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RESEARCH RESOURCES
(Old Testament/Hebrew Bible)

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DIGITAL BIBLES

A reliable Bible Software package is a must for clergy/scholars. It also has the added advantage of being entirely portable. I recommend the following companies as they have fantastic products. (Student discounts are offered on many of these products, so if you are a student, always check to see if you qualify.)

- [ACCORDANCE](#) - Bible Software (Mac/Win) - the focus is on Textual Studies.
- [BIBLEWORKS](#) - Bible Software (Win) - the focus is on Textual Studies.
- [LOGOS](#) - Bible Software (Mac/Win) - has over 40,000 Bible study resources that you can select in order to build your own electronic library - but this can be expensive.

These software packages will enable you to do most of the groundwork for your paper (English Bibles, Apocrypha/Pseudepigrapha, MT/LXX/Targ, interlinear Bibles, parallel Bibles) and textual analysis (concordance and lexicons) on your computer. However, you will probably need to visit the library to find dictionaries, atlases, wordbooks, and papers that other scholars have written (commentaries/books/articles) on the selected text for your exegesis paper.

Don't be afraid of the Library, it is THE PLACE to find the resources you need. If you have any problems locating items, talk to one of the Librarians - they are great at locating those hard to find items.

BIBLES - ENGLISH LANGUAGE VERSIONS

If you are looking for English Language versions of the Bible, they can always be found between call numbers BS135 and BS198.

- *The Chumash: The Torah, Haftoros and Five Megillos with a Commentary Anthologized with the Rabbinic Writings.* Brooklyn, NY: Mesorah Publications, 1998. (BS1223 1998)
- *HarperCollins Study Bible: New Revised Standard Version, including the Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical Books.* San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1993. (Sem. Ref. BS191.5.A1 1993 .C35)
- *The Nelson Study Bible: New King James Version.* Nashville: Nelson, 1997.
- *New Oxford Annotated Bible with the Apocrypha: Revised Standard Version.* New York: Oxford University Press, 1973. (Sem. Ref. BS191.A1 1973 .N43)
- *NIV Study Bible, New International Version.* Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1985. (Sem Ref. Bs195 .N37 1985)

- *Westminster Study Edition of the Holy Bible, Containing the Old and New Testaments in the Authorized (King James) Version*. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1948. (Sem. Ref. S185 1948 .P5)
 - *Zondervan NASB Study Bible*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishers, 1999.
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INTERLINEAR BIBLES

If you are still learning Hebrew, an Interlinear Bible will help you enormously. The English word is right underneath it's Hebrew counterpart.

- Green, Jay P., ed. *The interlinear Bible, Hebrew-Greek-English*. 4 vols. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1976-1979. (Sem. Ref. BS715 .G74 1976)
 - Kohlenberger, John R., ed. *The Interlinear NIV Hebrew-English Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Regency Reference Library, 1987. (Sem. Ref. BS715 1987b)
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PARALLEL BIBLES

As the name suggests, Parallel Bibles have English and Hebrew verses side by side.

- *Complete Parallel Bible: Containing the Old and New Testaments with the Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical books: New Revised Standard Version, Revised English Bible*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1993.
 - *New American Bible, New Jerusalem Bible*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1993. (Sem. Ref. BS125 .B5 1993)
 - *JPS Hebrew-English Tanakh: The Traditional Hebrew Text and the New JPS Translation*. 2nd ed. Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society of America, 1999. (Sem. Ref. BS895 .J4 1999)
 - *Layman's Parallel Bible: King James Version, New International Version, Living Bible, New Revised Standard Version*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1987. (Sem. Ref. BS125 .B5 1987)
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HEBREW TEXTS

The Leningrad Codex (BHL) is the oldest complete manuscript of the Hebrew Bible. The critical apparatus of the Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia (BHS) shows textual variations.

- [Torah, Nevi'im u-Khetuvim] = Biblia Hebraica Leningradensia: Prepared according to the vocalization. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2001. (Sem. Ref. BS715.5 .L46 2001)
 - [Torah, Nevi'im u-Khetuvim] = Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1984. (Sem. Ref. BS715 1984)
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ARAMAIC AND GREEK TRANSLATIONS

If you have tried to translate a text from one language to another you would know that any translation will require interpretation. As such, the Greek (LXX) and Aramaic (Targum) translation of the Hebrew Scripture gives some insight into how a certain biblical passage was understood by the ancient translators (history of interpretation), and often they expand upon the Hebrew text (e.g. gap-filling). Please note, translations can be influenced by the translators' theology.

