This guide is an overview of resources and strategies for students engaged in biblical research. It is meant to serve as a guide to help you make the most of the many resources available here at the Bishop Payne Library.

**LIBRARY CATALOG**

The library’s online catalog is the logical place to begin your research. You can search the catalog by author, title, Library of Congress subject heading (LCSH), or keyword. Some representative searches include:

Library of Congress Subject Headings to search under in the library’s catalog

- Bible—N. T. [Book]--Commentaries
- Bible—O. T. [Book]—Commentaries
- Bible---N. T. [Book]--Criticism, interpretation, etc.
- Bible---O. T. [Book]--Criticism, interpretation, etc.

**EXEGETICAL WRITING AIDS**

**BS475 .S929 2001**

A step-by-step guide to exegesis written in nontechnical language for students and pastors.

**Ref. BS511.3 .S722 2001**

Written as a dictionary and a guide for beginning to intermediate students of Biblical criticism.

**Ref. PN147 .S276 1999**

Includes aids to manuscript writing such as general writing style, bibliographic citations, and abbreviations, with appendices and index.

**CONCORDANCES**

**Ref. BS425 .N961 1991**
Indexes every word in the New Revised Standard Version, including apocryphal / deuterocanonical books and footnotes. Includes topical index correlated to the KJV and a section of summary study helps.

**Ref. BS425 .S8 2001**
Provides every word from the King James Version of the Bible along with Strong’s Hebrew and Greek numbers placed next to each Scripture verse for easy reference. Includes expanded Hebrew and Greek dictionaries, and frequency counts for all Hebrew/Aramaic and Greek words as well as English words.

Ref. BS425 .Y75 1955

Indexes the words of the English Bible by reference to the original words in Hebrew and Greek with varied shades of meaning included. Includes each variation of proper nouns that can be found spelled in various ways.

Ref. BS1121 .E94 1990
Written in Hebrew, this work includes alphabetically all words of the Bible, Hebrew and Aramaic.

LEXICONS

Ref. PA881.B344 2000
Includes a set of abbreviations from various sources followed by the lexicon based on the *Nestle-Aland Novum Testamentum Graece 1993*.

Ref. PJ4833.G4 1980
Arranged under verbal roots. Has index to all editions of Brown-Driver-Briggs Lexicons plus key to Strong’s *Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*.

English version of the classic dictionary for the Old Testament and related literature in classical Hebrew and Aramaic in five volumes.

INTERLINEAR BIBLES

Ref. BS3.5 1986

Ref. BS715 1976
Ref. BS715 1979  

Ref. BS895 .J6 1999  

Includes the Torah (five books of Moses), Nevi’im (Prophets), and Kethuvim (writings). Provides traditional Hebrew text and JPS English traditions together on the same page, with footnotes provided.

Ref. BS1965 1990  

Ref. BS1965.5 2000  

Verses are listed in English with three lines underneath. The first line is the Greek word that appears immediately beneath the word it translates. The parsing is on the second line and is followed by the G/K number (Goodrich and Kohlenberger).

BIBLE DICTIONARIES (SINGLE VOLUME)

Ref. BS440.E264 2000  
Alphabetical listing of all persons and places listed in the Bible, as well as cultural, natural, geographical and literary phenomena. Many entries include a short bibliography for further study. Maps and tables of abbreviations are included.

Ref. BS440.H295 1996  
Divided into three sections: 1) introduction to whole subject of biblical theology, 2) theology of commonly accepted books in canon, and 3) articles on biblical themes. Each article is signed and includes a bibliography. Dictionary includes abbreviations, list of contributors, and index.

Ref. BS 440 .M596 1993  
Provides over 700 entries in alphabetical sequence with each one signed by the contributor. Includes a topical index and a section of maps with map index. 2002

Ref. BS2312.E96  
English dictionary of NT Greek, with guide to usage in different NT literary & theological contexts. Source of bibliographical data for NT exegesis and theology.

Bible Dictionaries (Multi-volume)
Ref. BS440.A539 1992 (also available on CD-ROM)

Up-to-date and comprehensive treatment of biblical subjects and topics. Signed articles with bibliographies.

Ref. BS440.B751
Lengthy, technical articles on Hebrew words, tracing their etymology, defining them, putting them in historical context, and discussing their theological importance.

Ref. BS440.I61
Encyclopedia-type essays with bibliographies.

Ref. BS440.N532 1997

Ref. BS440.T391
A two volume wordbook (TWOT) geared towards those who only have a rudimentary knowledge of Hebrew. Index at end links words in set to the numbering system used in Strong’s *Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*.

Ref. PA881.K51
Defines the meanings of Greek terms used in the New Testament. Gives history, variant meanings of biblical usage, and original context of words, plus bibliographies. Known as "Kittel".

Bible Commentaries (Single-volume)

Ref. BS491.2.H295 2000
Includes an introduction to the Bible in historical and literary contexts followed by commentaries on each individual book of the Bible, including the Apocrypha. Includes list of abbreviations and timelines.

Ref. BS491.2.N532 1990
Commentary on the whole Bible written by Roman Catholic scholars. Includes list of abbreviations, suggested bibliography and index.
BIBLE COMMENTARIES (MULTI-VOLUME)

Ref. BS192.2.A1 G3 1964 (Additional set in Open Stacks)
Modern translation with commentary in each volume. An interfaith project, with Jewish, Protestant and Roman Catholic scholars.

