

Reference Links for Bible Studies, Theology, Christian and Jewish History

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This is a list of links that I use in my Bible studies.

Bible Study Tools

Bible Study Tools <https://www.biblestudytools.com> is a remarkable set of reference tools. The following are but a few.

Register for a logon to the Bible Study Tools site. The logon is free, and it enables the linking the text of the King James Version to the Strong's concordances for Hebrew and Greek.

Bible Versions and Translations <https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-versions/>

Many other translations are available via pull-down menus on each page of each version.

Parallel Bible <https://www.biblestudytools.com/parallel-bible/>

The online Parallel Study Bible allows users to study verses using more than one translation and version. This study tool can help people see how different translators have interpreted the original language.

Compare Bible Verses in All Translations <https://www.biblestudytools.com/compare-translations/>

The Compare Bible Verses by Translation pages to allow users to study Bible verses using more than one translation and version. This study tool can help people see how different translations and versions have interpreted the original Greek and Hebrew languages

Audio Bible <https://www.biblestudytools.com/audio-bible/>

Audio Bibles allow you to listen to the word of God on your favorite format such as MP3, DVD, CD, or Cassette. You can download your favorite audio Bible to your iPod, iPhone, or other portable media player and you can enjoy listening to Bible verses from your favorite Bible version.

Commentaries <https://www.biblestudytools.com/commentaries/>

These are written by well-known and popular theologians.

Concordances <https://www.biblestudytools.com/concordances/>

These include Strong's Exhaustive Concordance with Greek and Hebrew dictionaries, Naves Topical Bible, and Torrey's Topical Bible.

Dictionaries <https://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionaries/>

Treasury Of Scripture Knowledge <https://www.biblestudytools.com/concordances/treasury-of-scripture-knowledge/>

This highly respected and nearly exhaustive compilation of cross-references was developed by R.A. Torrey from references in the Rev. Thomas Scott's Commentary and the Comprehensive Bible. With nearly 500,000 cross-references it is the most thorough source available.

Apocrypha <https://www.biblestudytools.com/apocrypha/>

New Testament Greek Lexicons <https://www.biblestudytools.com/lexicons/greek/>

Old Testament Hebrew Lexicons <https://www.biblestudytools.com/lexicons/hebrew/>

Daily Devotionals <https://www.biblestudytools.com/devotionals/>

Sermons <https://www.biblestudytools.com/sermons/>

Other Cross-Reference Sources

Bible Hub - <https://biblehub.com/crossref/>

Open Bible - <https://www.openbible.info/labs/cross-references/>

Urantia Book Fellowship - http://www.urantiabook.org/urantiabook/bible_text/

Cross Reference Bible - <http://www.biblereferenceguide.com/index.html>

This has embedded links to definitions.

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Various Confessional Sources

Works of John Calvin

These include the following.

The Institutes of the Christian Religion <http://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/calvin/inst/index.htm>

On the Christian Life <http://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/calvin/life/index.htm>

Of Prayer <http://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/calvin/pray/index.htm>

Biblical Commentaries - These are link-listed at <http://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/calvin/>

The Book of Concord

This site - <http://bookofconcord.org> - includes *The Book of Concord*, and has links to the following other sources:

1517 Luther's 95 Theses

1518 Heidelberg Disputation

1520 Condemnation of Luther

1521 Excommunication of Luther

1529 Admonition to Confession

1530 Johann Eck's 404 Theses

1530 Luther's Exhortation

1530 Roman Confutation

1549 Consensus Tigurinus

1580 German BoC

Translation of German BoC

1592 Saxon Visitation Articles

The Proper Distinction between Law and Gospel

The Proper Distinction between Law and Gospel

<http://www.angelfire.com/ny4/djw/WaltherLawAndGospel.pdf>, C. F. W. Walther, Concordia Publishing House, 1929

The Holy See

The Holy See at <http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html> has the following:

Apostolic Constitutions

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_constitutions.index.html

Apostolic Exhortations

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations.index.html

I find the Apostolic Exhortations to be useful, particularly the "Rejoice and Be Glad"

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exultate.html letter that addresses the Sermon on the Mount in sound scriptural terms.