- Brenton, Lancelot C., ed. *The Septuagint with Apocrypha: Greek and English*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1986. (Sem. Ref. BS742.B74 1986)
 - Cathcart, Kevin, Michael Maher, and Martin McNamara, eds. *The Aramaic Bible*. Wilmington, DE: M. Glazier, 1986 - (Sem. Ref. BS895.A72 1986) For online version of the Targumim on Pentateuch, see: <http://targum.info/targumic-texts/>
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APOCRYPHA AND PSEUDEPIGRAPHA

The Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha are collections of books written during the second Temple Period (300 B.C.E. – 200 C.E.). They give some insight into early Biblical exegesis in which the authors tries to apply the biblical text to the challenges faced by their community of faith.

- Charles, R. H., ed. *The Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament in English*. 2 vols. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1913. (Sem. Ref. BS1692 1913)
- Charlesworth, James H., ed. *The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha*. 2 vols. Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1983-1985. (Sem. Ref. BS1830 .A3 1985)
- Delamarter, Steve. *A Scripture Index to Charlesworth's the Old Testament Pseudepigrapha*. New York: Sheffield Academic Press, 2002. (Res. BS1830 .A3 D44 2002)

- Feldman, Louis H., James L. Kugel, and Lawrence H. Schiffman, eds. *Outside the Bible: Ancient Jewish Writings Related to Scripture*. 3 Vols. Philadelphia, PN: The Jewish Publication Society, 2013. (BM496.6 .O98 2013 v.1-3)
 - Kee, Howard Clark, ed. *The Cambridge Annotated Study Apocrypha: New Revised Standard Version*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994. (BS1700 .K44 1994)
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ANCIENT NEAR EASTERN TEXTS

These texts may be useful as they shed light on the culture and mindset of the contemporaries of the Bible. When considering these parallel accounts of the Bible, do not only look for similarities, but also differences between the accounts. If you see a difference, ask yourself why the difference? Especially if they are also a number of similarities contained in the same text.

- Hallo, William W., and K. Lawson Younger, Jr., eds. *The Context of Scripture*. 3 vols. Leiden: Brill, 1997. (Res. BS1180 .C66 1997)
 - Pritchard, James B. *Ancient Near Eastern Texts Relating to the Old Testament*. 3rd ed. with supplement. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1969. (Sem. Ref. BS1180 .P824 1969)
 - Sparks, Kenton L. *Ancient Texts for the Study of the Hebrew Bible: A Guide to the Background Literature*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2005. (Res. BS1184 .S63 2005)
 - Younger, K. Lawson, Jr., ed. *The Context of Scripture, Volume 4 Supplements*. Leiden: Brill, 2016.
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DICTIONARIES

When your professor talks about dictionaries, these are the type he/she is referring to (not Websters). These give you a brief presentation on specific topics (dating, authorship, theology, exegetical disputes, etc.) relevant to your Exegesis paper.

- Alexander, T. Desmond, and David W. Baker, eds. *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch*. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Versity Press, 2003. (Sem. Ref. BS1225.52 .D53 2003)
- Arnold, Bill T., and H. G. M. Williamson, eds. *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books*. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Versity Press, 2005. (Sem. Ref. BS1205.55 .D53 2005)
- Boda, Mark J., and J. Gordon McConville, eds. *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Prophets*. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Versity Press, 2012. (Sem. Ref. Ordered)

