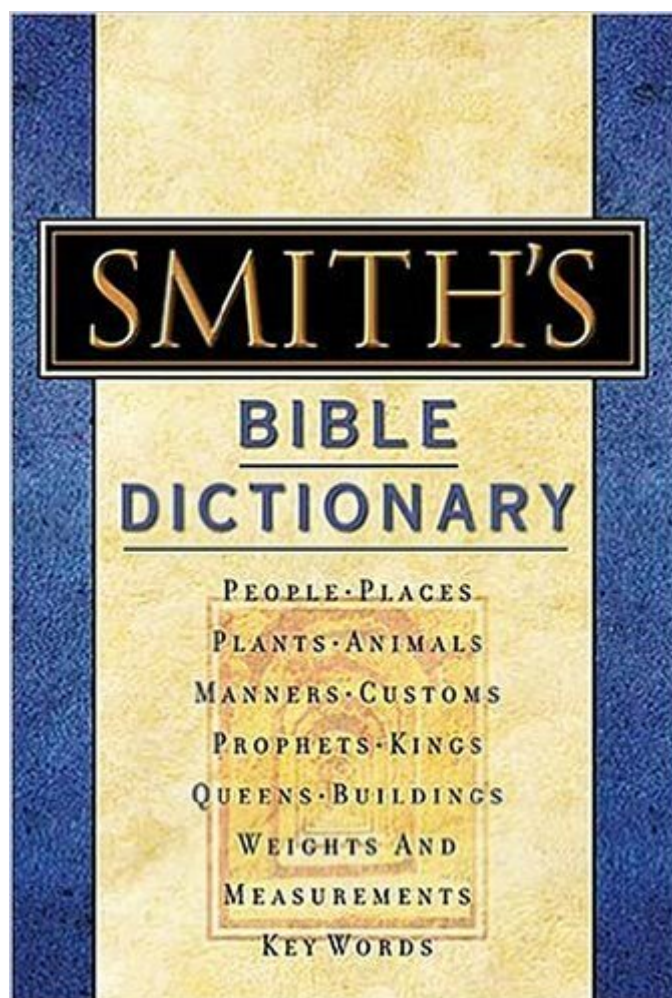


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# Smith's Bible Dictionary: More Than 6,000 Detailed Definitions, Articles, And Illustrations



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Though you can find more extensive Bible dictionaries and encyclopedia's, for the size and price this one cannot be matched. It is packed with excellent information. No fluff, no wasted space, it gets right to the point. It is an obviously well researched and scholarly resource. I have the 1 volume softcover edition. The type is so small I can barely read it, but I discovered that I used it more because it was so handy. It is easily carried when I travel and is always kept nearby even at home. This is a serious resource. It contains information on everything. Outlines and backgrounds of the books of the Bible, Biblical cities and countries, Biblical characters, animals, trees and plants, some customs of the time (though very little compared to books written specifically for that purpose), and much more. The sad thing is, you can probably find it for \$2.00 at a used book store, when the reality is that it is worth infinitely more than many of the higher priced modern books. If you can't afford an extensive library, you can learn a whole lot by using this book in your Bible study. You can spend 10 times more money for a multi-volume set, but at best probably only gain 25% more pertinent material. I highly recommend it.

I recommend as usual the older version of this book. This one has been edited to remove controversial but previously contained material that has no recent discovery to make it irrelevant, and yet the material has been removed anyway. Case in point the "ark of the covenant" entry. The older version makes reference that the original ark concept was not Jewish but Egyptian, slightly different design same basic motif. You can see it in Michael Tsarion video on genetic manipulation, on the screen, the older entry clearly visible. So get the older one pre-1990. Less redaction. More information. This one has been censored.

This book is great and easy to use. Though illustrations and pictures are not in color, readers may find it very useful. I hope that revisions on this book will not lessen its quality from its original publication.

I already have a copy of this book but need a new one. It is a wonderful reference book for anyone that is studying the Bible or other religious history. A must for the home library.

The Smith Bible dictionary was very good for its time and covers many topics that have been expounded upon by subsequent dictionaries. The drawings are great, but not in color. The Dead Sea Scrolls were yet undiscovered at the time it was written and much else besides. There are other dictionaries that are more updated and has expounded on the articles found here. Regardless, this

is a good resource. This book was written near the end of the 19th Century. One thing that is different about this book and makes it worth having, besides the unique drawings, is that the meaning of each word entry is given. This is very convenient and helpful.

My boyfriend and I both have other Bible dictionaries and sources for the misc. questions that invariably come up during group study. We have both found that Smith's offers information that is lacking in other sources. It's thorough, easy to understand and an invaluable source of Biblical information. I purchased our copies after receiving a recommendation from a church elder and will never regret the purchase!

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