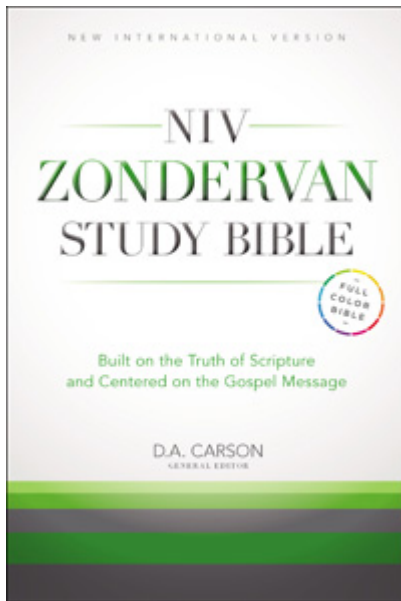


# Book Review: NIV Zondervan Study Bible

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**[NIV Zondervan Study Bible](#) by D.A. Carson, general editor (Zondervan)**



Zondervan has produced a massive study Bible emphasizing biblical theology and highlighting themes that develop throughout Scripture. Writers particularly emphasize the centrality of Christ and Scripture as the unfolding of salvation history. D.A. Carson, New Testament professor at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, served as general editor and contributed several articles.

Using the 2011 edition of the New International Version, a broad-based team of evangelical scholars offer insightful study notes, more than 60 helpful charts, 90-plus colorful maps, hundreds of illuminating photos and more than two dozen enlightening essays on topics such as “Covenant,” “The Kingdom of God,” “Death and Resurrection,” “Love and Grace” and “The Glory of God.” All the contributing writers demonstrate a high view of Scripture and generally follow a conservative approach to authorship and dating of biblical books. However, they seek to keep the peace and avoid dogmatic positions on a variety of potentially divisive issues. Texas Baptists likely will be particularly interested in the study notes on Colossians and Philemon by David Garland from Baylor University’s Truett Theological

Seminary.

Perhaps the only serious drawback to this study Bible is its size. At 2,880 pages, it hardly lends itself to use in Bible study classes or worship services. However, Zondervan has taken that into account, and anyone who purchases the bound print edition receives a code that allows free access to digital editions suitable for desktop computers or mobile devices.

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