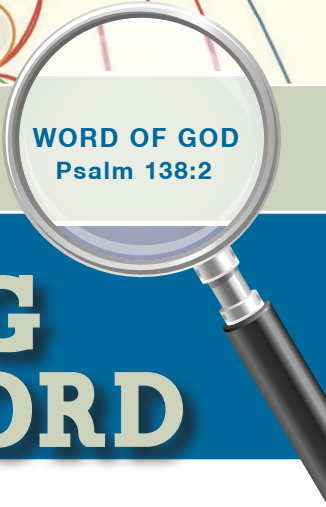




hand] the de... heart and the prayer to God for them is unto salvation,  
for I am bearing witness to them that they have zeal of God,  
it is not according

A NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO MAGNIFYING THE  
"For You have magnified Your Word above all Your Name."

WORD OF GOD  
Psalm 138:2



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# MAGNIFYING GOD'S WORD

## Encouraging Others with the Word of God

For You have magnified Your word according to all Your name.  
(Psalm 138:2 NASB)

From the very beginning of Blue Letter Bible, in 1996, Psalm 138:2 has remained our theme verse. It is all about God and His Holy Word which proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ. So, we get excited when we hear from BLB users who partner with us to promote the greatness of God and His Word. Debi Cole is one of those people. God has blessed her with the gift of encouragement, which she uses in a very unique way.

ago, her journals became filled with the Word of God and the insights she was learning from using BLB. She wrote out daily devotionals from *Day by Day by Grace*, and gleanings from commentaries, as well as her personal prayers, and spiritual reflections.

Debi told us...

*I've learned so much about God's Word because of Blue Letter Bible. By taking time to write out what I'm learning in my calligraphy style, I'm able to meditate on His precious truths.*

Incidentally, Debi loves to send encouraging Bible verses via "snail mail" to bless others—she even embellishes the envelopes. Her

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Therefore each of you must put away falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor for we are all members of one body. Eph 4:25

**Prayer for Today**

who shall dwell in your Holy hill? He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart. Psalms 15:2

These are the things that you shall do: speak the truth to one another; judge with truth and judgement for peace in your gates. Zach 8:16

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices. Col 3:9

But the king shall rejoice in God; for who swear by Him shall exult for the mouths of liars will be stopped. Ps 64:11

**HONESTY**

Sanctify them by the truth: your word is truth. John 17:17

May integrity and uprightness preserve me for I yearn for them. Ps 26:21

The righteousness of the blameless keeps his way straight, but the wicked falls by his own wickedness. Proverbs 11:5

No one who practices deceit shall dwell in my house; no one who utters lies shall continue before my eyes. Psalm 101:7

But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulphur which is the second death. Revelation 21:8

... for the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine. 1 Tim 4:10

You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, neither lie to one another. Lev 19:11



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# Encouraging Others with the Word of God

Cover Story (continued from page 1)

works of art can be found throughout our BLB offices. Imagine the surprise when Debi's husband, Mark, walked into a local utilities office and discovered many months of empty business envelopes that decorated this secular workplace with his wife's calligraphies from God's Word!

