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# The Message Ministry Edition: The Bible In Contemporary Language



## Synopsis

Increase your ministry's impact with The Message Ministry Edition. At this great low price, churches and ministries can give it away to guests, small groups, and Sunday school classes. New Bible readers will relate to The Message's thoughtful language. Lifelong believers will be surprised by its deep insights. Offer everyone a Bible they'll enjoy reading. They can dive even deeper using these great features . . . Book Introductions help them spot each book's big ideas. "The Story of the Bible in Five Acts" helps them see the Bible's big picture. Timelines, charts, and maps help them navigate the Bible world. The Message's unique, verse-numbered paragraphs help them find any passage. Eugene Peterson's introduction helps them make the most of a "reading Bible."

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## Customer Reviews

Readers who have either found the Bible to be an intimidating proposition or who are so familiar with it that the words have lost their meaning will discover that Eugene Peterson's The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language is a welcome way to read and reread one of the best-loved books of all time. It's directly translated from the Greek and Hebrew texts and is intentionally designed to be a reading Bible rather than a study Bible. Each of the 66 books has an introduction by Peterson, and there are no verse numbers to interrupt the flow of the passages. The vibrant flavor of the text is evident from the opening verses of the book of Genesis: "First this: God created the Heavens and Earth--all you see; all you don't see. Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness." There's renewed vigor in some of Jesus' most well-known words of the New Testament in John 3: "This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one

and only son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again."Whether it's the poetry of the Psalms, the thundering tirades of the Old Testament prophets, or the ageless words of Jesus, Peterson breaths new life into timeless passages in this fresh-voiced paraphrase. --Cindy Crosby --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Voted as "Book of the Decade" by the Academy of Parish Clergy (2003) --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is my 5th time of reading through the Bible. NIV twice, King James, NASB, and now The Message. Each time I learn more. This version clarified some areas in a way that I really understood what God was trying to say. There were many times I referred back to the NASB for accurate wording and to confirm The Message's interpretation. There were a couple of times I didn't agree with the interpretation. In general, I appreciated the work that went into making this Bible extremely reader friendly while still holding to the truth of His word.

I received earlier than I expected!It was really quick :)I love bible and I meditate on every day and night! This is very unique word of God! I enjoy this version! Full of the holy spirit

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Easy to ready bible for new believers. I read a few different versions of the bible and found it difficult to follow. I LOVE the message and I mean LOVE. It speaks to you- in your own way and its so easy to follow. If your starting off or even need the "bigger picture" Choose this bible- you will not regret it!

Good condition as related on site. Shipped quickly. Very satisfied and really like the way the Bible is translated in the Message Contemporary Bible. Not a study Bible, but if you just want to sit down and read, it is wonderful!

This ebook is a pretty good deal, considering the price of the print Message.To me the best parts are Peterson's introductions.Nothing wrong with the interactive Table of Contents but I'd like Direct Verse Jump as well.Peterson himself said that The Message was not intended for liturgical use such as reading aloud in church but was for private reading. Makes sense to me.Petersen also said that

for Bible study, a reader needs an additional Bible, preferably a more literal translation. That's why there are Bibles like this one: *Contemporary Comparative Side-by-Side Bible: NIV and NKJV and NLT and The Message: The World's Bestselling Bible Paired with Three Contemporary Versions* and this one: *NIV & The Message Parallel Study Bible: Two Bible Versions Together with NIV Study Bible Notes* I confess that I am a huge fan of the NIV Study Bible as are millions of others. After I brought my print version Message to Bible class (all old people, BTW) to share, we refer to it frequently after we have read lectionary lessons from other versions like the KJV, RSV, NRSV, or NET Bible. Very often, Peterson's text illuminates these more literal texts for us, in unexpected ways, usually.

Wonderful edition. Only drawback was that in order to get the entire Message in a compact size the print needed to be reduced. Difficult for my 65yr old eyes to focus. Good pair of reading glasses works.

If you have trouble reading The Bible, this is an excellent version to get. It tells you in the beginning of each book what it is about, so you know in advance - which makes what you are reading very understandable. After reading this book, you can then read The Bible with a firm understanding.

I purchased this paperback edition with the Deluxe Gift Bible, and the font is so light and tiny I can barely read it in any lighting. And I have good eye sight. The paper is super thin as well, which makes the small fonts and light print even more difficult to read. The Gift Bible fonts are larger (just a bit) and darker, and easier to read. Not sure I can even stay with reading this one, so I ordered another Deluxe Gift Bible that I hope to enjoy and read with ease.

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