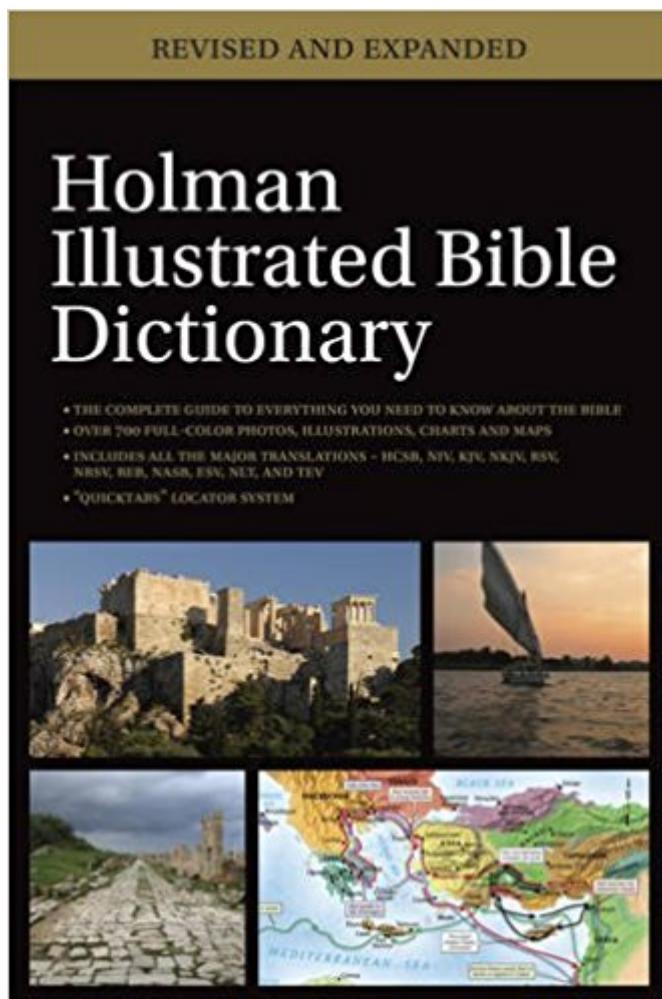


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I bought this out of curiosity more than anything and I'm glad I did. I've never really read a dictionary before but I find it hard to put this book down. This is packed full of interesting tidbits on the Bible and actually fun to read! In fact I got so tired holding the hardcover version I also got the Kindle version so I could go on reading in bed at night, The kindle version is a little harder to navigate right to a word definition. So what I do if I am looking for a specific word definition I go to the hardcover version other wise in the Kindle I use the word search tool and I can usually find it there. Sometimes the search will return too many results to go through like the search for the word "Paul" has 1999 locations so I refer to the printed version find the word and add the second word in the text to the word search in the Kindle. Basically I use the hardcover version as a reference tool and the Kindle version as recreational reading.

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