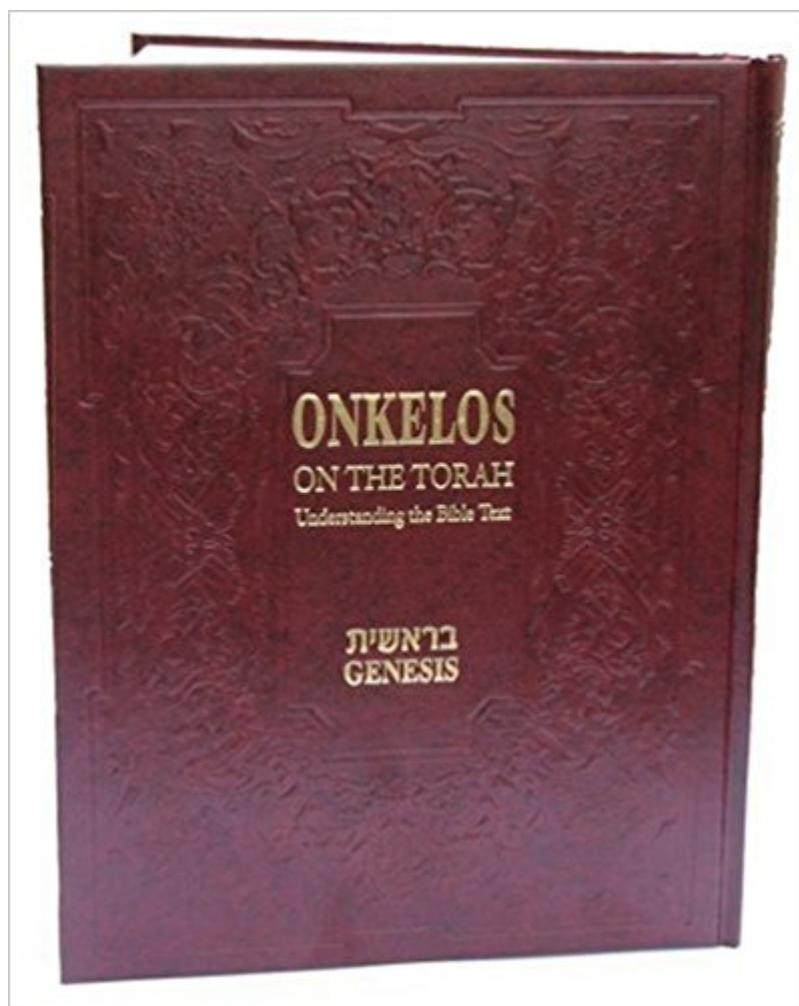


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# Onkelos On The Torah: Understanding The Bible Text: Genesis



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Onkelos On the Torah: Understanding the Bible Text is a unique and remarkable translation and English commentary of the Targum Onkelos, the first and only rabbinically authorized translation of the Torah. The Book of Exodus, the first of this five-volume set to be published. is a deluxe edition, which contains the Hebrew Massoretic text, a vocalized text of Onkelos and Rashi, Haphtarot in Hebrew with an English translation from the Aramaic Targumim, a scholarly appendix, and a "Beyond the Text" exploration of biblical themes.

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"An enormous labor, presenting vast quantities of information, handsomely designed, user friendly and an important reference for years to come." -- Intermountain Jewish News, June 2006 "The Gefen edition is very clearly printed and notated in both Hebrew and English, making it very easy to find a particular reference. On the upper right-hand page is the vocalized Hebrew text, which is printed across the full page width. Below the Biblical text is a vocalized text of the commentary by Rashi. On the left hand page, is the vocalized text of Onkelos, occupying about a third of the page's width. The volume also contains the haphtarot associated with each chapter, thus making the book ideal for use in synagogue on Shabbat. In the English translation of Onkelos the authors have printed in bold type, words, phrases or sentences that they wish to comment or elucidate. In addition, at the end of each chapter the authors have added additional notes. Yet further explanations can also be found in the appendix and these explanations are referenced in the

general running commentary." -- Edgar Asher, IsraNet Book Review "Unfortunately, Onkelos is not always appreciated as the great interpreter he was; Indeed, every translator is also an interpreter, but no translation of the Bible has the depth and authority that comes with the interpretation of Onkelos. We are all greatly indebted to Rabbi Wagner and Rabbi Drazin for having opened up Onkelos to the English reading public." -- Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, Chief Rabbi of Efrat, Israel

