

Guide to
New Scofield Reference Bible Editorial Committee Records
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Abstract:

Typed transcripts of meetings of the New Scofield Reference Bible Editorial Committee Records with typed revisions.

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Historical Sketch:

Cyrus I. Scofield spent several years preparing study notes for the King James Version Bible. Scofield's Bible was published by Oxford University Press in 1909, when there were few other study Bibles. Scofield worked with some colleagues to prepare an improved edition issued in 1917. Scofield died in 1921. Those early editions were still being published in the 1950s, but Oxford University Press decided to produce a new revision. The publisher appointed a committee of nine men to prepare a new study Bible based on Scofield's. The revision was a cooperative work. The committee met for a few days twice a year from 1954-1960. Recordings were made of the meetings and transcribed. Between meetings the members worked on assignments. The committee's goal was to update the Bible and the notes while retaining the basic concepts of the Scofield Bible. A draft of the "front matter" states, "Thus while Dr. Scofield's notes were taken as a basis for this revision, the committee felt as Dr. Scofield himself did—that his work was not necessarily absolute and final." The committee added over 700 new footnotes and revised some of Scofield's notes. The committee changed a few words in the King James text which met certain criteria, including being obsolete. The new edition was published in 1967. Three of the nine committee members earned degrees from Dallas Theological Seminary: Charles L. Feinberg, Clarence E. Mason Jr., and John F. Walvoord.

References:

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Members of the Editorial Committee

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Charles L. Feinberg

Frank E. Gaebelien

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Wilbur D. Ruggles, Vice-President of Oxford University Press, was not officially a member, but met with the committee.

Series Description:

The New Scofield Reference Bible Editorial Committee Records are divided into two series:

Series I. Transcripts, 1954-1961. 1.77 linear ft. (33 folders)

Arranged chronologically. Typed transcripts of the committee meetings.

Series II. Revisions, 1956, 1959, and undated. 1.56 linear ft. (34 folders)

The processor did not discern a consistent filing system for this series.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection, in six half-size archival boxes, is composed of typed transcripts of meetings of the editorial committee and typed revisions to be considered or already approved. The transcripts provide a record of committee discussions. The revisions include notes about assignments to members. The documents provide some clues to how the committee functioned.

Selected Search Terms:

New Scofield Reference Bible

Donor/Source: Dallas Theological Seminary. President's Office

Custodial History: The Dallas Theological Seminary President's Office donated the papers to the archives. The papers appear to have belonged to John F. Walvoord, who served on the committee and was President of Dallas Theological Seminary from 1952-1986.

Literary Rights: It is the researcher's responsibility to determine requirements of copyright laws.

Processing Information:

The "unlabeled" transcript is assumed to be of the first committee meeting. The revisions lacked labels or dates, so their original order is uncertain. This collection was in ring binders. A small amount of information might have been lost when the papers were transferred to file folders to conserve space.

Container List

Series I. Transcripts		
Box	File	Description
1	1	[Unlabeled Transcript] pt. 1 pages 1-132, [1954 ?] Topics include introductory material, Genesis, text, and headings.
	2	[Unlabeled Transcript] pt. 2 pages 133-212, [1954 ?] Topics include Exodus and Leviticus.
	3	[Unlabeled Transcript] pt. 3 pages 213-298G, [1954 ?] Topics include Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.
	4	Transcript B pt. 1 pages 1-117, April, 1955 Topics include introductory material.
	5	Transcript B pt. 2 pages 118-189, April, 1955 Miscellaneous topics.
	6	Transcript C pt. 1 pages 1-101, April 19-21, 1956 Topics include sample pages.
	7	Transcript C pt. 2 pages 102-202, April 19-21, 1956 Topics include dispensations (p.138).
	8	Transcript D pt. 1 pages 1-107, November 1-3, 1956 Topics include Genesis and Exodus. Also includes a letter from E. Schuyler English to the committee members (1957-2-23).
	9	Transcript D pt. 2 pages 108-222, November 1-3, 1956 Topics include Exodus, Leviticus, assignments (p.169), Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, and Judges.
	10	Transcript E pt.1 pages 1-121, April 23-27, 1957 Topics include Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers.
	11	Transcript E pt. 2 pages 122-227, April 23-27, 1957 Topics include Numbers, members' hotel bills (p. 133), chronology (p. 134-139), Deuteronomy, Joshua, Old Testament coins (p.213-214), and Judges.

