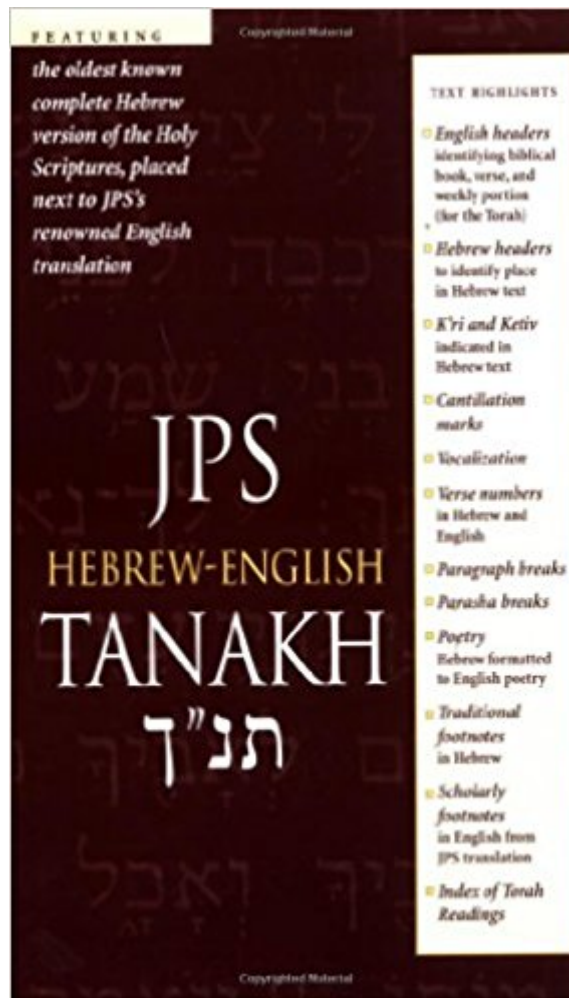




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“Virtually every rabbi and library will want this volume.” —Associated Press (Associated Press)

The JPS Hebrew-English Tanakh is available in a number of editions; paperback and hardcover, full-size and pocket editions, and in various cover colors and materials.

I very much appreciate this option to read the Hebrew text and English translations side by side. I am a divinity school student and have been taking Introduction to Old Testament/Hebrew Bible. (I also took introductory courses in classical Hebrew, so I have a rudimentary understanding, but not nearly enough to read the text efficiently in Hebrew.) My school has this version of the Tanakh in our chapel, and though I have an English study bible, I found myself going to the chapel to read my assigned readings from this Hebrew-English Tanakh. That way I could brush up on my Hebrew while also doing the English-language readings that were assigned. Finally I bought the book for myself. I have had it for about six weeks. I am really pleased with the quality, and the price on is much more accessible than in stores near me.

The layout of this Tanakh has helped me tremendously to understand the Old Testament in the original Hebrew. Learning Hebrew is not for the faint of heart -- and especially for those of us who have never studied Hebrew in a formal setting -- but reading the English and Hebrew side-by-side makes a challenging endeavor much more approachable.

Easy to read in the Hebrew and the English. Wish it was even easier. Sometimes the JPS crew got a little creative with the English: I wouldn't recommend relying on the English alone, study with a good Hebrew scholar. But many other modern Tanakhs have odd decisions in their English. I'm talking to you, Stone edition. A good size.

Perfect study resource. Having both English and Hebrew on the same page has been helpful in the study of the Hebrew language. Hebrew and English languages written together lends an ease of understanding that might not otherwise be present with only English or Hebrew.

I've been trying to learn to read Hebrew and it is very interesting to actually have a Jewish Bible. I think I will find it very helpful.

Copy seems new, but came with the first thirty pages or so of B'reshit loose from the binding!

Exactly what I was looking for at a decent price

This Tanakh sells for \$45 at Borders and I got it used for \$23 out the door on ! It was listed at used and in good condition and I am very happy with it. I bought this for my personal (spiritual) use as well as an aide in learning Hebrew. I love it on both counts. The translation is good and I love having the Hebrew to see the deeper meaning. On each page there are two columns and the English is on the left and the Hebrew is on the right. (I have since seen the interlinear Bibles with English and Hebrew, one on top of the other and those are more word for word. But I like mine because I REALLY have to know the language.) It does roughly follow line by line but is is not exact...so don't count on just looking opposite on the page for the exact translation. This has all the vowel markings and cantillation marks as well. It can feel a bit small at times. If you have trouble reading small print I'd say to look at some other options or get a good magnifying glass. The names of the books do not have vowel pointing though! One thing I was excited to see was that the Song of Moses in Exodus has been rendered in the 'brick wall' (or what ever you call it?) pattern of the scrolls and not in the columns that the rest of the book is formatted in. There is also another passage that reads like that that I saw as I was flipping through. This is a bit of a bigger book because it has so much in it, but it is not too heavy. I did get a stiff Bible-cover for it to help it not be so floppy (I have a soft cover). This also has the parsha sections listed and other common readings that follow the Jewish calendar. There are no maps. This is very basic, no goble-dee-goop, and I really like it. I have really enjoyed it and recommend it.

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