

Clarke's Commentary on the Bible (by Adam Clarke)

Adam Clarke (1762-1832): Methodist theologian, preacher, and biblical scholar

Commentary on the Old Testament (by Keil & Delitzsch)

Carl Friedrich Keil (1807–1888) and Franz Delitzsch (1813–1890): German Lutheran theologians and Old Testament scholars

Strong's Concordance of the Bible

Comprehensive index of every word in the KJV of the Bible, created by Dr. James Strong in 1890. It helps readers locate Bible verses and study the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek words behind the English text

Works by Flavius Josephus, particularly Antiquities of the Jews

Flavius Josephus (37-100): Roman-Jewish military commander, scholar, and historian who lived near the time of Christ. His given name was Yosef ben Mattityahu; he was born in Jerusalem and was associated with the Pharisees. After surrendering to the Romans, he adopted the Roman name of Flavius Josephus.

Antiquities of the Jews: An extensive history of the Jewish people written for Romans (it is approximately 1000 pages long). The work mentions Jesus twice, providing valuable non-biblical corroboration of His life – it serves as another witness.

Legends of the Jews (by Louis Ginzberg)

Louis Ginzberg: Jewish Rabbi and Talmudic scholar (1873-1953)

Legends of the Jews: 7-volume compilation of Jewish folklore, law, theology, and other apocryphal writings

Life of Christ (by Frederick Farrar)

Frederick Farrar (1831-1903): Church of England clergyman, schoolmaster, author, and scholar who studied language in historical, literary, and cultural contexts.

Life of Christ: Similar to Talmage's *Jesus the Christ*, the biography *Life of Christ* is a highly detailed, chronological harmonization of the four Gospels across 62 chapters.

Bible History OT and Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah (by Alfred Edersheim)

Alfred Edersheim (1825-1889): Austrian biblical scholar, theologian, and minister. He was born to Jewish parents but later converted to Christianity.

His Works: Detailed, scholarly writings exploring Jewish background and the life of Christ.

Other Bible versions (see Handbook 38.8.41.1):

NIRV (New International Reader's Version): 3rd grade

NIV (New International Version): 6th-8th grade

NLT (New Living Translation): 6th-8th grade

ESV (English Standard Version): 9th-11th grade

NRSV (New Revised Standard Version): 9th-11th grade