Apostolic Letters http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters.index.html

Audiences <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2019.index.html#audiences>

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These often contain useful Scripture-based thoughts.

Encyclicals <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals.index.html>

Homilies <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2019.index.html#homilies>

Letters <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2019.index.html>

Messages <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2019.index.html>

Prayers <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/prayers.index.html>

This resource is very denominationally centred.

Speeches <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2019/february.index.html>

Travels <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/travels/2019/outside.index.html>

Papal Encyclicals Online

This is not a Vatican site. It is maintained by a layman. Approximately 95% of the documents on the site were originally found on the Catholic Resource Network (CRNET) which later became EWTN Online Services aka EWTN.com. Trinity Communications was the owner of CRNET and has Petersnet (which is now called 'Catholic Culture').

The following encyclicals may be found ther:

Encyclicals of the Past <http://www.papalencyclicals.net>

Church Councils <http://www.papalencyclicals.net/councils>

This contains a linked list to the documents of Church Councils from The First General Council of Nicaea, 325 AD to Vatican II, 1962-1965 AD.

Pope Directory <http://www.papalencyclicals.net/popelist>

These index pages include a listing of each Pope's Encyclicals, Apostolic Letters, and other documents. An English translation of the Latin titles is also provided. It also contains a chronological list of all the popes with links to the New Advent Catholic Encyclopedia article for each up to Pope Pius X.

Early Christian Writings

These include the following:

Church Fathers <http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/churchfathers.html>

Apocrypha <http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/apocrypha.html>

Early Christian Writings: the New Testament, Apocrypha, etc.

<http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/alphabetical.html>

Gnostics, Gnostic Gospels, & Gnosticism

<http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/gnostics.html>

Online Books by Various Writers <http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/onlinebooks.html>

Other Christian Text Sources <http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/other.html>

New Advent

This site <http://www.newadvent.org> includes the following:

The Catholic Encyclopedia <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/>

The Catholic Encyclopedia, as its name implies, proposes to give its readers full and authoritative information on the entire cycle of Catholic interests, action and doctrine. What the Church teaches and has taught; what she has done and is still doing; her methods, past and present; her struggles, her triumphs, and the achievements of her members for the broadening and deepening of all true science, literature and art.

This site include links to The 21 Ecumenical Councils http://www.newadvent.org/library/almanac_14388a.htm

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The Fathers of the Church <http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/index.html>

The writings of the ante-Nicene and post-Nicene Fathers, and their biographies, are linked from this page.

The links include: *The City of God* <http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/1201.htm> and *The*

Confessions <http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/1101.htm> by Augustine of Hippo;

The *Summa Theologiae* by Thomas Aquinas <http://www.newadvent.org/summa/index.html>

Encyclopedias

Ancient History Encyclopedia

This site at <https://www.ancient.eu> is a non-profit company publishing the world's most-read history encyclopedia.

Theopedia

This site at <https://www.theopedia.com> is an encyclopedia of Biblical Christianity.

Christian Cyclopedia

This site at <http://cyclopedia.lcms.org>:

This site is published by Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO USA. It serves as a one-volume compendium of historical and theological data, ranging from ancient figures to contemporary events. It is mostly Lutheran.

Jerusalem Perspective

Jerusalem Perspective at <https://www.jerusalemerspective.com/welcome-to-our-site/> has many articles by Jewish and Christian scholars.

Jerusalem Perspective is an online journal dedicated to the study of the life and teachings of Jesus. They believe that it is essential to approach Jesus' life and teachings from an historical perspective that is sensitive to the cultural setting of the Jewish people in the land of Israel in the first century. Full access to the site is by paid subscription.