Box	File	Description
2	1	Transcript E pt. 3 pages 228-319, April 23-27, 1957 Topics include Judges, Ruth, the next meeting (p. 247-250), 1 Samuel, Leviticus, chronology (p. 287), and 2 Samuel.
	2	Transcript F pt. 1 pages 1-105, October 30-November 1, 1957 Topics include introductory material, Genesis, Joshua, Deuteronomy, Exodus, Numbers, Judges, Ruth, and 1 Samuel.
	3	Transcript F pt. 2 pages 106-208, October 30-November 1, 1957 Topics include 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, headings, discussion about long term schedule (p.120-123 & 159-162), 1 Kings, the next meeting (p. 154), 2 Kings, and 1 Chronicles.
	4	Transcript F pt. 3 pages 209-287, October 30-November 1, 1957 Topics include 2 Samuel, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, the poetical books, Job, and Psalms.
	5	Transcript G pt. 1 pages 1-105, May 29-31, 1958 Includes a letter from E. Schuyler English to the committee members (1958-9-11), and topics include Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, textual matters (p.13-32), 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Esther, the poetical books, and Job.
	6	Transcript G pt. 2 pages 106-238, May 29-31, 1958 Topics include Job, Psalms, discussion of need to work more quickly (p. 114-124), Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Ezra, Song of Solomon, and Isaiah.
	7	Transcript G pt. 3 pages 239-301, May 29-31, 1958 Topics include meetings, assignments, Isaiah, and Daniel.
	8	Transcript H pt. 1 pages 1-140, November 6-8, 1958 Topics include Daniel, verb changes (p. 23-30), Malachi-Matthew, the Four Gospels, Matthew, and the anniversary of the Scofield Bible (p. 59-64).
	9	Transcript H pt. 2 pages 141-237, November 6-8, 1958 Topics include Matthew.
	10	Transcript H pt. 3 pages 238-311, November 6-8, 1958 Topics include Matthew, Mark, and Luke.
	11	Transcript I pt. 1 pages 1-102, April 23-25, 1959 Topics include poetic form, text changes, John, assignments (p. 88-91), Acts, and Malachi-Matthew.

Box	File	Description
3	1	Transcript I pt. 2 pages 103-194, April 23-25, 1959 Topics include the Four Gospels, Acts, and Matthew.
	2	Transcript I pt. 3 pages 195-283, April 23-25, 1959 Topics include Acts, the Four Gospels, Luke, Matthew, and Revelation.
	3	Transcript J pt. 1 pages 1-128, November 2-4, 1959 Topics include Revelation, the Epistles of Paul, and Romans.
	4	Transcript J pt. 2 pages 129-259, November 2-4, 1959 Topics include Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, and Galatians.
	5	Transcript J pt. 3 pages 260-372, November 2-4, 1959 Topics include Ephesians, Philippians, the Four Gospels, chronology, Hebrews, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon.
	6	Transcript K pt. 1 pages 1-135, April 20-23, 1960 Topics include comments about amount of work still needed to finish, capitalization, the Dead Sea Scrolls, Hebrews, Amos, General Epistles, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, and chronology.
	7	Transcript K pt. 2 pages 136-292, April 20-23, 1960 Topics include chronology, Ezra, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Habakkuk, Haggai, Zechariah, front matter (p. 221-260), Jude, Matthew, and Luke.
	8	Transcript K pt. 3 pages 293-464, April 20-23, 1960 Topics include Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, 2 Timothy, Acts, the Epistles of Paul, Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, and 2 Timothy.
	9	Transcript L pt. 1 pages 1-108, November 9-11, 1960 Topics include Revelation, discussion (p. 46-53, tentative last meeting of committee), Ezekiel, Matthew, Mark, Acts, Romans, Jeremiah, 1 Corinthians, and 2 Corinthians.
4	1	Transcript L pt. 2 pages 109-213, November 9-11, 1960 Topics include Philippians; 1 Thessalonians; discussion (p. 113-114); 1 Timothy; Titus; Hebrews; James; Revelation; 2 Corinthians; 1 Peter; 2 Peter; 1 John; 2 John; 3 John; Jude; and authors, themes, and dates (p. 201-213).
	2	Transcript L pt. 3 pages 214-311, November 9-11, 1960 Topics include authors, themes, and dates (p. 214-233); front matter (p. 233-266); index; miscellaneous; appendix; Hebrews; 1 Kings; Joshua; chronology; and headings.

