



Bible Reference

Find these tools in the BUL reference collection, on the first floor of the library.

1. Concordances: Alphabetical indexes to the words in the Bible, listing each occurrence. Be sure to use the one designed for your translation.

<i>Analytical Concordance to the New Revised Standard Version of the New Testament</i>	Ref. 220.2 M978
<i>NIV Exhaustive Concordance</i>	Ref. 220.24 N734e
<i>New American Standard Concordance</i>	Ref. 220.23 N532a
<i>On the web—Bible Crosswalk</i>	http://bible.crosswalk.com

2. Dictionaries & Encyclopedias: Use these to find explanations of key words and ideas associated with the Bible, church or theology.

<i>Anchor Bible Dictionary</i>	Ref. 220.3 A5339b
<i>Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible</i>	Ref. 220.3 E66b
<i>Dictionary of Biblical Imagery</i>	Ref. 220.321 D554b
<i>Dictionary of Proper Names</i>	Ref. 220.321 O23d
<i>Encyclopedia of Christianity</i>	Ref. 203 F157e
<i>HarperCollins Bible Dictionary</i>	Ref. 220.3 H295b
<i>International Standard Bible Encyclopedia</i>	Ref. 220.3 I61
<i>Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church</i>	Ref. 203 O98

3. Commentaries: These provide interpretation and explication of the Bible. In a series, as many of these are, look for the book of the Bible you need.

<i>International Critical Commentary</i>	Find all of these at this call number range:
<i>New American Commentary</i>	Ref. 220.65-7
<i>New Bible Commentary</i>	
<i>New International Commentary on the Old Testament</i>	Find many others upstairs available for check out: Search CLICnet.
<i>Word Biblical Commentary</i>	
<i>Zondervan NIV Bible Commentary</i>	See Exegetical Research Guide

4. Miscellaneous Books

<i>Atlas of the Bible</i>	Ref. 220.91 R286
<i>Handbook of Biblical Criticism</i>	Ref. 220.6 S722h
<i>Zondervan Handbook to the Bible</i>	Ref. 220.702 Z872
<i>Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary</i>	Ref. 225.6 Z872

Library Catalog

CLICnet (books, videos, music, etc.)

Access to the contents of 15 libraries of 9 local colleges/universities. Find specialized reference titles or books on specific topics.

Tips & Tricks

- Separate search terms with **AND** or **OR**—unless you want to search a phrase. e.g.: (*dictionary or encyclopedia*) and (*bible*); *psalms* and (*critic** or *commentar** or *interpret**)
- **Truncation** symbol is *--so **religio*** finds: religion, religious, religiosity, etc.
- **Subject headings** are hotlinked—click one to find other books with same subject
- If necessary, search **ALL Minnesota CLIC libraries**
- Get a book from another CLIC library by clicking on the orange **Request** button.
Fill in your name and barcode (found on lower left corner of your Bethel ID).
- Click on **More CLICnet Search Options** to find title, author, subject, etc.
- Find link to **CLICnet Account Info**, (renew, etc.) at bottom of blue CLIC search screen

Databases

These tools (also known as Indexes) are directories to available literature—articles, especially, but also often books, papers and dissertations. While many of these are multidisciplinary, many others are focused on a particular subject.

To find these databases on the library homepage, mouse over **Find Articles, News, Documents**.

To determine which journals/periodicals are immediately available in the library or full text online: Search *Locate BUL Journal & Periodical Titles* on the library homepage.

To check availability for a book, search **CLICnet**, the book catalog.

Proquest Religion

Indexes both popular and scholarly religious studies journals. All full text.

Tips & Tricks

- Separate two search terms with **AND** or **OR**—unless you want to search a phrase. e.g.: *beatitudes* and (*criticism OR interpret**)
- To search a phrase longer than two words, use quotation marks: "*sermon on the mount*"
- **Truncation** symbol is *--So *interpret** finds: interpretation, interpreted, interprets, etc.
- Click on the article title to see the full citation
- **Subject headings** are hotlinked—click one to find other books with same subject
- Click on the full text link to see the text
- **Limit to scholarly articles** by clicking that option under the search window
- **Print** or **email** by clicking those buttons at the bottom of the article

Religion ATLAS

Indexes the scholarly literature of religious studies. Includes articles, books and dissertations. Some full text links.

Tips & Tricks

- **Truncation** is the familiar *
- **Keyword** is the default search. You may choose something else instead.
- **Exact phrase** searching is the default
- **Advanced Search** lets you search multiple fields simultaneously
- **Limit to English** recommended (contains a lot of foreign language material)
- **Change display** from **Short format** to **Full format** to see a more useful record with subject headings (aka **descriptors**)
- **Subject headings** (aka **descriptors**) in the full format display are "clickable"
- **Mark** and **Save/Print/Email** records by selecting each record you want, then clicking the **Save, Print, Email** link
- **Combine searches** by clicking the **Search Tools** tab and then the **History** tab. There you may select the searches you wish to combine.
- **Scripture Citation Index**—Click on the **Search Tools** tab and then the **Indexes** tab. Choose this index. Type in the book of the Bible you need. Choose the passages you want. Click on **Go**.

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