It is affiliated with The Jerusalem School of Synoptic Research, a consortium of Jewish and Christian scholars that study the Synoptic Gospels in light of the historic, linguistic and cultural milieu of Jesus. The beginnings of the collegial relationships that formed the Jerusalem School of Synoptic Research can be traced back to a Jewish scholar and a Christian scholar, respectively David Flusser and Robert L. Lindsey in the 1960s. For the past 50 years, 'Christian scholars fluent in Hebrew and living in the land of Israel have collaborated with Jewish scholars to examine Jesus' sayings from a Judaic and Hebraic perspective.

Jewish Sources

Early Jewish Writings

These <http://www.earlyjewishwritings.com> include the following:

Tanakh, Deuterocanon, Pseudepigrapha (some not Jewish), Dead Sea Scrolls, Philo of Alexandria, Flavius Josephus, Talmud

My Jewish Learning

My Jewish Learning at <https://www.myjewishlearning.com> (free access) offers thousands of articles, videos and other resources to help you navigate all aspects of Judaism and Jewish life — from food to history to beliefs and practices.

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Judaism 101

Judaism 101 at <http://www.jewfaq.org> (free access) is an online encyclopedia of Judaism, covering Jewish beliefs, people, places, things, language, scripture, holidays, practices and customs.

The Jewish Encyclopedia

The Jewish Encyclopedia at <http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com> (free access) contains the complete contents of the 12-volume Jewish Encyclopedia, which was originally published between 1901-1906. *The Jewish Encyclopedia*, which recently became part of the public domain, contains over 15,000 articles and illustrations.

Pirke Avot (Ethics of the Fathers)

Ethics of the Fathers is a tractate of the Mishna that details the Torah's views on ethics and interpersonal relationships. Enjoy insights, audio classes and stories on these fascinating topics. https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/2537390/jewish/Ethics-of-the-Fathers-Pirkei-Avot.htm

Other Sources

PsalmStudy™ - A Bible Study Web Site

PsalmStudy <http://psalmstudy.org> is published in Jesus' name to the greater glory of God. It is a noncommercial, Christian site, a public service, provided because of the publisher's interest in sharing what he is learning about the Scriptures as they point to their fulfillment in Jesus the Messiah. Nothing is sold there. The scope of the site is not comprehensive. PsalmStudy provides the Web a niche of information not generally found in the same form elsewhere and is intended to:

- Appeal to the general interests of a lot of people who know very little about Scripture.
- Appeal to the special interests of a few people who know a lot about Scripture.
- Provide a niche of topics that are not in the mainstream of Web sites about Scripture.
- Be a family site that is safe for both adults and children.

Academia.edu

Academia.edu <http://academia.edu/> is a paid subscription; a platform for academics to share research papers. Its mission is to accelerate the world's research. Academics use Academia.edu to share their research, monitor deep analytics around the impact of their research, and track the research of academics they follow. Over 73 million academics have signed up to Academia.edu, adding 22 million papers. Academia.edu attracts over 45 million unique visitors a month.

Questia

Questia <https://www.questia.com/> is a paid subscription; an online research and paper writing resource. It provides the resources needed to complete most college-level, core-curriculum course assignments. The Questia library contains books and journal articles on

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subjects such as history, philosophy, economics, political science, English and literature, anthropology, psychology, and sociology. It also includes magazine and newspaper articles.

Scribd

Scribd <https://www.scribd.com> is a paid subscription that brings together the best books, audiobooks, and journalism to help readers become their best selves.

Sage Publications

Sage Publications <https://us.sagepub.com/en-us/nam/journals> is a paid subscription to many authors on many subjects.

JSTOR

JSTOR at <http://www.jstor.org> is a paid subscription (JSTOR JPASS) to many authors on many subjects.

Bible History Daily

Bible History Daily at <http://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/> is a paid subscription to resources as follows:

The Biblical Archaeology Society (BAS) was founded in 1974 as a nonprofit, nondenominational, educational organization dedicated to the dissemination of information about archaeology in the Bible lands. BAS educates the public about archaeology and the Bible through its bi-monthly magazine, Biblical Archaeology Review, and tours and seminars. Readers expect the latest that scholarship has to offer in a fair and accessible manner.