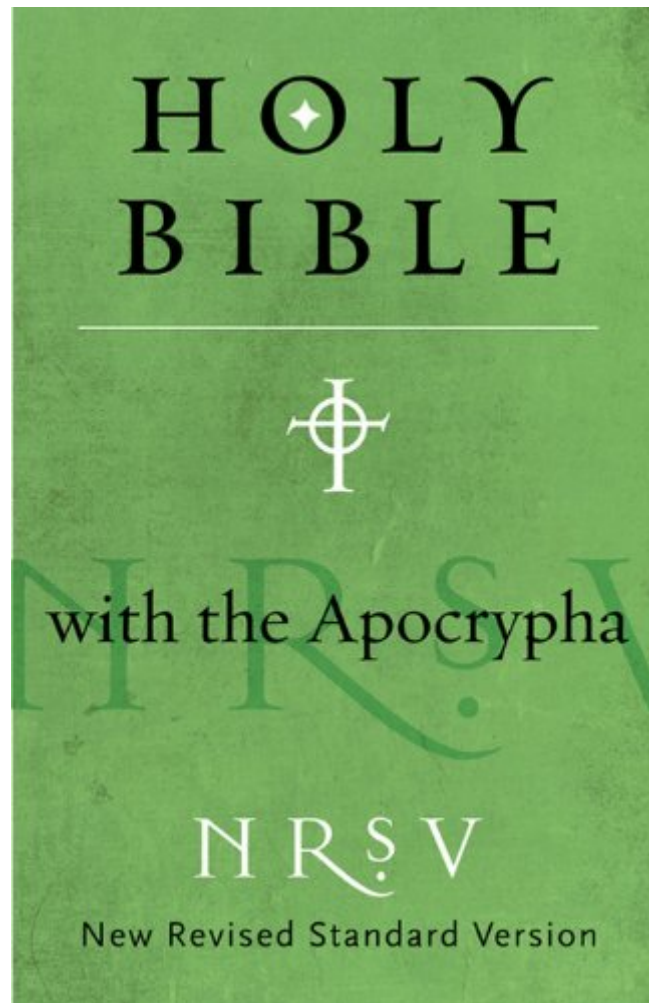




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This review is for the Kindle Version just delivered to my Kindle 11/23/2011. I returned the initial Kindle version because it was not truly optimized/formatted for the Kindle, only allowing navigation to books but not chapters within books. While this version overcomes that shortfall ... It does so clumsily. For example, from the Table of Contents you must first click-on the Book, which then takes you to a sub-page, and then click-on the chapter. It doesn't have to be this way as the NET Bible's Kindle Version demonstrates. I also expected more from the Notes, as well. I expected to see at least 3 types of notes ... Alternate Translations for Passages, Translation Notes and Study Notes. But from what I have read so far there are only Alternate Translations and fewer than expected. The Notes pages are poorly formatted and the Note Numbers within the scripture pages that navigate you to the Notes Pages are rather large which is distracting. I also expected Chapter Titles and Sub-Section Titles but there are only Chapter Numbers. Comparing formatting, use-ability and price to other Bible versions on the Kindle, such as the NET, this newer NSRV Kindle version disappoints. And that's unfortunate because the NRSV is an important version and other strong Kindle Bible versions are very much needed to elevate the experience of Bible reading.

I planned on waiting for the first reviews before purchasing the Kindle version of this Bible. But I couldn't resist when it became available yesterday. I love the NRSV and the Kindle version has many good features. The formatting and navigation on the Kindle version is so-far-so-good! There are some quirky indentations every once in a while. But overall, the navigation has been very

convenient. There is an excellent table of contents that Kindlers can "Go To" from any page. There is a hyperlinked chapter listing at the beginning of each book. End notes are also hyperlinked and users can return to their reading by hitting 'Back' on the menu bar. It is only mildly cumbersome. So far my only complaint is that the search feature does not allow quick navigation to book, chapter, and verse. For instance, searching "John 3:16" produces no results. I can still navigate to the chapter quickly but for long chapters, finding your verse in Bible study or church will be obnoxiously slow. I have the \$0.99 Revised American Standard Version which has a lot better search capability. Unlike the New Oxford Annotated NRSV, this version lacks detailed contextual and scholarly discussion which I enjoy. But to have the NRSV with me all the time is worth the price tag. Hopefully someone will figure out how to use the search function better than me and will post a "How-To"!

If you are looking for a thin NRSV Bible, yet with font a little larger than many, AND you want the Apocrypha, I find this perfect. Are the pages "thin?" Well, yes, but not as thin as another Bible I have. I am older, and starting to get cataracts, and yet I can read this fine print (I AM nearsighted, and still can read without my glasses, if it's not too far). I enjoy the STYLE font and the format. It doesn't feel JAMMED together, tiny print, in a hard-to-read font, like many Bibles I have seen. IF ONE NEEDS A LARGER FONT, I suggest the NRSV LARGE PRINT, which is also here on . It is more of a square shape and not thin, but many have said they can see it much easier.. IF you are looking for an NRSV, with Apocrypha, that isn't HUGE and HEAVY, this is it. AND it's at a great price. I would have paid twice as much for this, as it is what I was looking for. The silver edges are lovely. I will likely try to find a cover for it to protect it more, as I don't wish to spend a ton having it rebound (although one could). ALL IN ALL, a great Bible, and I think the only one that meets the criteria of including the Apocrypha in an NRSV and yet on the thin and light side. ONE CAVEAT when ordering.... THIS BIBLE does NOT come in a box, so I strongly suggest doing what I did. I contacted the vendor and asked they take special care in packing so it wouldn't be damaged in shipping. Mine came with padding around it and they added a piece of cardboard so the top edge wouldn't be smooshed.

I am thoroughly disappointed in the Kindle Version of the NRSV. I pre-ordered it and waited months for this version. While it is the expected content and is useful, it is not easily navigated. And is, therefore, frustrating! Locating Chapter and Verse without returning to and moving point by point through the Table of Content seems impossible. Perhaps, I expected too much after using the Oliver

Tree Bible Reader on my iPhone. Honestly, I wish I had purchased the NRSV through the Oliver Tree Bible Reader for the ease and comfort in getting quickly and strategically from point A to B and then to Z. It appears, I will need to purchase the NRSV through Olive Tree for the iPhone. Costly duplication to achieve efficiency and user-friendliness! If or any Kindle user can assist me in rendering the NRSV Bible for Kindle more user-friendly, I would sincerely appreciate the assistance and support. This is the first Kindle product that has not met my expectation. Help! Opal

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