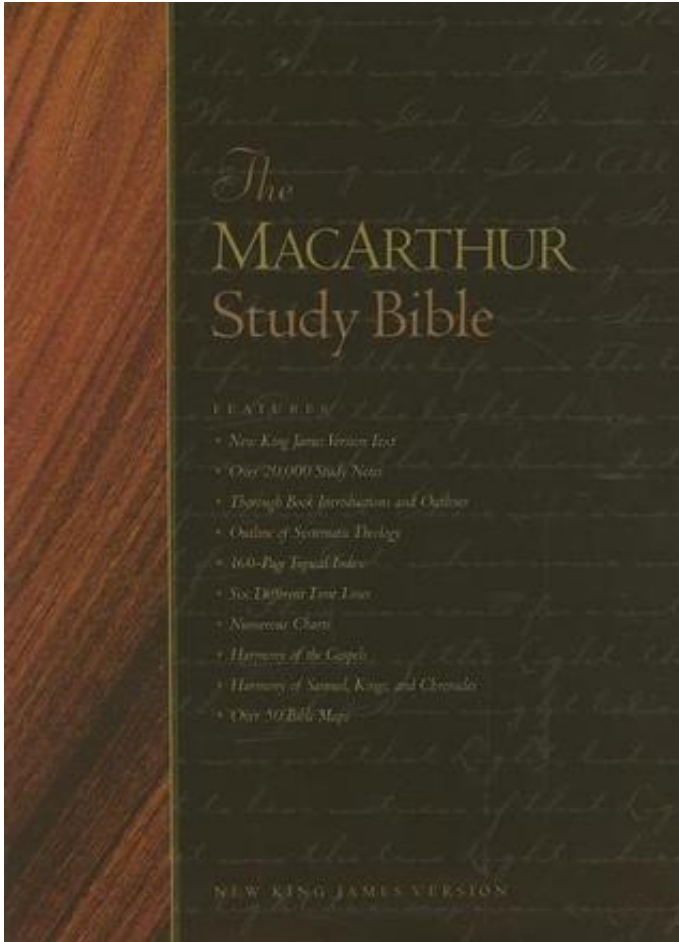

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Description

Maintaining an active Bible study during the high school and college years can be especially difficult, and yet these are some of the most crucial years for spiritual development in a young person's life. This highly accessible study Bible is also recommended for new Christians as well as those interested in building a solid foundation of faith and biblical understanding.

The *MacArthur Student Bible* (NKJV) challenges and motivates young readers to be students of the Word.

Insightful reviews

Amy: 2/10/09

Matthew 1:1-17

Level One:

1)What is contained in this passage?-The geneology of Jesus Christ.

2)Who are some of the "important" people in Jesus' geneology?-To the Jews of the time, Jesus's most famous relatives included Abraham, David, and Solomon.

3)Who were the three Gentiles in Jesus's family?-Tamar, Rahab, and Ruth were the three Gentiles in Jesus's family.

Level Two:

1)What was the significance of Matthew listing these Gentile women in Jesus's geneology?-The significance was to signify that Jesus was not just the Messiah and King of the Jews, but that He was cosmopolitan, with blood from all different peoples in His veins, meaning that He came for the Gentiles as well as the Jews. It was also written to stress to the Jews of the time that some of their heros, David and Solomon, were not pure Jews (four generations back), in fact, Solomon wasn't even half Jewish. Thus, their belief that one had to be "pure" that is, purely Jewish, to recieve the promise of God was false.

2)What is the reason for this geneology in the beginning of the new testament?-I believe that Matthew wrote this before anything else to give background into who Jesus is and where He came from. As I heard last night in Perspectives, a missionary had gone to West Africa and, after attempting for a time to get the natives interested in Jesus they finally came to Matthew 1:1-17 and loved it. Although he, in a western I-am-my-own-person attitude didn't understand their fascination, they explained that they now knew who Jesus was, because they could look back into the old testament and see his ancestors and family.

Level Three:

1)Do you believe that differing perspectives can alter the way certain passages, like this one, are taken and, thus, alter the way Jesus Christ and His ministry and life are seen?-Yes, I do believe that differing worldviews and thought patterns can alter the way Jesus and even this geneology, a seemingly simple, boring passage are taken by different people.