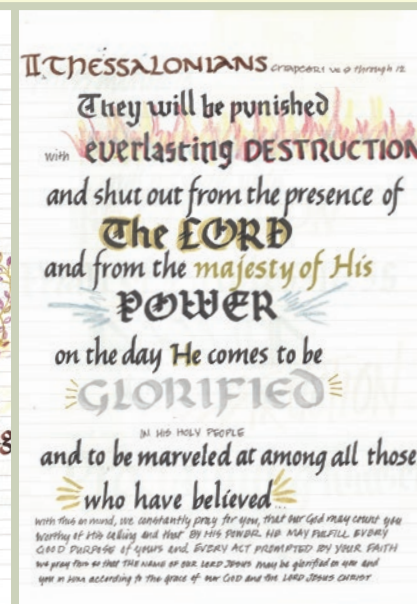
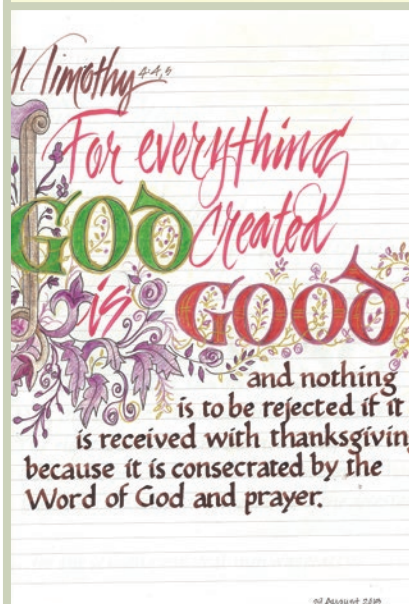
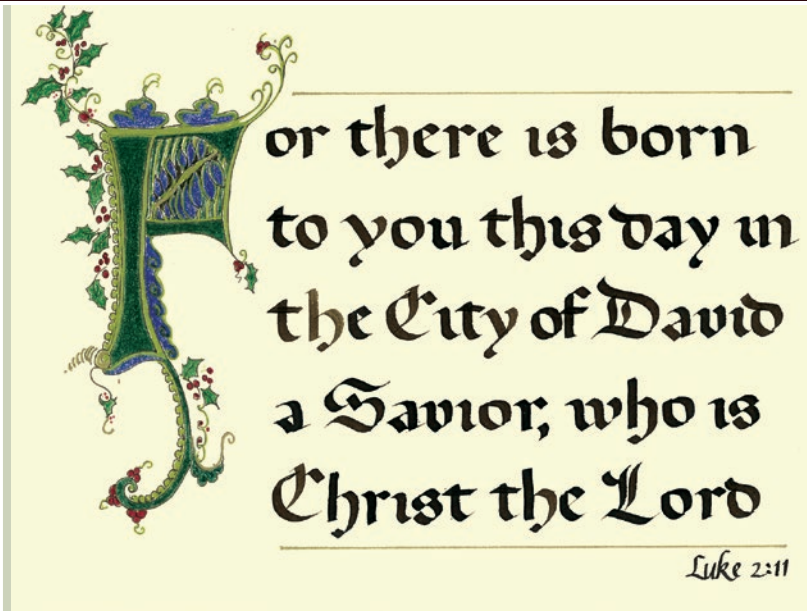
Debi said...

*I want to use the talent God has given me to bless others and I pray for every person who may see one of my envelopes. I pray God would turn hearts and minds toward Himself through this intentional witness.*

Debi Cole designed our BLB Christmas card for 2016, which is shown in this newsletter, along with other examples of her art. We are grateful for Debi's testimony and her ministry of exalting the Lord through her beautiful gifts of encouragement.

Our thanks and prayers go out to all of our partners who help BLB continue to bring God's Word to the nations of the world.

To see a collection of Debi's journal entries, please visit [BlueLetterBible.org/DebiCole](http://BlueLetterBible.org/DebiCole)



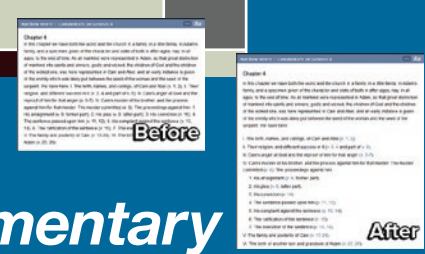
## STAFF PICK

# Matthew Henry's Complete Bible Commentary




Nick Steward

The feature I chose to share with you is BLB's newly reformatted *Matthew Henry's Complete Bible Commentary*, originally published in 1706, and now in a reader-friendly format. This newly structured text allows for ease of reading and facilitates more than 60,000 instant verse retrievals, making precious study time in the Scriptures more proficient. For every Bible study or devotional I prepare, I always consult this work by Matthew Henry. BLB has uniquely formatted this unabridged version in a user friendly outline that renders a pop-up view of all Bible references, eliminating the need to leave the commentary page in order to read the verses. This noteworthy theologian is orthodox, trustworthy, and historically adored. As the social media manager for BLB, I appreciate being able to enjoy and share with you this eighteenth-century collection provided in a digital format.




Links to all our new content can be found on our home page at [BlueLetterBible.org](http://BlueLetterBible.org).

## A New BLBi Course: *Seeing a World of Difference* by Dr. Peter Jones

With the current growing tide of pagan spirituality, it is essential that our worldview be continually analyzed through a Biblical lens. God's Word has all we need to live by, and it speaks truth into every generation, even in today's culture. In this new course, the second of a two-course series on Biblical worldview, Dr. Jones sorts through many difficult issues, equipping Christians to defend their faith in God and proclaim the Good News to a misguided humanity. You can find the new BLBi course at: [BLBi.org](http://BLBi.org). 




## New Study Guides in Spanish From Pastor David Guzik

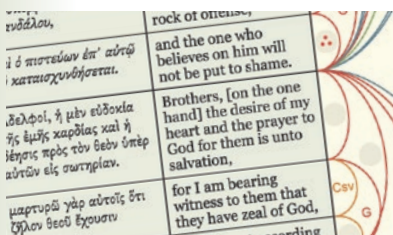
We are excited to announce the addition of study guides covering 57 books of the Bible by Pastor David Guzik. For years his English version of this concisely outlined work has been one of our most popular resources on Blue Letter Bible. 

