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Barker, K.L., Strauss, M.L., Brown, J.K. (Eds). (2020). *NIV study Bible: new international version. Fully revised edition*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. 2480 pp. \$54.99. ISBN 9780310448945

This fifth and most comprehensive of the *NIV Study Bible* was first published in 1985. There are 21 stylistic variations of this edition in print format from leather to paperback and large print to personal size. The international and interdenominational committee of biblical scholars comprise both legacy and new members. There are two of the same general editors and three new. The goal remaining to present an accurate, readable, and clear translation of the original Greek, Hebrew, and Aramaic into English for today.

There are 100 new articles, over 21,000 study notes, and exclusive Zondervan NIV Comfort Print 9-point print size typeface. The text font is designed to be easy to read. The notes are in a smaller print. This full-text Bible with a library of study features includes book introductions and outlines; center-column chain cross references to other passages on a theme; bottom-of-page notes for context and background; in-text, color maps and illustrations; a concordance; and additional full-color maps at the back. Thus, this format is too heavy and bulky for some to carry.

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