on book of Acts but the church that begins in Acts.

[Acts and the history of earliest Christianity](#) by Hengel, Martin,

[Cyril Barber](#) - Asserts the essential reliability of the book of Acts and examines Luke's historical-theological methodology.

[An introduction to the New Testament - the Gospels and Acts](#) Volume 1 by Hiebert, D. Edmond

[Cyril Barber](#) - Describes the regional, social and cultural milieu of the Roman Empire during the first century A.D. Part 1 covers such topics as travel by ship as well as along the Roman roads of Asia Minor; also food shortages, diverse Roman religions, the urban elites, and the emergence of the house church. Part 2 describes in detail the various Roman provinces and the establishment of the early church. A final chapter discusses Luke's geographic limits and the Jewish and Roman cultures it contained.

[The Book of Acts in its Graeco-Roman setting](#) Gill, David W., and Conrad Gempf, eds

[A commentary on the original text of the Acts of the Apostles](#) by Hackett, Horatio Balch e

[Cyril Barber](#) - Insightful, reliable, and always worth consulting. Reprinted from the revised edition of 1882.

[Kingdom power : receiving the power of the promise : a study in the book of Acts](#) by Hayford, Jack W

[The book of Acts](#) by Horton, Stanley Pentecostal perspectiv

[The message of Acts in the history of redemption](#) by Johnson, Dennis E.

[Mathison at Ligonier](#) gives it runner up status in best commentaries on Acts.

[Cyril Barber](#) - Examines the major themes of Acts and links the OT with the NT while explaining the contribution of Acts to the history of redemption. Though not a commentary, this study will enrich each reader's understanding of the history of the period.

[Acts : an exegetical commentary](#) by Keener, Craig S., 1208 pages

[Keith Mathison \(Ligonier\)](#) - Craig Keener's four-volume commentary on Acts is not for everyone. At 4,500 pages, few will ever read all of it. But if you are looking for an exhaustive commentary that deals with every conceivable question, then, clear out about a foot and a half of shelf space and pick up this commentary (bend your knees when you do so). This will probably be the standard evangelical commentary on Acts for at least the next half century. For those who do not need a commentary with a bibliography longer than most other books, Keener also has an [abridged version](#) of his commentary that is *only* 635 pages.

[Jerusalem to Rome; studies in the Book of Acts](#) by Kent, Homer Austin,

[Cyril Barber](#) - In recounting the beginning and expansion of the early church, the writer reveals the personal struggles of those who participated in the events recorded by Luke. The inclusion of discussion questions makes this an ideal volume for adult Bible study groups.

[Acts](#) Augsburg Commentary on the New Testament by Krodel, Gerhard (Lutheran perspective)

[Cyril Barber](#) - Designed for laypeople. Explains in non-technical language the essential thrust of this portion of the canon.

[A bibliography of the periodical literature on the Acts of the Apostles, 1962-1984](#) by Mills, Watson E

[Cyril Barber](#) - This volume is intended to supplement the indispensable work of A. J. and M. B. Mattill, A Classified Bibliography of Literature on the Acts of the Apostles (which concluded with entries up to 1962). The material in this volume is arranged alphabetically. The indexing to periodical literature is impressive. It succeeds in bringing within the purview of the student or researcher a wealth of important data.

[The Acts of the apostles](#) by Morgan, G. Campbell

[Studies in the Acts of the apostles](#) by Moule, C. F. D Short work (104 pages) by respected Anglican pastor.

[Acts : based on the Revised standard version](#) by Neil, William

[Cyril Barber](#) - New Century Bible Commentary. 1981. Based on the RSV This handy commentary does not

provide an exposition of the theme but, rather, furnishes readers with perceptive comments on select words or phrases.

[The Communicator's Commentary. Acts](#) by Ogilvie, Lloyd John - (This is now known as the Preacher's Commentary and states that the goal is to aid preachers and teachers.)