Ref. BS1515.3 .B197 2001- Ref. BS2805.3 .S914 1996 (Additional set in Open Stacks)
_Hermeneia--a critical and historical commentary on the Bible._ Fortress Press, 1971-
Each volume is written by a prominent Biblical scholar. English text with comparative materials in Greek, Latin, Canaanite and Akkadian. Includes bibliographical references and indexes.

Ref.BS491.2.N533 (Additional set in Open Stacks) Also available on CD-ROM
Set has full texts and critical notes of the NIV and NRSV in parallel columns. Coverage of each book includes an introduction, outline and overview, with commentary and reflections on each passage. Also includes comprehensive general articles.

Ref. BS491.2.W924 (Additional set in Open Stacks) Also available on CD-ROM
Multi-volume scholarly commentary written from an Evangelical perspective.

Ref. BS1235.3.B889 – Ref. BS2825.3.B734 (Additional set in Open Stacks)
_Interpretation, a Bible commentary for teaching and preaching._ John Knox Press, 1988 – (in process)
A series of commentaries that presents the integrated result of historical and theological work with Biblical text. Each volume deals with whole passages of Scripture, not verse by verse.

BS1225.3 .J59 v. 1-5
_The JPS Torah commentary: The traditional Hebrew text with the new JPS translation._ Jewish Publication Society, 1996.
Comprehensive series on the Torah with Hebrew text, English translation and commentary. Includes maps, list of abbreviations, glossary, and bibliographical references.

A 28-volume patristic commentary on Scripture using sources from the end of the New Testament to the Venerable Bede (mid-eighth century). Includes biographical sketches, bibliography, chronology, and indexes by author, subject and Scripture.

English Translations of Ancient Documents

Ref. BS742 .B74 1980
The text of the Septuagint alongside the English translation.

Ref. BS895 .A138 1999
An English translation of the Dead Sea Scrolls that presents the remains of the books for which there is evidence that Jews of the time would have viewed as Scripture.

**BIBLE ATLASES**

**Ref. DS111 .A2 N488 1993 v, 1-4**
Extensive alphabetical entries for various excavation sites in the Holy Land. Volume includes chronological tables, glossary, indexes to persons, places, and Biblical references.

This atlas starts with several introductory maps followed by maps of Biblical historical sites in chronological order, as established by archaeological evidence. Includes key to maps according to books of the Bible, chronological table and index of geographical names.

**Ref. G2230 .H293**
Shows features of Holy Land and locates ancient places in light of recent explorations and discoveries. Arranged chronologically; many illustrations.

**SELECTED PERIODICALS ON BIBLICAL STUDIES**

The following periodical titles are available in the Bishop Payne Library. Articles can be located by using the ATLA Religion Index, either the Windows version or through FirstSearch, or by using the ProQuest database. You are encouraged to ask a librarian for log-in instructions and assistance in searching these computer indexes, if necessary.

- Australian Biblical Review
- Biblical Interpretation
- Biblical Research
- Biblical Theology Bulletin
- Catholic Biblical Quarterly
- Currents in Research: Biblical Studies
- Interpretation
- Journal for the Study of the New Testament
- Journal for the Study of the Old Testament
- Journal of Biblical Literature
- New Testament Abstracts
- New Testament Studies
- Old Testament Abstracts (also available on CD-ROM)
- Old Testament Essays
- Semeia
WEB SITES

Old Testament Class WebSpace. www.vts.edu/classes/ot/
Includes guides to student exegesis.

American Bible Society. www.americanbible.org
This Web site includes a Concise History of the English Bible and information about the First Bibles in America, which include detailed information about and images of specific printings and editions. The site also features an exhibit dealing with "the history of African American achievements spreading God's Word," a Bible Learning Center, and a Search the Bible feature - by book, chapter, verse and keyword.

"The Bible Gateway is a tool for reading scripture online. Additionally, it provides advanced searching capabilities, allowing readers to find particular passages in scripture, based on keywords." The site is available in 12 languages (English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Dutch, Latin, Norwegian, Swedish, Tagalog, and Arabic). The English language site allows for search and comparison of 10 different versions and translations of the Bible.

Jim Ross’s Bible Page. www.vts.edu/jross
A comprehensive list of Bible resources available on the Internet.

Yale Bible Reference Tools. www.library.yale.edu/div/tutframe.htm
Instruction in the use of Bible reference tools including concordances, lexicons, and other materials.

CD-ROM

CDTOWER BS191.5 .A1 1996 N49
Biblical Reference Library
Combines the resources of the New Oxford Annotated Bible, Oxford Companion to the Bible, and New Oxford Bible Maps. Provides the opportunity to cross-references all Bible citations or any word in the text.

CDROM BS440 A538 1997 c.2
The Anchor Bible Dictionary on CD-ROM

CDTOWER BS491.2 .N5331 1996
New Interpreter's Bible. Installed on Library’s PC’s.

CDTOWER BS491.2 .W924 1999
Word Biblical Commentary: 54 Volumes on CD-ROM

CDROM BS600.2 .B583 1996
BibleWorks. Installed on PC’s in the Computer Lab.

CDROM BS600.2 .L832 1996
LOGOS Bible Software 2.0
Provides access to reference materials from hundreds of Biblical texts, lexicons, Bible dictionaries, commentaries, and more. Installed on Computer Lab PC’s.
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