

## Aids to Interpretation

Have you ever felt shut out of understanding the Bible because you don't know the languages in which they were originally written? You don't have to feel that way any longer, thanks to many extra resources that have been developed in recent years . . . Here are some resources to help you interpret Scripture accurately.

Type of Resource	Description	Use It To Overcome . . .
Atlases	Collections of maps showing places mentioned in the text, and perhaps some description of their history and significance	Geographic barriers
Bible Dictionaries	Explain the origin, meaning and use of key words and terms in the text	Language barriers
Bible Handbooks	Present helpful information on subjects in the text	Cultural barriers
Commentaries	Present a Biblical scholar's study of the text	Language, cultural and literary barriers
Interlinear Texts	Translations with the Hebrew or Greek text positioned in between the lines for comparison	Language barriers