[Drumbeat of Love : the unlimited power of the Spirit as revealed in the Book of Acts](#) by Ogilvie, Lloyd John

[The Acts of the Apostles : an exposition](#) Rackham, Richard. [Also available below with no time limit.](#)

[Cyril Barber](#) - The reissue in an overpriced paperback format of one of the great commentaries on the book of Acts.

[Growth of the Body : \[Acts 13-20\]](#) by Stedman, Ray C

[Adventuring through the life of Christ : a Bible handbook on the Gospels and Acts](#) by Stedman, Ray C

[The Words of the Apostles](#) by Stier, Rudolf;

[Cyril Barber](#) - Examines the public ministry of the apostles and expounds each message with insight and skill. A must for every student of the book of Acts.

[The strength of an exacting passion : a study of Acts 18:18-28:31](#) by Swindoll, Charles

[The church of the first days : lectures on the Acts of the Apostles](#) by Vaughan, Charles John

[Cyril Barber](#) - Vaughan achieved justifiable acclaim for his expositional commentaries on Romans, Philippians, and Revelation. C. H. Spurgeon wrote of this work on Acts, "Not only does Dr. Vaughan expound his text in the ablest manner, but he introduces passages of Scripture so aptly that he suggests discourses:" This is a work of rare merit, and it will be appreciated by those who use it wisely.

[Acts : Bible study commentary](#) by Vaughan, Curtis - Conservative. Simple, easy to understand comments.

[Be Dynamic](#) (Acts 1-12) by Warren Wiersbe

[Be Daring : put your faith where the action is](#) (Acts 13-28) by Wiersbe, Warren [Cyril Barber](#) - Continues the author's popular exposition of the Book of Acts. Shows how the power of God is available to work through ordinary people to accomplish His purposes in the Church and in the world. Recommended.

[Wiersbe Commentary on Acts in Pdf](#) - 88 pages

[The Bible Exposition Commentary](#) by Wiersbe, Warren W - All NT books in one source. Excellent. Ross cup - One of America's most appreciated staunchly evangelical Bible conference teachers gives diligent, refreshing expositions. These are all of his 23 separate, earlier books in the "Be" series on the New Testament. He strikes a particular appeal with lay people as he crystallizes sections, deals with some of the verses, handles certain problems and backgrounds and applies principles. He is premillennial.

[Bible Exposition Commentary - New Testament](#) and [Bible Exposition Commentary - Old Testament](#)

[With the Word](#) - Devotional Commentary - Chapter by Chapter Warren Wiersbe - Excellent to help summarize a chapter.

[Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the New Testament](#) by Wiersbe, Warren W - helpful points for teaching and preaching

[Cyril Barber](#) - This is a book of exceptional merit. Pastors, missionaries, and Christian workers will profit from its use. Wiersbe introduces each book of the NT, provides an outline, and then furnishes his readers with a chapter-by-chapter discussion of the contents. The homiletic style is a "plus." Recommended.

[Acts](#) by Williams, David John Mathison at Ligonier gives it runner up status of best commentaries on Acts.

**STUDY BIBLES, ONE VOLUME COMMENTARIES OF BIBLE,
BIBLE DICTIONARIES, GENERAL REFERENCE WORKS**

Note: The first 4 resources have no time restriction and allow copy and paste function:

(1) [KJV Bible Commentary](#) - Hindson, Edward E; Kroll, Woodrow Michael. Over 3000 pages of the entire OT/NT. Well done

conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective. Pre-millennial -generally gets 4/5 stars from users. -

Very well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective

The King James Version Bible Commentary is a complete verse-by-verse commentary. It is comprehensive in scope, reliable in scholarship, and easy to use. Its authors are leading evangelical theologians who provide practical truths and biblical principles. Any Bible student will gain new insights through this one-volume commentary based on the timeless King James Version of the Bible.