Series II. Revisions		
Box	File	Description
4 (cont.)	3	Revisions Pagination varies, undated
		Introductory material (revision 4), Genesis (revision 4), Exodus (revisions 2 and 3), and Leviticus (revision 2).
	4	Revisions Pagination varies, undated
		Leviticus (revision 2) and Numbers (revision 2).
	5	Revisions Pagination varies, undated
		Joshua (revision 3), Judges (revision 3), Ruth (revision 3), 1 Samuel (revision 3), 2 Samuel (revision 3), 1 Kings (revision 2), 2 Kings (revision 2), and 1 Chronicles (revision 2).
	6	Revisions Pagination varies, undated
		Psalms (revision 1).
	7	Revisions Pagination varies, undated
		Proverbs (revision 1), Ecclesiastes (revision 1), Song of Solomon (revision 1), Exodus, (revision 2), the text of Genesis-Esther (supplementary), and Exodus text (revision 2).
	8	Revisions Pagination varies, undated
		Genesis (revision 5), Exodus (revision 4), Numbers (revision 3), Deuteronomy (revision 3), Joshua (revision 2), Judges (revision 2), Ruth (revision 2), 1 Samuel (revision 2), and 2 Samuel (revision 2).
	9	Revisions Pagination varies, undated
		2 Chronicles (revision 1), Ezra (revision 1), Nehemiah (revision 1), and Esther (revision 1).
	10	Revisions Pagination varies, undated
		The poetical books (revision 1) and Job (revision 1).
	11	Revisions Pagination varies, undated
		Jeremiah (revision 1), Lamentations (revision 1), Ezekiel (revision 1), and Daniel (revision 1).
5	1	Revisions Pagination varies, undated
		Philippians (revision 2), Colossians (revision 2), 1 Thessalonians (revision 2), 2 Thessalonians (revision 2), 1 Timothy (revision 2), 2 Timothy (revision 2), Titus (revision 2), John (revision 2), Acts (revision 2), the Epistles of Paul (revision 2), Romans (revision 2), 1 Corinthians (revision 2), 2 Corinthians (revision 2), Galatians (revision 2), and Ephesians (revision 2).

Box	File	Description
5 (cont.)	2	Revisions John (revision 1), Acts (revision 1), Revelation (revision 1), Malachi-Matthew (revision 2), the Four Gospels (revision 2), Matthew (revision 2), and Luke (revision 2).
		Pagination varies, undated
	3	Revisions Romans (revision 1), 1 Corinthians (revision 1), 2 Corinthians (revision 1), Galatians (revision 1), Ephesians (revision 1), Philippians (revision 1), and Colossians (revision 1).
		Pagination varies, undated
	4	Revisions 2 Samuel (revision 1), and 1 Kings (revision 1).
		Pagination varies, undated
	5	Revisions 2 Kings (revision 1) and 1 Chronicles (revision 1).
		Pagination varies, undated
	6	Revisions Prophetical books (revision 1) and Isaiah (revision 1).
		Pagination varies, undated
	7	Revisions Mark (revision 1) and Luke (revision 1).
		Pagination varies, undated
	8	Revisions 1 Thessalonians (revision 1), 2 Thessalonians (revision 1), 1 Timothy (revision 1), 2 Timothy (revision 1), Titus (revision 1), Philemon (revision 1), Jewish Christian Epistles (revision 1), Hebrews (revision 1), and the General Epistles (revision 2).
		Pagination varies, undated
	9	Revisions James (revision 1), 1 Peter (revision 1), 2 Peter (revision 1), 1 John (revision 1), 2 John (revision 1), 3 John (revision 1), Jude (revision 1), chronology, the Four Gospels (revision 3), and front matter (revision 1).
		Pagination varies, undated
	10	Revisions Includes a letter from E. Schuyler English to committee members (1956-4-11) and Genesis (revision 2) pt. 1.
		pages 1-81, 1956 and undated
	11	Revisions Genesis (revision 2) pt.2.
		pages 81A-132 and 140A-140B, 1956 and undated
	12	Revisions Deuteronomy (revision 2) and Joshua (revision 1).
		Pagination varies, undated

