

An EHV Electronic Study Bible

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A computer version of an EHV study Bible is 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 which is compatible with Windows 11. It presents the EHV 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

The format of this study Bible is that the biblical text fills the left half of the computer screen and notes, maps, and pictures scroll along beside it on the right half of the screen.

The screenshot displays the EHV Study Bible app interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes the EHV logo, navigation arrows, and buttons for 'Acts', 'Intro', 'Reference or Search', 'Today', 'Size' (set to 6), and 'Resources'. The main content area is titled 'Acts of the Apostles' and shows the beginning of Chapter 1. The text includes the 'Introduction and Theme' and the 'Jesus Ascends to Heaven' section. To the right of the text is a map titled 'A WORLD TO BE WON' showing Paul's four missionary journeys across the Mediterranean region, with labels for Rome, Italy, Malia, Greece, Macedonia, Asia, Galatia, Cyprus, Syria, and Judea & Samaria. A quote from Acts 1:8 is also visible: '... you will receive power and will testify of me in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria and to the farthest parts of the world.' The app interface also shows a scroll bar on the right side of the text area.

From the navigation bar readers can quickly jump from book to book and chapter to chapter and to the collection of supplemental resources. For larger print text, which is easier on the eyes, run the app in font size 4. For a nicer layout of the second column of maps and pictures, size 0 to 2 seems like the best size. You can blow up the maps and pictures to an even bigger with the click of a button. For this reason, this functions well as a large-print Bible.

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Acts 17

Reference or Search

Today

Size -1

Resources

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^f also debated with him. Some said, "What is this seed picker^h 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,ⁱ 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^k 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,^m 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 Godⁿ 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.^p As some of your own poets have said, 'Indeed, we are also his offspring.'^q

^{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 also includes 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. 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.

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This version is designed for use with Windows, not in Apple iOS. For Apple computers, iPhones, and Android phones use the EHV Study Bible app from LOGOS Bible software. A print edition of the study Bible is available from Northwestern Publishing House but it does not have the searchability and color of the e-versions and cannot be as readily expanded as the electronic editions.

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 the opinions expressed in the notes of those works.

The EHV Study Bible: Microsoft Edition may be purchased from the Microsoft Store at this link:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/p/ehv-study-bible/9pn9wr6psgsj?cid=wp>

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