- Collins, John J., and Daniel C. Harlow, eds. *Eerdmans Dictionary of Early Judaism*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010. (Sem. Ref. BM176 .E34 2010)
 - Evans, Craig A., and Stanley E. Porter, eds. *Dictionary of New Testament Background*. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Versity Press, 2000. (Sem. Ref. BS2312 .D53 2000)
 - Freedman, David Noel, ed. *Anchor Bible Dictionary*. 6 vols. New York: Doubleday, 1992. (Sem. Ref. BS440 .A54 1992)
 - Freedman, David Noel, ed. *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000. (Sem. Ref. BS440 .E44 2000)
 - Hayes, John H., ed. *Dictionary of Biblical Interpretation*. 2 vols. Nashville: Abingdon, 1999. (Sem. Ref. BS500 .D5 1999)
 - Longman, Tremper, III, and Peter Enns, eds. *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Wisdom, Poetry, and Writings*. Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Versity Press, 2008. (Sem. Ref. BS440 .D53 2008)
 - Powell, Mark Allan, ed. *HarperCollins Bible Dictionary*. 3rd Rev. and upd. ed. San Francisco: HarperOne, 2011.
 - Ryken, Leland, James C. Wilhoit, and Tremper Longman III, eds. *Dictionary of Biblical Imagery*. Downer Grove, IL: Inter-Versity, 1998. (Sem. Ref. BS537 .D48 1998)
 - Sakenfeld, Katharine Doob, ed. *New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*. 5 vols. Nashville: Abingdon, 2009. (Sem. Ref. BS440 .N445 2006)
 - Van Der Toorn, Karel, Bob Becking, and Pieter W. Van Der Horst, eds. *Dictionary of Deities and Demons in the Bible*. 2nd ed. Leiden: Brill; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999. (Sem. Ref. BS680.G57 D53 1999)
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ATLASES

These resources are intended to give you a sense of the geography of the places mentioned in the text. Geographical data may give valuable insight into understanding and interpreting the text.

- Aharoni, Yohanan, and Michael Avi-Yonah. *The Macmillan Bible Atlas*. 3rd ed. Jerusalem: Carta, 1993. (Sem. Ref. G2230 .A2 1993)
- Dowley, Tim. *Atlas of the Bible and Christianity*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1997. (Sem. Ref. G2230 .D68 1997)
- Curtis, Adrian. *Oxford Bible Atlas*. 4th ed. NY: Oxford University Press, 2009. (Sem. Ref. BS630 .O96 2009)

- Pritchard, James B. *The Harper Atlas of the Bible*. New York: Harper and Row, 1987. (Sem. Ref. G2230 .H47 1987)
 - Rainey, Anson F., and R. Steven Notley. *The Sacred Bridge: Carta's Atlas of the Biblical World*. Jerusalem: Carta, 2006. (Sem. Ref. BS630 .R356 2006)
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CONCORDANCES

If you want to track a specific topic or word throughout the Bible, a concordance allows you to identify the book, chapter, and verse in which a word appears. Keep in mind, there are concordances which match different versions of the Bible.

- Goodrick, Edward W., and John R. Kohlenberger. *The NIV Exhaustive Concordance*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1990. (Sem. Ref. BS425 .G62 1990)
 - Hatch, Edwin, and Henry A. Redpath. *A Concordance to the Septuagint*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1998. (Sem. Ref. BS1122 .H3 1998)
 - Kohlenberger, John R. *The Hebrew English Concordance to the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1998. (Sem. Ref. BS1121 .K65 1998)
 - Metzger, Bruce M. *NRSV Exhaustive Concordance*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1991. (Sem. Ref. BS425 .N453 1991)
 - Strong, James. *The Strongest Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2001. (Sem. Ref. BS425 .S8 2001b)
 - Whitaker, Richard E. *The Eerdmans Analytic Concordance to the Revised Standard Version of the Bible*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1988. (Sem. Ref. BS425 .W48 1988)
 - Wigram, George V. *The New Englishman's Hebrew Concordance: Coded to Strong's Concordance Numbering System*. Peabody, Mass.: Hendrikson, 1984. (Sem. Ref. BS1125 .W5 1984)
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LEXICONS AND WORDBOOKS

If you are looking for the meaning of specific words in their original language, lexicons and wordbooks will provide you with that information along with any useful grammatical information. In general, lexicons tend to be just one volume and wordbooks can be multi-volume publications.