(2) [The King James Study Bible Second Edition](#) 2240 pages (2013) (Thomas Nelson) General Editor - Edward Hindson with multiple contributing editors. . . Pre-millennial. See [introduction on How to Use this Study Bible](#)

(3) [NKJV Study Bible: New King James Version Study Bible](#) (formerly "The Nelson Study Bible - NKJV") by Earl D Radmacher; Ronald Barclay Allen; Wayne H House. 2345 pages. (1997, 2007). Very helpful notes. Conservative. Pre-millennial.

(4) [The Wycliffe Bible Commentary - only the New Testament](#) (for OT see below to borrow) - 1126 pages. (1971) Everett F Harrison - Editor of New Testament. Uses the KJV. Strictly speaking not a study Bible, but short notes are similar. KJV text in left column, commentary notes in right column. The comments are generally verse by verse, short, conservative and to the point. Pre-millennial.

Most of the following have a one hour time limit

[The MacArthur study Bible](#) - John MacArthur. Brief but well done notes

[ESV Study Bible](#) - Excellent resource but not always literal in eschatology and the nation of Israel

[HCSB Study Bible : Holman Christian Standard Bible](#) - General Editor Jeremy Royal Howard (2010) 2360 pages. Conservative. Good notes. Include Holmans excellent maps. One hour limit

[Life Application Study Bible](#): New Living Translation. Has some very helpful notes. [s](#)

[The David Jeremiah Study Bible](#) - (2013) 2208 pages.

[The Defender's Study Bible : King James Version](#) by Morris, Henry M. Excellent notes for well known creationist.

[The Holman Illustrated Study Bible](#) Includes the excellent Holman maps but otherwise of little help in serious study.

[The Ryrie Study Bible](#) - Charles Ryrie (1978) 2142 pages. Conservative.

[NIV Study Bible](#) - (2011) 2570 pages - Use this one if available as it has more notes than edition below. One hour limit

[NLT Study Bible](#) (Illustration Version)

[The Living Insights Study Bible : New International Version](#) - Charles Swindoll. Notes are good but somewhat sparse and not verse by verse.

[NIV Archaeological Study Bible](#) (2005) 2360 pages (See also [Archaeology and the Bible - OT and NT](#))

[NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible. Bringing to Life the Ancient World of Scripture](#) Keener, Craig and Walton, John. Editors (2017)

[Disciple's Study Bible: New international version](#) Not that helpful for verse by verse study. Focuses on application of Christian doctrines. 10,000 annotations; doctrinal summaries, "Life Helps" section relate doctrine to everyday discipleship.

[The Word in life Study Bible](#) - Very interesting format. Not your routine study Bible. Worth checking the very informative notes. (e.g., [here is a picture of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances](#).)

[Wycliffe Bible Commentary](#) - OT and NT - Everett F Harrison - Editor of New Testament. Uses the KJV. Charles F Pfeiffer - Editor of the Old Testament. 1560 pages (1962). [s](#) Less detailed than the KJV Bible Commentary.

[The Experiencing God Study Bible : the Bible for knowing and doing the will of God](#)- Blackaby, Henry (1996) 1968 pages - CHECK THIS ONE! Each chapter begins with several questions under the title "PREPARE TO MEET GOD." Then you will interesting symbols before many of the passages. The chapter ends with a "DID YOU NOTICE?" question. This might make a "dry chapter" jump off the page! R

[Believer's Bible Commentary](#) by MacDonald, William (1995) 2480 pages - Dr. John MacArthur, Jr. - "Concise yet comprehensive - the most complete single-volume commentary I have seen." Warren Wiersbe - "For the student who is serious about seeing Christ in

the Word."

[Compact Bible commentary](#) by Radmacher, Earl D; Allen, Ronald Barclay; House, H Wayne, et al - 954 pages. Multiple contributors to the comments which are often verse by verse. The comments are brief but meaty and can really help your study through a given book. A sleeper in my opinion.

[The Expositor's Bible Commentary](#) - 1994 edition - Abridged - New Testament

[Evangelical Commentary on the Bible](#) - editor Walter Elwell (1989) 1239 pages.

