#### The Vision

"The purpose of the ASB (Arabic Study Bible) is, to glorify God by placing His infallible and inerrant Word, the Perfect Plan of Salvation, in the hands of Arabs and Muslims who have been deprived from reading it. The ASB will introduce them to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ who said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

One of the sad episodes in Christian-Muslim encounters is the fact that the founder of Islam never read the Bible in his own language, and also accumulated many misconceptions and false impressions about the Christian faith from heterodox sects. Regrettably, to millions of his followers the Bible remains a closed book, and its wonderful salvific message continues to be hidden.

We are certainly blessed by the many various Study Bibles currently being published, but an Arabic Study Bible is most needed. After 5 years of diligent work, *Children Of Abraham* is producing a distinctive Arabic Study Bible that surveys the remarkable progress of redemption in a way that will captivate the seekers, and impel them to consider its message. With the help of the study aids, they will be able to unearth the wonderful Biblical truth for themselves. This is important since many of them have no Church connections, and many are living in closed countries. We believe that the ASB will benefit countless Arabs from a Christian background, as well as Muslim seekers.

### **Main Features of the ASB**

- Sound biblical scholarship. A number of outstanding Arabic Evangelical Scholars, theologians and linguists from different denominations worked diligently to produce the ASB with the help of many wonderful English and other languages resources reflect traditional evangelical commitments. The absolute authority of the Scripture is the undergirding principle that governs the writing of the notes, commentaries, and outlines. We believe that the Scripture which is the all-sufficient and infallible rule of faith and practice is to interpret Scripture. Thus all commentaries are designed to be faithful to the original meaning of the text.
- The Bible text is based on the timeless Vandyke faithful Arabic translation of the Bible from the original languages, which remains the best and most loved translation.
- The language which the commentaries employ is the classic Arabic in a clear and simple style, making it understood universally by all Arabic speaking people both in the Arab world and diaspora.
- Dozens of Articles cover such important themes as the Bible's authority and reliability, salvation, theology, creation, ethics, and personal application.
- Notes and Commentaries follow the chronological format of the unfolding of God's story in historical order.
- Introductions to and outlines of each of the books of the Bible with personal application. The introductions provide material on the

author, the audience, major themes, purpose of the writing, the date of the writing, and other important information. This enable the reader-particularly those unfamiliar with the Biblical genre, to be familiar with the contents and see how God's revelation was given to the original audience, and how it is intended to speak to all ages, thus helping any sincere seeker to find life-changing truths.

- Chapter summaries at the beginning of each chapter including important verses and highlighting central principles that relate to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Essential Bible Keywords and theological terms are defined.
- Muslim families and individuals receive free copy of the ASB when requested.

## What Evangelical Leaders are Saying About the ASB

"One of the most beloved Arabic translations of the Bible coupled with thorough and applicable notes on the Christian faith written in classic Arabic make the Arabic Study Bible a resource like no other. The result is an incredible Kingdom resource that will undoubtedly be a primary resource for Arabic Christians around the world."

David Sills, D. Miss., Ph.D.
Associate Dean and Chair of Christian Missions and Cultural Anthropology, International Church Planting, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky

"The Arabic Study Bible is a commentary that focuses on the main teaching of each chapter of both the Old and the New Testaments without deviating from the inspired biblical truth. It is easy to understand and well organized. The introduction of each Book and the main outlines of both the Book and each chapter made it easier to read. Yet, it is practical and very applicable to our daily life and provides a personal insight to the Word of God. The commentary is biblically sound, explained in an attractive elegant style that arrests the attention of the Arab readers. This outstanding work is a remarkable companion to the Bible. This new study Bible will, I pray, impact the Arab Christians and Muslims for the 21st century and beyond."