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6	1	Revisions Judges (revision 2), Ruth (revision 1), and 1 Samuel (revision 1).
	2	Revisions 2 Chronicles (revision 2), Ezra (revision 2), Nehemiah (revision 2), Esther (revision 2), the poetical books (revision 2), Job (revision 2), and Psalms (revision 2).
	3	Revisions Song of Solomon (revision 2), Revelation (revision 1), and the Epistles of Paul (revision 1).
	4	Revisions Includes a letter from E. Schuyler English to committee members (1959-3-6), Numbers (revision 3), 2 Samuel (revision 3), 1 Kings (revision 3), 1 Chronicles (revision 3), 2 Chronicles (revision 3), Ezra (revision 3), Nehemiah (revision 3), Esther (revision 3), Job (revisions 2 and 3), Psalms (revision 2), Proverbs (revision 2), Ecclesiastes (revision 2), a letter from E. Schuyler English to committee members (1959-3-30), Ezekiel (revision 2), and Daniel (revision 2).
	5	Revisions Includes a letter from E. Schuyler English to committee members (1959-3-25), prophetic books (revision 3), Isaiah (revision 2), Jeremiah (revision 2), Lamentations (revision 2), Ezekiel (revision 2), and Daniel (revision 2).
	6	Revisions Hosea (revision 2), Joel (revision 2), Amos (revision 2), Obadiah (revision 2), Jonah (revision 2), Micah (revision 2), Nahum (revision 2), Habakkuk (revision 2), Zephaniah (revision 2), Haggai (revision 2), Zechariah (revision 2), and Malachi (revision 2).
	7	Revisions Genesis (revision 3), Exodus (revision 2), Joshua (revision 1), Judges (revision 1), Ruth (revision 1), 1 Samuel (revision 1), 2 Samuel (revision 1), 1 Kings (revision 1), 2 Kings (revision 1), 1 Chronicles (revision 1), 2 Chronicles (revision 1), Ezra (revision 1), Nehemiah (revision 1), and Esther (revision 1).
	8	Revisions Judges (revision 3), prophetic books (revision 4), Isaiah (revision 4), Jeremiah (revision 4), Ezekiel (revision 4), Daniel (revision 4), Hosea (revision 4), Joel (revision 4), Haggai (revision 3), Zechariah (revision 3 and 4), and Malachi (revision 3).

Box	File	Description
6 (cont.)	9	Revisions 2 Chronicles (revision 4), Ezra (revision 4), Isaiah (revision 3), Jeremiah (revision 3), Ezekiel (revision 3), Daniel (revision 3), Hosea (revision 3), Joel (revision 3), Amos (revision 3), Obadiah (revision 3), Jonah (revision 3), Micah (revision 3), and Habakkuk (revision 3).
	10	Revisions Verb changes and Malachi-Matthew (revision 1).
	11	Revisions Matthew (revision 2), Mark (revision 2), and Luke (revision 2).
	12	Revisions Matthew (revision 3), Mark (revision 3), Luke (revision 3), John (revision 3), Acts (revision 3), Romans (revision 3), 1 Corinthians (revision 3), 2 Corinthians (revision 3), Philippians (revision 3), 1 Thessalonians (revision 3), 1 Timothy (revision 3), Titus (revision 3), and Hebrews (revision 2).
	13	Revisions James (revision 2); 1 Peter (revision 2); 2 Peter (revision 2); 1 John (revision 2); 2 John (revision 2); 3 John (revision 2); Jude (revision 2); authors, themes, and dates (revision 1); Old Testament chronology [from] Joshua to Song of Solomon (revision 1); 1 Kings (revision 2); front matter (revision 2); and Revelation (revision 2).