[New Bible Commentary](#) - (1994)

[NIV Archaeological Study Bible](#) (2005) 2360 pages (See also [Archaeology and the Bible - OT and NT](#))

J.Sidlow Baxter: Explore The Book - pdf [Vol. 6 Acts to Revelation](#)

[Jensen's Survey of the NT](#) - a classic with suggestions for studying each book of the Bible

[What the Bible is all about](#) by Mears, Henrietta [What the Bible is all about](#) OR here - [What the Book is all about](#)

[NIV cultural backgrounds study Bible. bringing to life the ancient world of scripture](#) Keener, Craig and Walton, John. Editors (2017)

[The illustrated guide to Bible customs & curiosities](#) by Knight, George W. (George William),

[Today's handbook of Bible times & customs](#) by Coleman, William L

[Eerdmans' family encyclopedia of the Bible](#) (1978) 344 pages

[Eerdmans' handbook to the Bible](#) (1983) 688 pages

[The Lion handbook to the Bible](#) - (1999) 822 pages. This resource is absolutely loaded with very nice color pictures and charts.

[Tyndale handbook of Bible charts & maps](#) by Wilson, Neil

[Bible handbook and A-Z bible encyclopedia](#)

[International children's Bible field guide : answering kids' questions from Genesis to Revelation](#) by Richards, Larry

[The Shaw pocket Bible handbook](#) - Editor - Walter Elwell (1984) 408 pages.

"This hardback is small in size but packed full of content: Brief summaries of every book of the bible, cultural, archaeological and historical info, word definitions, pictures, maps and charts." Worth checking!

[Zondervan illustrated Bible backgrounds commentary](#) - New Testament - 552 pages. (2002)

[The new Unger's Bible dictionary](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick, 1909-

[Survey of the Bible : introductory insights, background studies, book-by- book survey](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick

[The parallel New Testament and Unger's Bible handbook : produced for Moody monthly](#) by Unger, Merrill (1975) 744 pages

[The Hodder Bible handbook](#) by Unger, Merrill

[Nelson's expository dictionary of the Old Testament](#) by Unger, Merrill

[Kregel Bible handbook : a full-color guide to every book of the Bible](#) by Kerr, William

[Zondervan handbook to the Bible](#)

[Dictionary of Biblical Imagery](#) - free for use online with **no restrictions** (i.e., you do not need to borrow this book). Editors Leland Ryken, J C Wilhoit, Tremper Longman III - This is a potential treasure chest to aid your preaching and teaching as it analyzes the meaning of a host of Biblical figures of speech. **Clue** - use the "One-page view" which then allows you to copy and paste text. One downside is there is no index, so you need to search 3291 pages for entries which are alphabetical.

[Dictionary of Paul and his letters](#) IVP Series The Dictionary of Paul and His Letters is a one-of-a-kind reference work. Following the format of its highly successful companion volume, the Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels, this Dictionary is designed to bring students, teachers, ministers and laypeople abreast of the established conclusions and significant recent developments in Pauline scholarship. No other single reference work presents as much information focused exclusively on Pauline theology, literature,

background and scholarship.

[Dictionary of the later New Testament & its developments](#) IVP Series The third of IVP's critically acclaimed series of dictionaries of the New Testament provides focused study on the often-neglected portions of the New Testament: Acts, Hebrews, the General Epistles, and Revelation. Furthermore, its scope goes beyond the life of the New Testament church to include the work of the apostolic fathers and early Christianity up through the middle of the second century.

