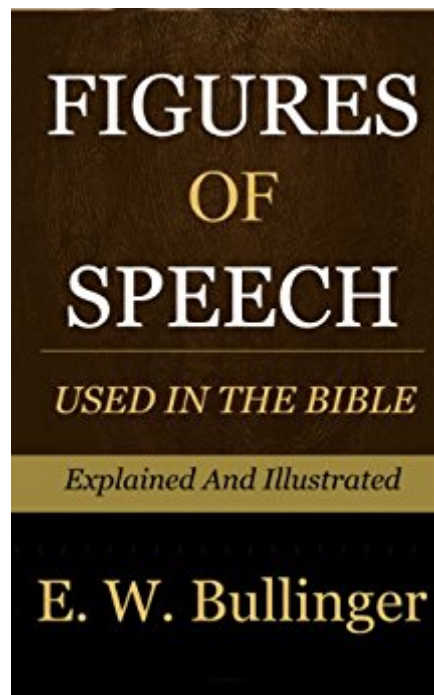


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Bible translators have, through inattention to figures of speech, made serious translation blunders, clouding the real meaning of many important passages of God's Word. E. W. Bullinger's volume, first published in 1898, clarifies 217 distinct figures of speech used in the Bible. Walter C. Kaiser, dean of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, calls it "the best handbook on figures of speech. It should be on every exegete's shelf." In systematic order, this classic gives the proper pronunciation of each figure of speech, its etymology or origin, and a number of Scripture passages where the figure of speech is used, giving full explanation of its use in each context. *Figures of Speech Used in the Bible* cites nearly eight thousand Bible passages and includes five appendices and seven indexes, making it even more valuable as a reference tool.

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Customer Reviews

If you are a serious student of the Word or of literature in general, this book is a must have! I don't agree with all of E.W.B's theological points, but that's not a biggie - there's so much to learn from

him. His research and writing stem from his familiarity with the ancient texts - both secular and sacred - and he's fluent in Hebrew, a couple varieties of Greek, and Latin... probably other languages, too, based on some of his intimations. Why do you need this book? If you've ever struggled with difficult statements in the Scriptures, then E.W.B's book will help you understand if you're dealing with a figure of speech that should be interpreted somewhat differently (e.g. a hyperbole) or if the statement should be taken literally. He doesn't pull any punches, which I greatly appreciate and he's a true scholar. His book is not an easy read, but I'm okay with that, too, since effort is usually required to harvest some of the greater treasures in life.

E. W. Bullinger's work on figures of speech used in the bible is an impressive volume. It's not only the fact that it is so exhaustive and all encompassing, but that it was originally published in 1898 - prior to databases, electronic texts and computerized searches! I feel to stress that this isn't a "readable" book with sentences, paragraphs and a plot per se - but a reference volume, akin to an encyclopedia. It is categorized into three main sections or "Divisions" as Bullinger calls them; figures involving omission, figures involving addition, and figures involving change - each division containing a host of figures. Some of the figures listed are as basic as duplication (or epizeuxis in Greek, such as "My God, my God...), while others, such as parallelisms are more structures than figures, but that illustrates the range of figures included. In fact it's hard to believe that anything could be excluded, but that's not a bad thing. The scope of this work covers both the Old and New Testament and provides plentiful examples, often employing Hebrew and Greek. And it is certainly a go-to book for anyone interested in figures of speech, idioms and related studies.

A friend with Simeon project recommended this resource enthusiastically. He uses it every week in my message preparation. In hardcover and soft, though, it was expensive. When Kindle put it on sale for a 'song' I had to get it, and have begun to use it. It is a treasury of easy to access, helpful explanation of biblical idioms and figures of speech.

The content of the book is very good. Excellent, excellent reference book. Top of the line. However, being that the book is very large and very thick, it should have been a hardcover (or at least covered in something better than a paperback cover). My 1st one that came, was shipped in an envelope and got all beat up before it got to me. But took it back and sent a replacement.

I help people understand how God communicates in dreams, visions, natural and spiritual

experiences. This is an amazing resource to help people understand that in over 8,000 scriptures, God specifically spoke through figures of speech in over 200 different ways! If you can understand that God communicates in abstract ways to reveal Himself to those who will search for Him, you will absolutely experience a deeper level of intimacy with Him. There are many hidden treasures to be found by those who will search and this resource helps you search and find! Bullinger points out that instead of brushing off figures of speech and taking them lightly, they were actually created to catch our attention even more so and get us to focus on the "why" something was said that way.

Whenever God deviates from a pattern or law, it's to get your attention and there are over 200 types of deviations from grammatical laws and rules in scripture - and intentionally written that way by the Holy Spirit! Jesus only spoke in Parables to get people to apply their heart to understanding...this resource will help you find God in ways you never knew!

Fine, one of kind Bible study resource. However, it is overly complex and not organized for easy use. Would be very good if some wizard would take this work and rework it with the nonprofessional "cleric" in mind. I'm finding it helpful, but overly difficult to use.

very informative

This book has information that has passed from ordinary accessibility. It is impossible to read and fully understand (understand as far as humanly possible) Scripture without knowing that not only in the Bible are hundreds of figures of speech but also in most other languages. Almost all that is lost in translation can be recovered by coming to an understanding of what is written here. This book is another classic that should be found in every library in the country.

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