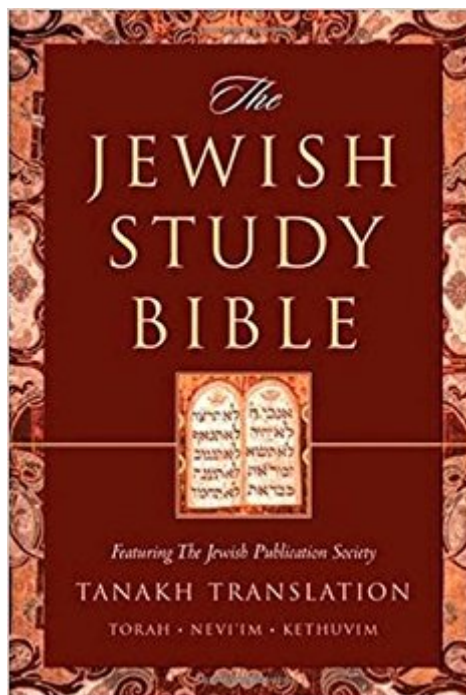




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Ordered for use in a Torah study. We started in Joshua (after completing Genesis-Deuteronomy). The commentary is excellent. I highly recommend. This does not have Hebrew (there is not enough space for Hebrew and commentary) so we keep a English/Hebrew Tanakh open next to it for when questions arise about what Hebrew words were used and translated into what we are reading.

I LOVE this study Bible. I had the paperback Tanakh of the same translation, but the fact that this is hardbound, larger print, has maps/graphics, and commentary makes it incredibly valuable. Honestly, the commentary is exceptional and I find myself poring over this familiar text the way I would a gripping novel. Plus, this is the best price for this item you'll find.

The first edition of this resource book was recommended for study in Hebrew Bible open source courses from Harvard and Yale. The new edition of it is a well-bound hard cover book. This 2309 page second edition, includes 9 full page color maps. The preface to the second edition explains that 30 background essays include six additions to those of the first edition. Original essays have also been revised. Some of the essays bring the status of modern biblical scholarship up to date. Perhaps they would be of interest to biblical scholars more than the average undergraduate college student taking an introductory course in the Hebrew Bible. Nevertheless, they seem to cover areas pertinent to the purpose of the book. The Tenakh translations are standard and annotations are copious. I am not qualified to judge it against other such books, having no certification in the area of resource texts in Judaism. I have had this book for 2 weeks and have read a handful of the essays and 3 parshas in Numbers. Students will not be disappointed in its completeness in helping them in their studies.

This review is for the Kindle version. First off. I made the mistake in getting this for it's price, which was a HUGE mistake. In itself it's a good Bible study but this Kindle version, STINKS! There is no search feature. Once you choose your book, you have to go page by page to get to where you want. This might not seem bad if you're reading it as a Bible, but for Bible study, it's a pain in the butt, to use. I'm a Messianic Jewishish worshiper, between my various Bible studies, Torah classes, and Shabat services, it was not becoming enjoyable reading Yeshua's word, as it should. I also found that I preferred printed over digital. In the end, I found out what best met my needs was, in printed version. The Complete Hebrew Bible by David Stern along with The Stone Edition Chumash. Do not get the Kindle version. It will seem nice at first, but will get old real fast.

I have had an opportunity to compare this (JSB) to the New American Bible (With the Revised Book of Psalms and the Revised New Testament) (NABRE), another recent translation. Both are well-done bricks of a book. If the NABRE is easy to read, the JSB is easier: larger type and better page layout. If the NABRE is robust and handsome, the JSB is more so. But where the NABRE falls down compared to the JSB is the commentary. The JSB's critical apparatus is massive, and informed by the latest scholarship. The scholarly apparatus of the JSB is simply superb. Consider the two works' treatment of Deuteronomy 5, which contains the second version of the Ten Commandments. The NABRE's critical apparatus for this chapter consists almost entirely of cross-references to other Biblical passages. No brains involved. The JSB's sidenotes (just the

sidenotes!), on the other hand, contain several thousand words of critical commentary discussing everything from Ugaritic predecessors, to comparisons to the version in Exodus, to discussions of the text's punctuation, all presented in an eminently readable style. I would say that the JSB's commentary on chapter 5 alone is much longer and more scholarly than the NABRE's commentary on the entire book of Deuteronomy. Whether you are a Jew, Christian, atheist or whatever, I heartily recommend this edition for the Old Testament as not only as easy to read, but for its formidable scholarship. You don't get better than this.

This is a great translation. There are a lot of notes to explain everything and gives other possible definitions for some of the words when the translation is not very exact. Some words have more than one meaning. I am giving it only four stars because the paper is very thin, almost like 1-2 sheets of tissue paper. When I make notes you can see them on the other side of the page, Overall I like it better than some of the other translations I have (about 6 different ones). and the study notes are great, oh but the thin pages!

I judge a Bible, of which have many, by the way the translators deal with Exodus 6:2-3, Deuteronomy 32:8-9, and Joel 2:23. If I find that the translators have acknowledged the possible translations and have let you know that you have the right to be informed, then I say the Bible is worth having. This one, toes the Jewish line, has excellent side notes, and acknowledges that the translation could have been different. This bible will inform, will teach, and will satisfy. Purchase it and add it to KJV, the New American Bible, first edition, and the Dead Sea Scrolls Bible as your biblical source in all things.

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