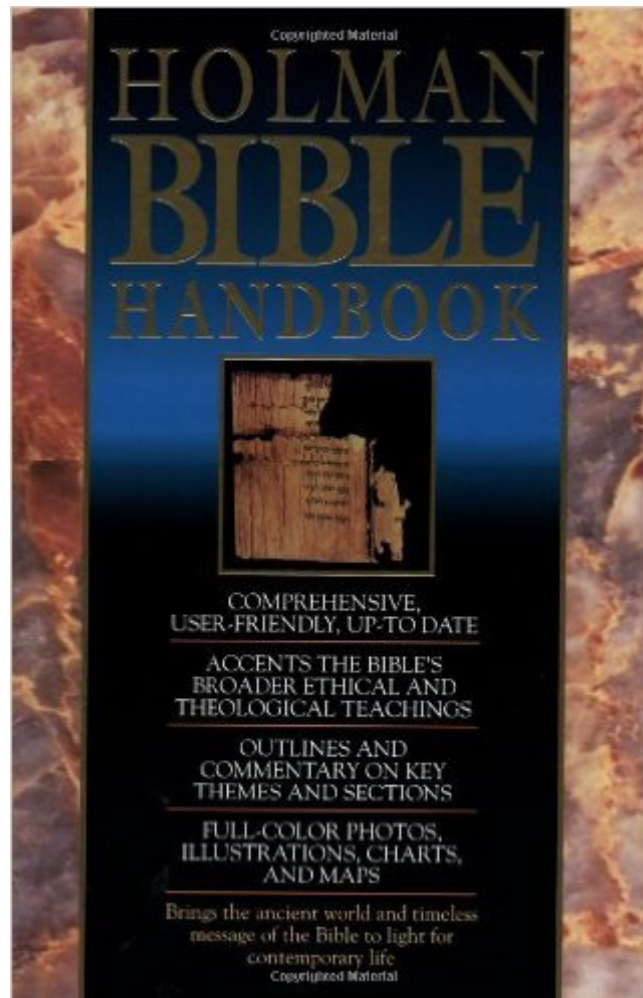


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# Holman Bible Handbook



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This book is a good general help for those interested in learning more about the bible. It is full of colorful illustrations and charts and hits the highlights of the bible without overwhelming the reader. The handbook has been created by a wide scope of scholars and is therefore even handed in its representations and information, though admittedly sometimes a bit dry. It provides background information on the bible, historical information, and commentary on each section of the bible. Overall, a solid overview and a good reference for the beginner or intermediate student of the bible.

This book is a great resource for getting a "bigger picture" understanding of GOD's word. I used this book when I taught a Bible study. The only reason I gave it four stars is because it is, at times, brief. However, it is great to new believers who want to gain a bigger understanding of the Bible.

The handbook is clearly an evangelism scholar's standpoint. Easy to read! Solid information but not dry! Like a little library (introduction, commentary, explanation, bible background...etc.) All everything's here are short but good enough and readable for a beginner. The references in here are the best books of an evangelism scholar, they provide very good further study if the user wants deeper information. Compare other existing handbooks; these are surely one of the best of them.

I was looking for something to read along with the Bible. I have just begun reading the Bible cover to cover. I found it hard to "bring the ancient world to light for contemporary life." This book does exactly that. For example, on page 121 under the chapter on Genesis it says, "To know what God did -- He created all things 'in the beginning'--is important. But to know why God acted in creation and for redemption is to grasp the very essence of divine revelation." Then it goes on to explain what the Bible says about why God created humankind. I didn't want a book to read on top of the Bible. I wanted a book to help me a little along the way. Because of that, brief but thorough and thought-provoking is what I needed. This book fits the bill. I disagree with the other review that insinuated it would be so perfect for beginners alone. There is a lot of deep theology contained but is also easy to read. I think a wide audience could find value in the book. In fact, it being more advanced than other Bible handbooks was what attracted me to it over other ones. Coming from the reformed tradition, I was also looking for something from that vantage point. I noticed recommendations from J. I. Packer and D. James Kennedy so I felt comfortable it would be agreeable to me. I haven't found much information that takes any theological stance. If you are Presbyterian or another reformed denomination, I can tell you that the language it uses will be familiar to you and it is doubtful there will be anything with which you disagree.

This Handbook gives you a very detailed description of EACH book of the Bible. Very much like an expanded introduction for each book like what is found in some of the better study Bibles, but this goes into much more detail for the author, date, culture, situation and environment for each book and theme in the Bible. This is a good resource to have along with the Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary for getting background to almost anything in the Bible. It contains a lot of charts, diagrams, figures and maps. It may be out of print but can still be found. Highly recommend this book for gaining background biblical information!

Also highly recommended: Holman Book of Biblical Charts, Maps, and Reconstructions. These charts, diagrams, etc. are all (or almost all) also in the bigger book listed on this product page, but

they are much easier to locate and use in the specialized chart book (with flip-ring, lay-flat binding) since the guide book/handbook doesn't have an index

Just gave this to my husband for Christmas. He informed me afterwards that he had been looking at this beforehand, but never said anything about wanting it. It was one of the perfect gifts he received and he LOVES it! It is a great compliment to the HCSB Illustrated Bible.

This study Bible is ok. There's not as much information in it as I had hoped, but it's ok. I don't regret buying it.

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