

Category 15 – Introduction to the Bible

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6. 作者简介：彼得·卡沃科雷西系英国人，著名学者，著有《圣经名人录》。
7. 内容提要：本词典的编译者在“前言”中指出：《圣经》是基督教的经典，也是一部对西方世界产生过重大影响的著作。《圣经》由《旧约》和《新约》两部分组成。《旧约》原是犹太教的经典，是近千年古犹太典籍的总汇，形成于公元前 5 至 2 世纪。《新约》是基督教本身的经典，形成于公元 1 至 2 世纪。《旧约》最早用希伯来语写成，《新约》则用希腊语写成。公元 4 世纪，随着基督教被确立为罗马帝国的国教，《圣经》也被译成拉丁文。以后又陆续翻译成各国文字。《圣经》的内容十分丰富。作为一部宗教经典，它不可避免地宣扬了宗教教义。然而《圣经》，尤其是《旧约》也包含有大量有价值的史料和文艺作品，其中包括神话故事、民间传说、律法、谚语、箴言和诗歌等。它不仅为西方文学艺术作品提供了丰富的题材，对欧洲各民族语言的发展也起过推动作用。

《圣经》人物众多，有的人名家喻户晓，有的则鲜为人知。《圣经人物词典》主要根据英国学者彼得·卡沃科雷西所著《圣经名人录》（Who's Who in the Bible）编译而成，共收词目 423 条，其中有一部分词目直接选自《圣经》。本词典对较为重要的圣经人物，除较详细地介绍其生平事迹外，还常有一定的评论，并说明该人物在文学艺术作品中的主要反映，以及这些艺术作品目前珍藏何处。此外，每个人物都注明在《圣经》中的出处，以便读者进一步查阅。

本词典除了正文外，还有附录，即圣经人物参考年代表、圣经人物系谱表等。

1. Title : *Dictionary of Biblical Characters* 《聖經人物詞典》
2. Author : Peter Calvocoressi Translators: Zhong Zhangsheng, Xiao Hui
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5. Author's Profile : Peter Calvocoressi is a famous British scholar and the author of *Who's Who in the Bible*

6. Précis: In the preface, the Translators of this dictionary say: 'The Bible, comprised of Old and New Testaments, is a Christian classic, a book that has exerted tremendous influences on the Western world. The Old Testament is the Jewish Scripture – a collection of Jewish literature spanning about a millennium. The New Testament is the Christian Scripture, written between the first and second centuries. The OT was written in Hebrew and NT in Greek. In the fourth century, after the establishment of Christianity in the Roman Empire, the Scriptures were translated into Latin, and subsequently other languages. The Bible is rich in contents. As a religious scripture, it certainly has an evangelistic tone. However, the Bible, especially the OT, is rich in precious historical materials and literature, including myths, folklore, law, maxims, proverbs, psalms, etc. It is an important source of inspiration for Western literature and arts and has contributed to the development of various European languages.

The *Dictionary of Biblical Characters*, containing 423 entries, was translated from Peter Calvocoressi's *Who's Who in the Bible*. Some of the entries were added from the Bible. The dictionary provides commentaries on some important characters besides more detailed introduction of their lives. It also provides information on the literature and artworks related to these characters and the locations of these literature and artworks. Besides, the dictionary also provides biblical references of these characters.

Apart from the main text, the dictionary provides appendices on the chronology and genealogies of biblical characters.