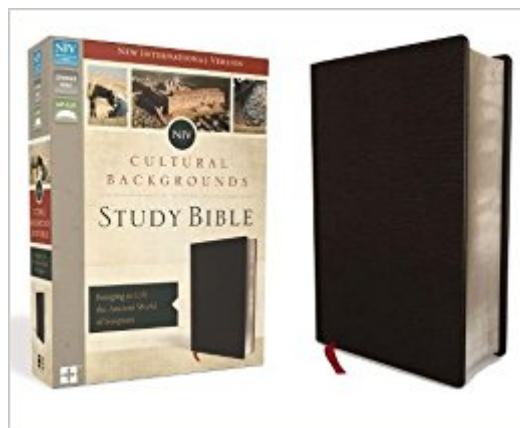




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I just got this bible and let me say I'm so glad I got the bonded leather version. It is amazing! The cultural focused study section is a really big help in understanding that type of subject in regards to the written word. And to be honest I have a lot of different study bibles and really there isn't another culture study bible that I have been able to find. So I believe this is the first of it's kind. That is what caught my eye was the fact that I haven't found nor have a cultural study bible while I have a regular study bible, life application, gospel focused, and an understanding Jesus better I have not seen one like this one. And so far from what I've been going through it with it has provided some great help in better understanding the culture of each verse. Also there are illustrations, charts, graphics, maps and so on that only enhance the experience of this bible. I'm so glad I got it and I would highly recommend this purchase!

I am enjoying this bible and the notes. If I had one issue, it's the lighter print on the text notes. In a room that isn't well lit they are a bit difficult to read. But because the Bible itself is all it claims to be, it gets a 5 star rating from me.

I love this Bible because it is the word of God put into historical perspective. It is enlightening to see how God has worked through time and history to bring the grace of Christ to our souls.

Easy to understand, but still very detailed and in depth. I would recommend to anyone interested in understanding the Bible.

This study Bible had all the notes and background info you'd expect in a study Bible with the extra of giving insight into the customs of the day.

good information... sometimes unique... sometimes creating more questions that it answers but that's the nature of a good work

Neat

This is one rare Study Bible endorsed by NT Wright and Daniel B Wallace. The differences between this and other study bible are that this one help you understand the background so you can expand your understanding of the text as if you were the first recipients (to an extent). Whereas other study bible would offer explanation of the theology of the text. I really enjoy this study bible more than all other study bible because context is king.

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