

The
Holy Bible

Containing the First and New Covenants

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2nd Edition

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Introduction to the 1st Edition

This Bible is provided in an electronic format suitable, and intended, for printing on standard 8.5" x 11" loose leaf paper as is normally kept in a three-ring binder. Moreover, in order to maintain a manageable number of pages the layout is configured (with an alternating 0.1" binding offset) for two sided printing. When completely printed this Bible will consist of 1000 pages on 500 sheets of paper.

A Bible in loose leaf format is well suited for study as it allows the easy insertion of additional pages for notes. It is presumably for this reason that loose leaf Bibles are both popular and sold in pre-printed form. However, as anyone who has ever used a three-ring binder knows, loose leaf pages are prone to tearing at the holes.

This is the first of three reasons that I have sought to produce this compilation. If a page gets torn it is an easy matter to print a replacement.

Second, any good loose leaf Bible is going to have approximately 1000 pages (500 double sided sheets), an unwieldy amount before adding any blank pages. By printing one's own pages the need for blank pages is eliminated in lieu of a better approach.

For a given topic (or study) one can take notes directly on the Bible pages. At the end of the study one can replace those pages with fresh ones while archiving the annotated pages, which now contain both notes and the relevant scriptures, for later reference.

Third is the matter of cost. At present one can find pre-printed loose leaf Bibles for approximately US\$20. By comparison it will cost less than half that to print your own and buy the binder to put it in. Moreover, you can save that extra cost for every member of your family and for all of your friends.

I want to explicitly point out that this work, this compilation, is protected by copyright notice on page ii. Nonetheless, I want to encourage you to share it **freely** with as many people as you can. This paragraph is your license to do just that, with the following caveat. You may not modify this compilation. Neither may you charge **any** money, either for the reproduction of or, for the content of this compilation.

Certainly there is nothing wrong with those who do the work of the gospel getting paid for the same (See I Corinthians 9: 7 - 18, specifically verse 14). I, in fact, sell this compilation on CD. Nonetheless, I would be loathe to think that for want of a few dollars anyone was prevented from sharing in and studying the Word of God. So if you were given your copy of this compilation for free, please accept it as a gift and pass it along. It costs the flame on your candle nothing to light the candle of your neighbor. On the other hand, if you just feel compelled to pay for your copy then make a donation to your church or to the nearest Crisis Pregnancy Center or to the Salvation Army.

Thank you,

Joseph E. Hébert, Ph.D.

"..., choose you this day whom ye will serve; ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua 24: 15

Introduction to the 2nd Edition

The 2nd edition of the Staff & Sling Ministry Loose Leaf Bible came about by pleasant surprise. It bothered me that some people were unable to take advantage of the offer to download the Loose Leaf Bible for free from my web site (www.staffandsling.com), because of the size of the files. Even downloading one file at a time, 23 megabytes is a lot of downloading, and its just impractical for some. So I decided to add a bit of extra value for those who have to purchase the CD.

I decided to publish a complete Bible in ebook format, the Staff & Sling Ministry eBible. Obviously compiling all 66 books into a single PDF file would make a file far too large for anyone to download, but that was okay. This was going to be a bonus, a little extra value, just for those who had to buy the CD.

But in order to publish the eBible, I had to buy Adobe® Acrobat® software. I had published the 1st edition Loose Leaf Bible with a “print to PDF” utility that was available over the web for considerably less than Adobe® Acrobat®. And it generated simple PDF files well enough, but it wouldn’t allow me to combine multiple files into one, nor would it allow me to include a navigation menu.

So I bought Adobe® Acrobat® and went to work. Then, to my amazement, I realized that the PDF files Adobe® Acrobat® produced were dramatically smaller, by a factor of about one fourth, than those produced with the third-party utility. This changed everything.

Now I’ve not only published the eBible, but the 2nd edition Loose Leaf Bible too. By producing such dramatically smaller PDF files, these Bibles are now both available and practical for downloading to far more people than before.

Okay, the eBible was supposed to be a special bonus just for those who had to buy the CD. But making it practical for anyone to download these Bibles freely is just as good. Oh, the CD is still available. Just visit my web site (www.staffandsling.com) and follow the links. But now if someone buys the CD, it’ll be because they want to, not because they have to.

When completely printed the 2nd edition Staff & Sling Ministry Loose Leaf Bible will consist of 988 pages on 494 sheets (two-sided printing) of 8.5" x 11" paper, with a 0.1" alternating binding offset. Take notes right on the pages and reprint only those that you need to replace.

Or if you prefer the eBible, you can navigate to any book or chapter just by clicking on the navigation menu. Once there you can easily copy and paste verses right into whatever document you’re writing.

Thank you,

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This effort is dedicated to my wife,
Kat Hébert

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The First Covenant

Please note that I have not referred to the original Hebrew Scriptures as “The Old Testament.” The Jews call their scriptures תנ״ך (Tanakh or TaNaK) which is an acronym formed from the letters ת•נ•ך (T•N•K, right to left). These are the initial letters of the names of each part of the Hebrew scriptures. תורה (Torah) means Law, and is sometimes referred to as the Books of Moses or simply as Moses. נביאים (Neviim) means Prophets, and כתובים (Ketuvim) means Writings. Sometimes Ketuvim is translated “scriptures” or simply “psalms”. It is important to note that while the Jews do not separate Samuel or Kings or Chronicles into separate books designated by Roman numerals, and they put the books in a different order, their Scriptures are verbatim our Scriptures.

But when people use the qualifier “old” to describe anything, especially as distinct from something they describe as “new,” they generally mean to imply that the “old” has been replaced by the “new.” We’ve all heard the phrase, “Out with the old, in with the new.” Even if it is unintentional, calling the original Hebrew Scriptures “The Old Testament” is at best careless and at worst heretical.

So to make the point plain, I refer to the original Hebrew Scriptures as the “First Covenant.” Jesus warned the Church at Ephesus that they had “...left their first love,” (Revelation 2: 4b). Similarly, we must be careful not to turn our backs on this, the First Covenant that God made with man. Jesus said that we enjoy a “New Covenant” with Him (Matthew 26:28; Mark 14:24; Luke 22:20). But He also said that He did not come to destroy the First Covenant (The Law and the Prophets) but to fulfil them (Matthew 5: 17). Indeed, if we are to be of service to God, if we are to walk in those great works that He before ordained of us (Ephesians 2:10), then it is imperative that we study, learn and remember God’s First Covenant.

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The New Covenant

While observing the Passover Seder, Jesus instituted the sacrament of Communion. He said of the cup that it represented a “New Covenant” in His blood (Matthew 26:28; Mark 14:24; Luke 22:20). Of the unleavened bread, He said that it represented His body which was broken for us. He enjoined us that as often as we drink the cup and eat the bread that we should do so in remembrance of Him. But how can we remember what we never knew.

After His resurrection Jesus met two of His disciples on the road to Emmaus where, “... beginning at Moses (*The Books of Moses, The Law, or the Torah*) and all the prophets (*the Neviim*), He expounded unto them in all the scriptures (*the Ketuvim*) the things concerning Himself,” (Luke 24: 27 parenthetic added).

So as you study the New Covenant scriptures, learn how, and remember that, they tell of the fulfilment of the First Covenant (Matthew 5: 17).

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