

INFORMATION SOURCES

Evangel University Library Research Guide

EXEGESIS

The Evangel University Library Staff created this guide as an aid to researchers using the EU Library. The titles provide suggestions where researchers may begin searching for sources needed to write an EXEGESIS.

DEFINITION

An EXEGESIS is a critical explanation of a portion of Scripture. [Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary]

BIBLE DICTIONARIES AND ENCYCLOPEDIAS

When researchers begin an EXEGESIS they should start with a broad overview of the entire book containing the portion of Scripture. Most Bible dictionaries and encyclopedias will provide history, outlines, and information about books of the Bible.

International Standard Bible Encyclopedia (ISBE) Ref BS 440 .I6

Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary Ref BS 440 .Z6

Douglas. New Bible Dictionary Ref 440 .I44

Anchor Bible Dictionary Ref BS 440 .A54

Illustrated Bible Dictionary Ref 440 .I44

Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch Ref BS 1225.52 .D53

Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books Ref BS 1205.55 .D53

Dictionary of Biblical Imagery Ref BS 537 .D48

Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels Ref BS 2555.2 .D53

Dictionary of Paul and His Letters Ref BS 2650.2 .D53

Dictionary of the Later New Testament & Its Development Ref BS 2625.5 .D53

WORD STUDY BOOKS

Richards. Expository Dictionary of Bible Words Ref BS 440 .R525 It includes the words as used in both the Old and New Testaments.

Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament Ref BS 440 .T49 It defines Hebrew words in English and has an index in vol. 2 which connects Strong's numbers to its paragraph number.

Vine. Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words Ref BS 2312 .V56 It provides definitions subarranged by word use (noun, verb, etc.).

Vincent's Word Studies of the New Testament Ref BS 2385 .V5x It is arranged by books of the Bible and discusses words verse by verse.

Robertson. Word Pictures in the New Testament Ref BS 2341 .R6 It is arranged by books of the Bible and discusses words verse by verse.

Wuest. Word Studies in the Greek New Testament Ref BS 2385 .W8 The first two volumes are arranged by books of the Bible and discuss words verse by verse.
Clapp. Analytical Concordance of the Greek New Testament. Vol. 1: Lexical Focus; Vol. 2: Grammatical Focus Ref BS 2302 .C535

STRONG'S CONCORDANCE AND ALLIED BOOKS

When James Strong finished his Exhaustive Concordance in 1890 he provided one of the first numbered codes to the English definitions of Hebrew and Greek words. More recently his numbers have been used to provide access to word study books alphabetized by Hebrew or Greek letters. His numbers have been printed (usually) in the margins of the pages of these newer or reprinted books.

Strong. Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible Ref BS 425 .S8 This concordance to the King James Authorized Bible has dictionaries in the back of the book which are keyed by numbers (italicized for New Testament words or not italicized for Old Testament words).
Thayer. New Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon Ref PA 881 .G8 Strong's numbers are in the margins. A complete cross-reference index is provided in the back.

Gesenius, et al. New Brown-Driver-Briggs-Gesenius Hebrew-Aramaic Lexicon Ref PJ 4833 .B76 Strong's numbers are adjacent to the Hebrew words. A complete cross-reference index is provided in the back.

New Englishman's Greek Concordance and Lexicon Ref BS 2302 .W495, and, New Englishman's Hebrew-Aramaic Concordance Ref BS 2301 .W495 These provide all the ways a Hebrew or Greek word was translated into English. Strong's number is adjacent to each entry.

Word Study New Testament Ref BS 2305 .W531 The authors have placed Strong's number under every noun, verb, adjective, and adverb. This book may be used in place of Strong if the researcher only needs the assigned number.

Word Study Concordance Ref BS 2305 .W53 This is the companion to the Word Study New Testament above. It has a key, explained in the preface, to the page numbers in other study aids.

New Wilson's Old Testament Word Studies Ref BS 1125 .W52 This is arranged by English words and is subarranged by the definitions of all Hebrew words that are translated by the English word. It is keyed both to Strong and to the Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament.

ADDITIONAL CONCORDANCES

Since the publication of the New International Version of the Bible, Kohlenberger, Swanson, and Goodrick have re-worked and updated the numbering system introduced by Strong.

Kohlenberger and Swanson. Hebrew English Concordance to the Old Testament with the New International Version Ref BS 1121 .K65 While it is arranged according to the Hebrew words, there is a very detailed English-Hebrew & Aramaic index. There is also "A Concise Hebrew-English Dictionary to the Old Testament" with Resource References to the lexicons of Brown, Driver, and Briggs; Koehler and Baumgartner; and Holladay.

Kohlenberger, Goodrick, and Swanson. Greek English Concordance to the New Testament with the New International Version Ref BS 2302 .K657 This is arranged by the Greek words, but also has a very detailed English-Greek index. It also has "A Concise Greek-English Dictionary to the New Testament" with Resource References to the word study set by Colin Brown and lexicon by Bauer, Arndt, Gingrich, and Danker.

THEOLOGICAL DICTIONARIES

Brown. New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology Ref BS 2397 .N48 It provides definitions to words in classical literature (CL), Old Testament literature (OT), and New Testament literature (NT). There is a scripture text index in the last volume.

Kittel. Theological Dictionary of the New Testament Ref BS 2312 .K5813 This is the largest Koine Greek dictionary. There is a scripture text index in the last volume.

Botterweck. Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament Ref BS 440 .B5713 (in process) This will be the largest Hebrew dictionary.

