

The Wartburg Project



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*Grass withers, flowers fade, but the Word of our God endures forever.
Translators come, translations go, but the Word of our God endures forever.*

An EHV Study Bible

By the Wartburg Project

A Windows computer version of an EHV study Bible is now available for purchase from the Microsoft Store. This study Bible follows the 2019 text of the EHV with minimal editing. The Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV) Study Bible app is a program designed for Windows 10 that presents the EHV text alongside a set of notes to help you get the most out of your reading of the Bible, including:

- Brief introductions for each book
- Extensive notes on the translation, the meaning of the text, and the historical background for deeper understanding
- Maps, timelines, and charts to illuminate Bible history
- Daily reading plans and weekly lectionary readings

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Acts of the Apostles

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Introduction and Theme

I wrote my first book, 'Theophilus,' about everything Jesus began doing and teaching 'until the day he was taken up; after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit' to the apostles he had chosen. 'After he had suffered, he presented himself alive to the apostles with many convincing proofs.' He appeared to them over a period of forty days and told them things about the kingdom of God.

'Once, when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for what the Father promised, which you heard from me." For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

'So when they were together with him, they asked, "Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

'He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority." But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses - in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

Jesus Ascends to Heaven
(Mark 16:19-20; Luke 24:50-53)

'After he had said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight.' 'They were looking intently into the sky as he went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. 'They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

'Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.'

Matthias Is Chosen

'When they entered the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying. Peter and John were there, also James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James.' 'All of them kept praying together with one mind, along with the women, with Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.'

'In those days, when the group there numbered about 120 people, Peter stood up among the brothers and said, "Gentlemen, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago - through the mouth of David about Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus." 'Judas was counted as one of us and was given a share in this ministry.'

'Now this man acquired a field with what he was paid for his wicked act.' When he fell headfirst, his middle burst open, and all his intestines spilled out.' 'This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, and so in their own language that field was called Akeldama, which means Field of Blood.'

'Indeed, it is written in the book of Psalms:
May his residence be deserted.
Let there be no one dwelling in it.'
And, let someone else take his position.'

'Therefore it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us during the entire time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from his baptism by John until the day Jesus was taken up from us, become a witness with us of his resurrection.'

'They proposed two: Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus) and Matthias.' 'Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen" to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.'

'Then they assigned lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias.' So he was counted with the eleven apostles.'

A WORLD TO BE WON

'... you will receive power and will testify of me in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria and to the farthest parts of the world.' ACTS 1:8

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In Athens

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was very distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he led a discussion in the synagogue with the Jews and those who feared God, as well as with those who happened to be in the marketplace every day.

¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also debated with him. Some said, "What is this seed picker trying to say?" Others said, "He seems to be someone who is proclaiming foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.

¹⁹They took him and brought him to the council of the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are talking about? ²⁰You seem to be bringing in some ideas that are strange to our ears, so we want to know what these things mean." ²¹(All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there enjoyed doing nothing more than telling or listening to something new.)

²²Then Paul stood up in front of the council of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way. ²³For as I was walking around and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar on which had been inscribed, 'To an unknown god.' Now what you worship as unknown-this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples made with hands. ²⁵Neither is he served by human hands, as if he needed anything, since he himself gives all people life and breath and everything they have. ²⁶From one man, he made every nation of mankind to live over the entire face of the earth. He determined the appointed times and the boundaries where they would live. ²⁷He did this so they would seek God and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For in him we live and move and have our being. ²⁹As some of your own poets have said, 'Indeed, we are also his offspring.'

^{17:19} A large gathering of Athenian men such as this was customary almost daily because of their love of discussing matters of every kind (verse 21). It is uncertain whether this remained an informal discussion, or whether it became a more formal meeting of the council that bordered on an investigation.

^{17:21} Though the glorious days of the Athenian Empire were 400 years in the past, Athens was still something of a cultural center.

^{17:22} Paul chooses his words very carefully. The Greek word for *very religious* does not imply that the Athenians have a correct understanding of how to find God, but it commends them for the fact that they have an interest in spiritual things and are searching.

The Areopagus was a body that was commissioned by Athenian law to look into religious affairs. So it makes sense that Paul appears before them.

Their meeting place overlooked the Forum of Athens. (*Areopagus* means *Ares* or *Mars Hill*).

Forum of Athens viewed from the Areopagus

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In addition to the basic EHV translation, this study Bible includes detailed introductions to each book of the Bible as well as supplemental appendices on subjects such as weights and measures, Israel's neighbors, biblical chronology, geography, the Herods, and so on. It includes maps, charts, and pictures. Its notes focus on archaeological, historical, and geographic information about the text, but it will also include doctrinal notes. The doctrinal notes of this study Bible are written from a Lutheran perspective, so the notes on topics like the sacraments, the millennium, etc., reflect a Lutheran understanding of these topics.

The Wartburg Project is a group of WELS and ELS pastors, professors, teachers, and laypeople who are working together to produce a new translation of the Bible called the *Evangelical Heritage Version*® or *EHV*®.

“Purely Positive”

The Wartburg Project began in the fall of 2013. After all of the debating about Bible translation, we set out to quietly try our best to translate the Bible. We adopted the phrase “purely positive” to remind ourselves to avoid debates and just keep working on our project. God’s Word is our great heritage. We set out to use our gifts to share God’s Word, “to spread its light from age to age.” That’s been our “chief endeavor.” God has richly blessed our efforts.

We do not think this will limit the usefulness of our study Bible to Lutherans only, since the archaeological, historical, and geographic information is not dependent on any denominational understanding, and non-Lutherans may appreciate including in their study Bible collection a study Bible that helps them understand the confessional Lutheran perspective on various issues.

This version works only in Windows not in Apple. We are interested in granting permission for developing Apple, Android, and Chromebook versions to programmers who would be interested in producing them.

We are exploring options for a print edition.

The basic EHV text can also be licensed for use in other study Bibles and commentaries. That is why we call this edition, *An EHV Study Bible*, rather than *The EHV Study Bible*. We hope there will be many others. The creators of those derived works will be responsible for the contents and for the opinions expressed in the notes of those works.

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**A tentative date for the
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This Month's Free Article

One of the features of the EHV study Bible is a collection of nine appendices that are included in the Resources section of the computer study Bible. These appendices are also being published in a stand-alone edition which can be used a supplement to the basic print editions of the EHV.

Appendices to the EHV Study Bible

- Appendix 1 The Biblical Text
- Appendix 2 Biblical Chronology
- Appendix 3 Weights and Measures
- Appendix 4 Israel and the Nations
- Appendix 5 The Prophets
- Appendix 6 The Intertestamental Period
- Appendix 7 The Herods
- Appendix 8 Climate and the Land
- Appendix 9 Resources

This collection of appendices may also be purchased in Kindle and a number of other electronic formats.

Coming Studies

We will be providing you with a fairly steady diet of articles, booklets, and other materials about the EHV. Among them will be:

1. An updated catalog of our library and FAQs.
2. More new FAQs and articles.



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