Heather's Mum: There is no doubt that the *New Kings James Version* is a good translation from the original Hebrew, Greek and the few passages of Aramaic script. So, of course the BIBLE Scripture itself gets 5 stars. I gave this edition 3 stars because of the LARGE "MacArthur" printed before the Study Bible title on the spine, the pronounced authorship credit on the title page and voluminous personal doctrine, opinions and interpretations.

I take minor issue with this edition because the Bible is the **Holy** Bible, authored by God, with the Divine Holy Spirit's inspiration to the individual book writers... NOT written by or inspired by MacArthur. His name is not only printed first in large type on the binding, suggesting authorship credit (*MacArthur's Study Bible*) but he also asserts direct and specific "**authorship** and general editing" on the title page. Worse yet, in both instances his personal name is printed in LARGER, more impressive print than the title name Bible.

Some may point out that, as with many other Bible editions, the use of MacArthur's name was necessary to identify his study guide notes. In this, I agree: then this Bible could have been titled "Study BIBLE" (large print), "Notes by MacArthur" (smaller print.) I take issue, although admittedly minor, with all Bible editions placing any proper name before and/or in larger type than the word BIBLE... ie... Thompson's Chain Reference Bible (which I also use.) Why not, "A Chain Reference BIBLE", "Reference Guide by Thompson"? Even my favorite study Bible, The Archaeological Study Bible, has the study theme in larger, fancier print than the word Bible.

This may seem petty, but we are talking about GOD'S Holy Word! MacArthur's obvious claims to authorship made a negative first impression on me, which gave me pause to consider the motives and inspiration of the study notes. Reading the notes has proved caution was warranted in some instances. Not only do I sense that personal interpretations, doctrines and comments seem to be re-assigning meaning to much of the scripture, but also I found many pages of this rendition have more comments than Bible verses. The Bible stands "flawless" and doctrinally sound on its own, as it was originally inspired. It does not need to be re-written or assigned a doctrine.

That's not to say that those called to teach through study guides, books, etc... and therein offer what is clearly stated as their personal insights, direction and opinions are not important and valuable. Of course they are! It is when those views are possibly presented as an authoritative addendum to God's Holy Word that we should become concerned.

Scripture instructs us not to "judge" one another but charges us with the discipline of discernment. It can be a fine line, and one I do not wish to cross. So, I offer these observations, not in judgment of the subject edition, but as thoughts possibly worthy of review, prayer and consideration.

I do use my MacArthur and humbly suggest others use this edition, (with a cautious eye and much prayer for discernment concerning the notes,) as a beautifully bound Bible in the now accurate NKJV translation... and give God all of the glory and credit of authorship!

Ralph: John MacArthur's Study Bible in the New King James is the best one I have owned. It is now my number one read and resource for all things in this world and beyond. There are more than 20,000 notes referencing most of the verses in the entire Bible. This gives clarity and perspective to the Bible.

I listen to John's podcasts on my ipod when going for long walks. Each one is 28 minutes and easily downloaded from Grace to You Ministries. There are more than 4,000. A few more download each time the ipod is synced. The titles are easy to read so you can listen to anything of interest.

The NKJV is perhaps the most accurate of the translations available today.

Rachel: this can be most likely my favourite examine Bible. My dad and brother and mother all have the true examine Bible yet i've got the scholar Bible and.....well, before everything of March, I made it a objective to learn the Bible two times a day. i have not thoroughly caught to my plan, yet whereas studying this Bible. i actually consider like i am getting a very good grab on what i am examining (mainly a result of little footnotes and q&a boxes), no matter if it is just as soon as a day. I completely suggest this to everyone.

Luke Brown: This used to be the examine Bible I went via in 2012. i've got continually loved lots of MacArthur's books yet we do not agree on a few areas, corresponding to the sacraments or the tip times. it truly is impressive what number occasions he can deliver these up, particularly the top times. whilst i would like to review these in additional intensity and get an concept of alternative opinions, i'll get back to this. Meanwhile, it grew challenging and that i skimmed over the footnotes lovely quickly, specifically in Revelation. I did get pleasure from a lot of the recent King James translation.

Kat: the most effective translations paired with the most effective expositors residing at the present time - notable resource, and hugely recommended!

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