Samuel Shahid, Ph.D.
Senior professor of Islamic studies
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary,
President and Executive Director, Good News
for the Crescent World, Inc

"I am so delighted for the publication of the Arabic Study Bible. My time of teaching among Arabic-speaking followers of Jesus convinces me that this volume will be a great help to church leaders and lay people alike. Its notes are to the point and the introductions to each book are very reliable and practical. I believe that God will use the Arabic Study Bible for many decades to come to spread the gospel and to build up the church among Arabic-speakers. I would like every Arabic-speaking person to own a copy, and every Christian missions organization to use this outstanding resource in reaching the Arab and the Muslim World."

### Richard L. Pratt, Jr., Ph.D. General Editor The Spirit of the Reformation Study Bible, President Third Millennium Ministries.

"As a young Christian, I still remember how much I longed for a Study Bible in Arabic where I could find exegetical helps, background information, definitions of theological terms, etc. It was simply non-existent! Thus, it is with much rejoicing that I welcome the news of the publication of ASB by Children of Abraham who strove for several years to fulfill that big need in Arabic Christian literature. This work will definitely prove to be a blessing for generations of Arabs. It will also illumine the way of eternal life, and share the love of Christ with many Arabs who still need to enjoy the divine gift of salvation by grace through faith. Today, we are witnessing crucial socio-political transformations in the Arab World. Yet it is only the spiritual transformation energized by the Gospel that will bring a permanent change and offer much hope for the future of Arabs. It is my deep conviction that the ASB will be a unique and a great catalyst for that change, which is now growing by the day."

Tony Maalouf, Ph.D.
Director of the Islamic Studies Program
Associate Professor of Missions
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

"The goal of God's plan for the ages for His people is populating the New Heavens and the New Earth from every tongue and tribe and nation on earth, which obviously includes believers in Christ among the Arab nations and peoples. That is why I am excited about this new Arabic Study Bible from the Children Of Abraham in the heart language of the Arab people. May our Lord use this groundbreaking in evangelical publishing to lead many Arabs to faith in Christ and to disciple them in their walk with God and also to support them in their ministry to their own families and neighbors, looking forward to the day when there will be a great multitude of Arabs in the family of God and the eternal kingdom of God."

Robert C. (Ric) Cannada, Jr., Chancellor Emeritus, Ph.D., Reformed Theological Seminary.

"I can say with confidence that this will be a stellar contribution not only to biblical literature in Arabic, but also a long overdue resource to help disciple Arabic speaking people. It will be welcomed in international student ministries around the world reaching out to Arab students.

Nate Mirza, Senior staff with The Navigators International Student Ministry.

"The Holy Spirit has been at work in enabling God's servants working under the aegis of The Children of Abraham to produce this marvelous Arabic Study Bible. Anointed scholars under the illuminating teaching of the Holy Spirit have provided helps on Biblical texts from beginning to end so that the full light of the Word of God may shine into believing hearts. May Christian and Muslim readers alike come to a robust faith and living relationship with our loving, communicating God through this treasured resource.

Dr. Don McCurry, D. Miss., Founder and former Director of the Zwemer Institute of Muslim

Studies. Author of Healing the Broken Family of Abraham: New Life for Muslims and, Stepping Stones to Eternity: Jesus from the Quran to the Bible."

"For years I have searched for an Arabic Study Bible with sound, serious, and clear explanations of the inspired text in order to share with Muslim and Arab friends. Finally, such Bible is available. And I have been praying, following, and supporting this project of the "Children Of Abraham" ministry. Now it became a reality. I thank the Lord for making such resource available to all Christians committed to the glory of God and the joy of all people, especially the Arabic speaking people groups."

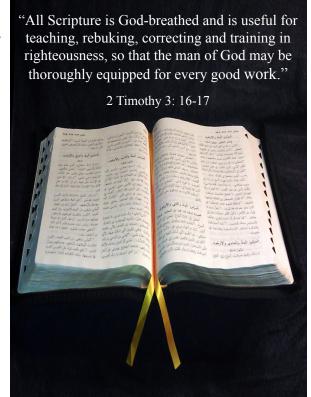
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