[Dictionary of New Testament background](#) IVP Series In a time when our knowledge of the ancient Mediterranean world has grown by leaps and bounds, this volume sets out for readers the wealth of Jewish and Greco-Roman background that should inform our reading and understanding of the New Testament and early Christianity. The Dictionary of New Testament Background takes full advantage of the flourishing study of the Dead Sea Scrolls and offers individual articles focused on the most important scrolls. In addition, the Dictionary encompasses the fullness of second-temple Jewish writings, whether pseudepigraphic, rabbinic, parables, proverbs, histories or inscriptions. Articles abound on aspects of Jewish life and thought, including family, purity, liturgy and messianism. The full scope of Greco-Roman culture is displayed in articles ranging across language and rhetoric, literacy and book culture, religion and cults, honor and shame, patronage and benefactors, travel and trade, intellectual movements and ideas, and ancient geographical perspectives. No other reference work presents so much in one place for students of the New Testament. Here an entire library of scholarship is made available in summary form.

APOLOGETICS, ETC

[When Critics Ask - A Popular Handbook on Bible Difficulties](#) - Norman Geisler and Thomas Howe

[Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties](#) - Gleason Archer

[Hard Saying of the Bible](#) Walter C. Kaiser Jr.

[The Apologetics Study Bible Understand Why You Believe](#) by Norman Geisler

[Systematic Theology - An Introduction to Bible Doctrine](#) (first edition) - Wayne Grudem

[More than a Carpenter](#) - Josh McDowell's classic - good book to suggest to your skeptical friends!

[New Evidence that Demands a Verdict \(Evidence I and Evidence II updated and in one volume\)](#) (or [here](#)) - Josh McDowell

[Who Moved the Stone?](#) by Frank Morison

THE LIST BELOW IS FOR GREEK (AND HEBREW) WORD STUDIES IF YOU WANT TO DIG A LITTLE DEEPER INTO THE TEXT

See also the [list of Word Study Resources](#)

[The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament](#) by Zodhiates, Spiros - This is my "go to" resource for Greek word studies. One of the best lexicons for laymen. Highly Recommended for Greek Word Studies to aid your interpretation of a passage.

[Analytical Lexicon of the Greek New Testament](#) by Friberg, Timothy. Shorter definitions than Zodhiates but does an excellent job in summarizing the various nuances of a specific Greek word. One of my favorites.

[Shorter Lexicon of the Greek New Testament](#) by Gingrich, F. Wilbur. Similar to Friberg but shorter definitions. Gingrich however gives more Scriptures for each nuance, whereas Friberg generally gives only one representative Scripture.

[The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament](#) by Rogers, Cleon - A sleeper. This book is a gold mine of little gems on individual Greek words in any NT passage you are studying. If you have time it is always worth checking out! I use it for my [Greek word studies](#) all the time.

[Word meanings in the New Testament](#) - Matthew-Revelation by Ralph Earle. Strictly speaking this is not a lexicon, but it offers insights on select words in a verse by verse format (but not every verse is included in the analysis). This resource is worth checking if you have time as it can occasionally give some wonderful insights on a specific Greek word.

[New Testament Words](#) - William Barclay - very interesting resource - covers about 70 NT Greek words in Barclay's unique style. On page 289 there is a helpful index of English words with the corresponding Greek word, in turn followed by the places Barclay described them in [New Testament Words](#) and in his Daily Study Bible series ([see list of DSB commentaries here](#)). E.g., take the Greek word for "Covetousness" which is pleonexia and is found in [New Testament Words](#) on page 61 and pp 233-235 and is also described in the Daily Study Bible entries for : Mark 7:14-23; Ro 1:28-32; Eph. 4:17-24; Col. 3:5. So you can click the [DSB commentary on Mark 7](#) and scroll down to [Mark 7:14](#) to see Barclay's entry for pleonexia which concludes "Pleonexia (G4124) is

that lust for having which is in the heart of the man who sees happiness in things instead of in God." Interesting!

[Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament : based on semantic domains](#) - Louw Nida. Brief but nice definitions. Not easy to use - you need to know some Greek. Classifies Greek words into 93 "semantic domains" (see list on page XXV) and if you can categorize the word you are looking for in one of the domains, it can help find the specific word you are interested in.

[Kittel's Theological Dictionary of the New Testament : abridged in one volume](#) (TDNT) - Classic ("Little Kittel") work summarizing the 10 volume set by Kittel. For most of us the abridged definition is "more than enough!"