Van Gemeren. New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology & Exegesis Ref BS 440 .N438 This was written as a companion set to the New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology above. It includes references to Ancient Near Eastern literature (ANE), Old Testament literature (OT), and post-biblical literature (P-B). Goodrick and Kohlenberger code the articles to the numbers in the Exhaustive Concordance to the NIV. There is a conversion table in the index volume for those only having Strong's numbers.

Spicq. Theological Lexicon of the New Testament Ref PA 875 .S613 It has an English index (List of English glosses) and a scripture and post-Christian writings index (Index of Ancient Sources).

Jenni. Theological Lexicon of the Old Testament Ref BS 440 .T4813 This has an English and Scripture text index. The entries are keyed to pages in Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon, Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament, Koehler and Baumgartner's Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament, Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament, New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology and Exegesis, and Strong's Exhaustive Concordance.

Harrison. Baker's Dictionary of Theology Ref BR 95 .B25 It contains both Biblical and extra-Biblical theological terms defined from a Calvinist viewpoint.

Taylor. Beacon Dictionary of Theology Ref BR 95 .B33 It contains both Biblical and extra-Biblical theological terms defined from an Arminian viewpoint.

COMMENTARIES

A commentary is a book of expositions on a portion of Scripture. Researchers should use commentaries to find information for use in an EXEGESIS. Exegetical commentaries tend to go verse by verse while devotional commentaries tend to cover only the "better known" portions and supply extensive supplemental illustrations, etc.

Tyndale New Testament Commentaries Ref BS 2341.2 .T9

International Critical Commentary (ICC) Ref BS 491. I6

Gaebelein. Expositor's Bible Commentary Ref BS 491.2 .E96 It has extensive introductory notes covering background of the book of the Bible and an outline of the book.

Harris. Complete Biblical Library Ref BS 491.2 .C64x An Assemblies of God Old Testament commentary. The companion set covering the New Testament is available at Ref BS 491.2 .C65x.

Anchor Bible Ref BS 192.2 .A1 1964 This includes the Apocrypha.

New International Commentary on the New Testament (NICNT) Ref BS 2341.2 .N4

New International Commentary on the Old Testament (NICOT) Ref BS 1151.2 .N48

Word Biblical Commentary Ref BS 491.2 .W67 It has helpful introductory notes covering the background and outline of each book covered, plus separate bibliographies for each portion of Scripture.

United Bible Societies. Handbook Series Ref BS 2385 .U3x This series provides exegetical, historical, cultural, and linguistic information on the books of the Bible.

VERSIONS OF THE BIBLE

Researchers should use different versions/translations of the Bible to help gain an insight into what was written in the original text. Examples might include:

King James Authorized Ref BS 185 1985

Living Bible, Paraphrased Ref BS 550.2 .T38

New International Version (NIV) Ref BS 195 .N37 1978

New American Standard Bible (NASB) Ref BS 195 .N35 1977

BIBLE/RELIGIOUS ENCYCLOPEDIAS

A Bible or religious encyclopedia may be helpful in locating background information.

Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible Ref 440 Z63

New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge Ref BR 95 .S435 It covers both Biblical and extra-Biblical subjects.

Encyclopaedia Judaica Ref DS 102.8 .E496 It covers both Biblical and extra-Biblical subjects from a Jewish perspective. It is especially strong on Old Testament literature and peoples.

LEXICONS/DICTIONARIES

Clines. Dictionary of Classical Hebrew Ref PJ 4833 .D6x It is arranged by Hebrew words and has an English-Hebrew index.

Armstrong. Reader's Hebrew-English Lexicon of the Old Testament Ref PJ 4833 .A69 This provides a verse by verse simple definition of all major words in the Old Testament. The added number after the parentheses is the page number of the definition in Hebrew and English Lexicon, by Brown, Driver and Briggs Ref PJ 4833 .B67

Louw. Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament Ref PA 881 .G68 It has an English index and Scripture passage index.

Owens. Analytical Key to the Old Testament Ref PJ 4731 .B53 O94 This is similar to Armstrong above except it adds the parts of speech for each word.

Gingrich and Danker. Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature (originally authored by Walter Bauer) Ref PA 881 .B38 A well respected lexicon arranged by Greek words. An index, Index to the Revised Bauer-Arndt-Gingrich Greek Lexicon, is useful to gain access to it and to the earlier edition edited by Arndt and Gingrich.

BOOKS

To locate books look in the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) under the subject heading, Bible. This heading has many subdivisions. To find information on a certain book of the Bible use the pattern, "Bible N.T. Matthew," "Bible O.T. Genesis." Some related terms are "Bible N.T. Commentaries," "Bible Concordances," "Bible Criticism, Interpretation, Etc." For a complete list of related headings, check the Library of Congress Subject Headings, which are kept close to the terminals in the Reference Room.

PERIODICAL ARTICLES

The best way to find periodical or journal articles is in a periodical index such as: Christian Periodical Index (on paper and online) This indexes over 100 conservative Christian publications.

Guide to Social Science and Religion in Periodical Literature It includes denominational periodicals. For articles on the Bible look under, "New Testament literature" or "Old Testament literature."

New Testament Abstracts Look under the name of the book. There is also a scripture text index in the last issue of the volume. (A similar set, Old Testament Abstracts, may be used in the AGTS Library next door.)

Religion Indexes CD-ROM index. This index includes what is published in Religion Index One: Periodicals and Religion Index Two: Multi-Author Works

Religious and Theological Abstracts Online and paper index

BIBLIOGRAPHIES

Wagner. An Exegetical Bibliography of the New Testament Ref BS 2361.2 .W33 This provides a verse by verse list of exegetical sources.

ONLINE

Blue Letter Bible <http://www.blueletterbible.org/> This source provides access to numerous exegetical (preaching/teaching) type commentaries.