Lexicons

- Brown, Francis. *The Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon*. Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson, 1980. (Sem. Ref. PJ4833 .B66 1980)
- Holladay, William. A *Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1971. (Sem. Ref. PJ4833 .H6)

Wordbooks

- Botterweck, G. Johannes, ed. *Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament*. 15 vols. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1974. (Sem. Ref. BS440 .B57 1974)
 - Jenni, Ernst, ed. *Theological Lexicon of the Old Testament*. 3 vols. Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson, 1997. (Sem. Ref. BS440 .T48 1997)
 - Harris, R. Laird, ed. *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament*. 2 vols. Chicago: Moody, c1981. (Sem. Ref. BS440 .T49)
 - VanGemeren, Willem A., ed. *New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology & Exegesis*. 5 vols. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1997. (Sem. Ref. BS440 .N438 1997)
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ONLINE CATALOGUE

Use the Library of Congress subject headings format in order to locate publications referring to the Biblical passage you are using. Use the "WOW! Keyword" basic search in the online catalog - use the format listed in the following examples:

bible o.t. moses

bible o.t. psalms

If you are not an Andrews University student, go to the homepage of your Library website. You should be able to do a library catalog search from there to determine if a book is held by your library. If not, see the Librarian at your University/College.

To find a particular work in a commentary series, do a keyword search using the biblical book and series title you are seeking:

leviticus and anchor

COMMENTARIES

There are a large number of commentaries on individual books of the Bible. Some are stand alone publications while others are a part of a multi-volume series. Keep in mind that some multi-volume series sit together on the shelf while others may be classified separately by the biblical book. Talk to the Librarian if you have any difficulties finding a commentary on a particular Biblical book.

- Anchor Bible (Sem. Ref. BS192.2.A1 1964 .G3)
- Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture/Old Testament (Sem. Ref. BS1151.52 A535)
- Commentary on the New Testament Use of the Old Testament (Sem. Ref. BS511.3 .C653 2007)
- Expositor's Bible Commentary (Sem. Ref. BS491.2 .E96)
- Hermeneia (Sem. Ref. BS491.2 .H47)
- International Critical Commentary (Sem. Ref. BS491 .I5)
- Interpretation (Sem. Ref. BS491.2 .I68)
- JPS Torah Commentary (Sem. Ref. BS1225.3 .J78 1989)
- New International Commentary on the Old Testament (Sem. Ref. BS1151.2 .N48)
- Old Testament Library (Sem. Ref. BS1151.2 .O42)
- Sacra Pagina (Sem. Ref. BS2341.2 S237 1991)
- Word Biblical Commentary (Sem. Ref. BS491.2 W67 1982)
- Zondervan Illustrated Bible Background Commentary (Sem. Ref. BS1151.52 .Z66 2009)

The following two books provide an evaluation of all the Old Testament commentaries and gives an overview regarding the authors approach. It also rates commentaries according to target group and usefulness.

- Glynn, John. *Commentary and Reference Survey: A Comprehensive Guide to Biblical and Theological Resources*. 10th ed. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2007. (BS511.3 .G59 2007)
- Longman III, Tremper. *Old Testament Commentary Survey*. 5th ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2013. (BS1151.52 .L64 2013)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Journal articles on your topic or scripture passage are found by using online library indexes or databases. If you cannot find a full-text version on the database, check with the Librarian to see if the library has a subscription to the journal.

- *ATLA Religion Database*. An electronic database indexing journal articles and essays from multi-author works; it also includes full-text articles. This is the primary database to use. (Andrews University students will be required to login - use your email username and password. Students from other institutions should see their University/College Librarian to determine if your school subscribes to these databases). TIP: the best way to search for biblical passages in the ATLA Religion Database is to browse and choose entries from the Scripture Reference index using the SCRIPTURES button found in the middle of the upper green banner.
 - *Old Testament Abstracts*. 1978 - present. (Sem. Ref. BS410 .O42). A CD-ROM version covers 1978 to date and is found at the Information Desk on the main floor of the James White Library. If you are not an Andrews University student, see the Librarian at your University/College to determine if this resource is held by your library. All abstracts are in English regardless of the language of the original work. Sources are predominantly journal articles but also include books, essays, and software.
 - *RAMBI: Index of Articles on Jewish Subjects*. 1966 – present.
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DISSERTATIONS AND THESES

Dissertations and theses on your topic or scripture passage can be accessed by Andrews University students by using the Dissertations & Theses and Dissertations links on the James White Library webpage. (Andrews University students will be required to login - use your email username and password. Students from other institutions should see their University/College Librarian to determine if your school subscribes to these databases).