[A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament, and other early Christian literature \(BDAG\)](#); by Bauer, Walter, More detailed definitions but need to know Greek. Zodhiates and Friberg are much easier to use.

[Liddell and Scott's Greek-English lexicon, abridged : the little Liddell](#) by Liddell, Henry George. The abridged version. You need to know Greek to use.

[Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words](#) - pdf. The old standby. You can also borrow [Vine's complete expository dictionary of Old and New Testament words](#)

[New Testament Words in Today's Language](#) by Detzler, Wayne A - Wonderful resource to supplement word studies. THIS IS A SLEEPER!

[Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament](#) by Harris, R. Laird - One of the best OT lexicons for laymen. [Here is another link to the TWOT](#) which has no time limit on use and does allow copy/paste

THE ITINERARY OF PAUL'S THREE MISSIONARY JOURNEYS

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
1. Antioch Acts 13:1-3	1. Antioch Acts 15:36-40	1. Antioch Acts 18:23
2. Seleucia Acts 13:4	2. Syria Acts 15:41	2. Phrygia/Galatia Acts 18:23-28
3. Salamis on Cyprus Acts 13:5	3. Cilicia Acts 15:41	3. Ephesus Acts 19:1-41
4. Paphos on Cyprus Acts 13:6-12	4. Derbe Acts 16:1	4. Macedonia Acts 20:1
5. Perga in Pamphylia Acts 13:13	5. Lystra Acts 16:1-5	5. Greece Acts 20:2
6. Pisidian Antioch Acts 13:14-50	6. Phrygia/Galatia Acts 16:6	6. Macedonia Acts 20:3-5
7. Iconium Acts 13:51	7. Mysia Acts 16:7	7. Philippi Acts 20:6
8. Lystra Acts 14:6-20	8. Troas Acts 16:8-10	8. Troas Acts 20:6-12
9. Derbe Acts 14:20	9. Samothrace Acts 16:11	9. Assos Acts 20:13
10. Lystra Acts 14:21	10. Neapolis Acts 16:11	10. Mitylene Acts 20:14
11. Iconium Acts 14:21	11. Philippi Acts 16:12	11. Samos Acts 20:15
12. Pisidian Antioch Acts 14:21	12. Amphipolis Acts 17:1	12. Miletus Acts 20:15-38
13. Pamphylia Acts 14:24	13. Apollonia Acts 17:1	13. Cos Acts 21:1
14. Perga Acts 14:25	14. Thessalonica Acts 17:1-9	14. Rhodes Acts 21:1
15. Attalia Acts 14:25	15. Berea Acts 17:10-14	15. Patara Acts 21:1
16. Antioch Acts 14:26	16. Athens Acts 17:15-34	16. Tyre Acts 21:3-6
	17. Corinth Acts 18:1-17	17. Ptolemais Acts 21:7
	18. Cenchreae Acts 18:18	18. Caesarea Acts 21:8-14
	19. Ephesus Acts 18:19	
	20. Caesarea Acts 18:22	
	21. Jerusalem Acts 18:22	
	22. Antioch Acts 18:22	

Charles Swindoll points out that "When we study the journeys of Paul in the book of Acts, we're not just reading the travel log of a man; we're observing the redemptive plan of God unfolding as He promised. Through the ministry of Saul of Tarsus, God's mission to reclaim His creation from the death grip of evil would move to its next stage. The plan of this mission was outlined in the Lord's

promise at His ascension, where He said,

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses...