## Rejoicing Through Revelation, a New Video from Evangelist Don Perkins

"Bible prophecy should always point us back to Christ. It should always focus us back to the Savior. Every part of Bible prophecy is pointing us to Christ being Lord, being King, being Ruler, forever." —Don Perkins




BLB is thrilled to offer new content from Don Perkins. You may be familiar with the *On Prophecy* video series that was released late last year which focuses on offering a Christ-centered, Biblical approach to understanding prophecy. Within this series are subjects such as: interpretation of Bible prophecy, differences between the Rapture and the Second Coming, and what happens to unbelievers in the Tribulation. We have also added a new video, *Rejoicing Through Revelation*, which was an intimate devotion that Don gave to the staff of BLB in 2016. We were extremely blessed and challenged by it and desire for BLB users to have the same opportunity to learn from it. 




## Over 70 New Biblearc Diagrams From Bethlehem College and Seminary Just Added

Blue Letter Bible is partnering with Bethlehem College and Seminary to bring you diagrams from their digital resource called Biblearc. Bible arcing is a graphical Bible study method that helps you understand the main points within a text, and shows how those points are supported throughout the passage. The arcs indicate certain relationships, logic, and flow of thought within the text, helping you arrive

at a Biblically sound interpretation. They have provided us with over 70 graphical images from a selection of Bethlehem Seminary's professors and students. You can look forward to the addition of more Biblearc diagrams in the future. To view these images, visit: [BlueLetterBible.org/biblearc](http://BlueLetterBible.org/biblearc). 

## Two New Videos Just Added to Our Growing Video Library

If you have not already seen them, we would love for you to check out two new videos that our staff put together. In *A Look Inside BLB*, learn about the world-wide impact BLB is making today, and our plans for the immediate future to expand the Bible study tools and other resources found on our website. In our video, *Resolutions for the New Year*, you will be introduced to BLB's dedicated staff, and encouraged to live and think Biblically, by the power of the Holy Spirit, throughout the year ahead. You can find them and the entire BLB video library at: [BlueLetterBible.org/YouTube](http://BlueLetterBible.org/YouTube). 





# GOD'S WORD IS ALIVE & ACTIVE

Therefore encourage one another  
with these words. (1 Thessalonians 4:18 ESV)

Our cover story in this issue gives a prime example of how Blue Letter Bible is being used to help one person, Debi Cole, to encourage many others. Debi's art and calligraphy have reached untold numbers of people and we praise God for the talents and opportunities He has given her. He has gifted her to share her works, not only with our ministry, but also with our family of Blue Letter Bible users and many others.

The Staff Pick in this issue comes from Nick Steward. Nick has a passion for encouraging others through our various social media outlets and he particularly enjoys sharing the timeless works and wisdom of Matthew Henry.

Lastly, I pray the new content we have added will be an encouragement to you. We just released a new course to the Blue Letter Bible Institute (BLBi), *Seeing a World of Difference*, from Dr. Peter Jones. The course will help equip and encourage Christians to wisely answer difficult questions posed by friends, family, or co-workers.

We have added a lot of other new content since our last newsletter, which includes new Spanish

study guides from one of our most popular commentators, Pastor David Guzik. Be sure to visit our home page to review our new content.

We thank God for the many faithful supporters He has led to partner with us. Today, more than ever, BLB depends on the support of its users. Our financial partners help make all we do possible.

May the Word of God be a constant comfort and encouragement to you,

**Jim Milligan**  
President/CEO

P.S. Did you know our BLB YouTube channel has more than 50 videos? Please visit **BlueLetterBible.org/YouTube** to see our entire library of videos including two new videos, "A Look Inside BLB" and "Resolutions for the New Year."



## User Testimony

I have the blessing of being a lay pastor of a very small conservative church. As a church, we are also blessed with resources from our denomination consisting of numerous Bible scholars, dedicated pastors, and historical as well as prophetic insights. All of this has greatly aided me in putting together Biblically grounded messages each week, of which I feel that God has richly blessed. But since being introduced to your BLB site, I have found that my exhaustive library of resource matter has been gathering a bit of dust.

I have not found a more user friendly and complete source of Biblical resources at such an accessible site. Your list of commentaries has been especially helpful. I have not found a site easier to navigate through its various resources. After attempting to work through other poorly organized sites, this has been not only a relief but a welcomed blessing. Thank you for your efforts and expertise in establishing this blessing. You are forever on my task bar. — Richard Smarr

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