Israel Drazin is the author of seven books, five of which are on Targum Onkelos. He was the first scholar to recognize that the Targum took hundreds of items from the Tannaitic Midrashim- those that were edited around 400 C.E.- and even incorporated many words found in these Midrashim in his translation. He was able, therefore, to date the Targum Onkelos around 400 C.E., a period much later than is widely accepted, because of the Targum's reliance upon these Midrashim.

Stanley M. Wagner is Rabbi Emeritus of The Beth HaMedrosh HaGadol-Beth Joseph Congregation in Denver, Colorado; Professor Emeritus at the University of Denver and Founding Director and Director Emeritus of its Center for Judaic Studies; and Founding Director and Director Emeritus of the Mizel Museum in Denver. He wrote, edited, or co-edited four volumes, *A Piece of My Mind*, *Traditions of the American Jew*, *Great Confrontations in Jewish History* and *Great Schisms in Jewish History* and was General Editor of a six volume series entitled *Christian and Jewish Traditions in the 20th Century*.

Well written and informative. This is a translation worth reading. It is the english translation of the aramaic version of the Hebrew bible. In it are the Hebrew, Aramaic and English translations with commentary. Nice binding and clear type! So far three of the five biblical books of Moses are available. They are Genesis, Exodus and Leviticus. All written in the same wonderful style. Must have editions for those who really want to know the meaning of the original bible.

The fact that it is an Aramaic translation that attempts to limit anthropomorphic references to God, makes this translation a valuable asset to anyone bothered by the anthropomorphic presentation of God in the Bible.

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A valuable tool for deeper Torah study.

Great insights on Genesis.

Below is my review concerning Onkelos on Torah and Understanding Onkelos from Rabbis Dr's. Israel Drazin and Stanley Wagner. I purchased Understanding Onkelos because of my studies with Rabbi Dr. Israel Drazin's and Rabbi Dr. Stanley Wagner's other exegesis, Onkelos on Torah. My Torah studies have centred on the latter for two years having recently acquired Devarim, the final book in the series. I cannot emphasize the importance of all of these books in understanding the nature of the universe and man's walk and purpose within it. They are a must for all Torah scholars and indeed would suggest for any academic curriculum. Understanding Onkelos continues to reveal the truth from every educational aspect. It covers Bible history, Biblical Hebrew and the true meaning of Onkelos and why his writings are so important; illustrating and comparing many religions, even sages who have added to or taken away from the truth. The emphasis is on the literal translation of the Hebrew text. Onkelos uses words and phraseology to make clearer the more misunderstood and difficult passages. The need for MIDRASH and indeed exactly what MIDRASH is, in keeping centred on the written Torah, this book goes through each Torah portion offering the discipline of Onkelos in keeping to understanding what is written. Rationale, is most certainly required in understanding nature and its creation by a Holy G-d HaShem. The Torah of Moshe, and to it, the proximity of Onkelos, Maimonides, the great sages of this world and to the present day sages such as Rabbi Dr. Drazin & Rabbi Dr. Stanley Wagner is only to clear and enlightening to behold. I am completely in awe at these mammoth literary undertakings. The book is well bound also. The pages are very silky smooth and encouraging to hold and work with. Whoever you are and where ever you are, if you decide to enter into one of the classic Torah scholarships, or simply discover the truth then these books are a must and a blessing from above. Shalom Aleichem.....

This product greatly assists me with my studies. It complements my other resources in such a way that the information in this book is not duplicate information.

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