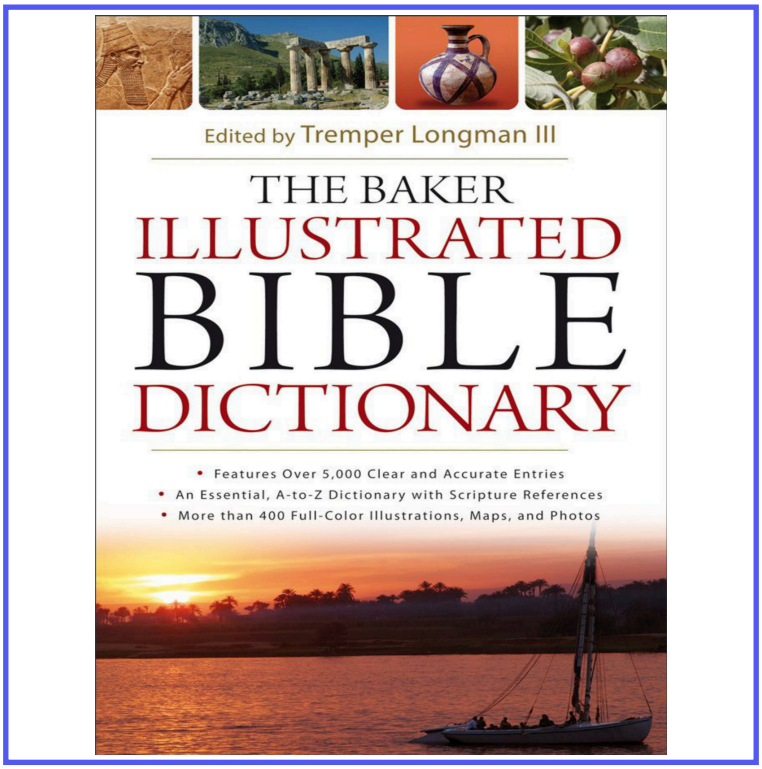


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NERAL

	parallels
k.	Akkadian
ab.	Arabic
am.	Aramaic
	circa
	confer
p(s).	chapter(s)
S	Dead Sea Scrolls
.	for example
.	especially
.	feminine
.	fragment
.	Greek
b.	Hebrew
	that is
t.	Latin
	literally
X	Septuagint
sc.	masculine
.	margin
	Masoretic Text
	New Testament
	Old Testament
(s).	parallel(s)
	plural
	reigned
	singular
lg.	Vulgate

BLE VERSIONS

V	American Standard Version
E	Bible in Basic English
V	Contemporary English Version
V	English Standard Version
T	Good News Translation
	God’s Word
SB	Holman Christian Standard Bible
	Jerusalem Bible

B	New American Bible
SB	New American Standard Bible
V	New Century Version
B	New English Bible
T	New English Translation
V	New International Version
B	New Jerusalem Bible
JV	New King James Version
T	New Living Translation
SV	New Revised Standard Version
B	Revised English Bible
V	Revised Standard Version
V	Today's English Version
IV	Today's New International Version

OCRYPHA AND SEPTUAGINT

2 Esd.	1–2 Esdras
.	Judith
4 Kgdms.	1–4 Kingdoms
4 Macc.	1–4 Maccabees
.	Sirach
b.	Tobit
s.	Wisdom of Solomon

D TESTAMENT PSEUDEPIGRAPHA

ar.	*4 Baruch (Paraleipomena Jeremiou)*
n.	*1 Enoch (Ethiopic Apocalypse)*
n.	*3 Enoch (Hebrew Apocalypse)*
b.	*Jubilees*
.B.	*Liber antiquitatum biblicarum (Pseudo-Philo)*
t. Aris.	*Letter of Aristeas*
rt. Isa.	*Martyrdom and Ascension of Isaiah 1–5*
s. Sol.	*Psalms of Solomon*
. Or.	*Sibylline Oracles*
Dan	*Testament of Dan*
Levi	*Testament of Levi*

AD SEA SCROLLS

-A	*Damascus Documenta*
-B	Damascus Documentb
apGen ar	1QGenesis Apocryphon
*H*a	*1QHodayota*

S	1QRule of the Community
28a	1QRule of the Congregation
51	4QSamuela
76	4QMinor Prophetsa
418	4QInstructiond
Q13	11QMelchizedek
Q19	11QTemplea

BBINIC TRACTATES

	Babylonian Talmud
	Mishnah
	Tosefta
	Jerusalem Talmud
ot	*'Abot*
Bat.	*Baba Batra*
r.	*Berakot*
uv.	*'Eruvin*
.	Gittin
l.	Hullin
tub.	*Ketubbot*
d.	*Middot*
.	*Niddah*
sh Hash.	*Rosh HaShanah*
nh.	*Sanhedrin*
abb.	*Shabbat*
eqal.	*Sheqalim*

RGUMIC TEXTS

g. Tg.	*Fragmentary Targum*
. Neof.	*Targum Neofiti*
. Ps.-J.	*Targum Pseudo-Jonathan*

OSTOLIC FATHERS

2 Clem.	*1–2 Clement*
d.	*Didache*
rm.	*Shepherd of Hermas*
. Smyrn.	*Ignatius, To the Smyrnaeans*
rt. Pol.	*Martyrdom of Polycarp*
l. Phil.	*Polycarp, To the Philippians*

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