1. In Jerusalem [Stage 1: Acts 2–7],
 2. and in all Judea and Samaria [Stage 2: Acts 8–12],
 3. and even to the remotest part of the earth [Stage 3: Acts 13–28].” (Acts 1:8-)
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John Hannah's Outline for Third Missionary Journey (see [map](#))

- D. The third missionary journey of Paul (Acts 18:23-21:16)
 1. The ministry in Galatia and Phrygia (Acts 18:23)
 2. The ministry in Ephesus (Acts 18:24-19:41)
 - a. Instruction of Apollos (Acts 18:24-28)
 - b. Instruction of some of John's followers (Acts 19:1-7)
 - c. Instruction of the Ephesians (Acts 19:8-20)
 - d. Instructions concerning his plans (Acts 19:21-22)
 - e. The riots in Ephesus (Acts 19:23-41)
 3. The ministry in Macedonia and Achaia (Acts 20:1-5)
 4. The ministry in Troas (Acts 20:6-12)
 5. The ministry in Miletus (Acts 20:13-38)
 - a. His journey to Miletus (Acts 20:13-16)
 - b. His message to the Ephesian elders (Acts 20:17-35)
 1. Concerning his ministry (Acts 20:17-27)
 2. Concerning the church (Acts 20:28-35)
 - c. His farewell to the Ephesians (Acts 20:36-38)
 6. The ministry at Tyre (Acts 21:1-6)
 - a. His journey to Tyre (Acts 21:1-3)
 - b. His ministry in Tyre (Acts 21:4-6)
 7. The ministry in Caesarea (Acts 21:7-16)
 - a. Agabus' prediction (Acts 21:7-12)
 - b. Paul's reply (Acts 21:13-14)
 - c. The journey toward Jerusalem (Acts 21:15-16)
- E. The journey of Paul to Rome (Acts 21:17-28:31)
 1. His witness in Jerusalem (Acts 21:17-23:35)
 - a. Paul's report to the elders (Acts 21:17-26)
 - b. Paul's arrest (Acts 21:27-36)
 - c. Paul's defense (Acts 21:37-23:10)
 1. His first defense (Acts 21:37-22:23)
 - a. The background (Acts 21:37-40)
 - b. The content (Acts 22:1-21)
 - c. The result (Acts 22:22-23)
 2. His second defense (Acts 22:24-23:10)
 - a. The background (Acts 22:24-29)
 - b. The council (Acts 22:30)
 - c. The content (Acts 23:1-9)
 - d. The conflict (Acts 23:10)
 - d. Paul's deliverance (Acts 23:11-35)
 1. The encouragement (Acts 23:11)
 2. The plot (Acts 23:12-16)
 3. The counterplot (Acts 23:17-24)
 4. The letter to Felix (Acts 23:25-30)
 5. The deliverance to Felix (Acts 23:31-35)
 2. His witness in Caesarea (Acts 24:1-26:32)
 - a. Paul's defense before Felix (Acts 24:1-27)
 1. The setting (Acts 24:1)
 2. The accusations of Tertullus (Acts 24:2-9)

3. The reply of Paul (Acts 24:10-21)
 4. The consequences (Acts 24:22-27)
 - b. Paul's defense before Festus (Acts 25:1-12)
 1. The setting (Acts 25:1-5)
 2. The trial (Acts 25:6-11)
 3. The result (Acts 25:12)
 - c. Paul's defense before Agrippa (Acts 25:13-26:32)
 1. The arrival of Agrippa (Acts 25:13)
 2. Festus' presentation of Paul's case (Acts 25:14-22)
 3. Festus' presentation of Paul (Acts 25:23-27)
 4. Paul's defense before Agrippa (Acts 26:1-23)
 5. Paul's answer to Festus (Acts 26:24-26)
 6. Paul's interaction with Agrippa (Acts 26:27-29)
 7. The conclusion (Acts 26:30-32)
 3. His witness on the way to Rome (Acts 27:1-28:15)
 - a. His witness aboard ship (Acts 27:1-44)
 - b. His witness on Malta (Acts 28:1-15)
 1. Paul's miraculous preservation (Acts 28:1-6)
 2. Paul's healing of Publius' father (Acts 28:7-10)
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 4. His witness in Rome (Acts 28:16-31)
 - a. The occasion for his witness (Acts 28:16-22)
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