

Tools For Deeper Bible Study

I. CONCORDANCES

A. **Purpose** – to list _____ of words used in the Scriptures; Some list occurrences of English words (usually based on the King James Version) but others list occurrences of the Greek words used.

B. Types of Concordances – A Look at Some of the Options

1. **Type #1** - Lists all _____ the _____ word is used in; may include many different Hebrew/Greek words which are translated as that English word; designates which Hebrew/Greek word by a _____. A general definition for that word is found in a dictionary _____. Example: _____.

a) Biggest Advantage – Seeing all the different verses in which an _____ occurs (regardless of which Hebrew/Greek word is used to convey that concept); very good about revealing _____ of Hebrew/Greek words.

2. **Type #2** - Lists _____ the _____ word is used in but _____ the verses based on which Hebrew/Greek word is used. Gives a general definition for that word _____. Example: _____.

a) Biggest Advantage – Offers an _____ at all the different Hebrew/Greek words translated with a particular _____ word, _____ they occur, and basic meaning of Greek words in the same location.

b)

3. **Type #3** - Greek and Greek-English Concordances list the occurrence of every _____ word (listed alphabetically in Greek) used in the New Testament. These words are numbered based on the number in _____ or on the number from a listing of the English words in an _____ at the back, so that even if you cannot read Greek, you can find the Greek word! Then each _____ in which this Greek word occurs is listed, categorizing the verses based on which _____ word or phrase is used to translate that word. Example: _____
_____.

a) **Biggest Advantage** – Best one for word studies because it reveals _____ a particular Greek word is translated and _____ it occurs translated this way.

C. **Biggest Weakness of Concordances** – The meanings of the Hebrew/Greek words are _____. They often miss subtle changes in meaning due to the _____ of the word used, or its _____.

D. Concordances are great for _____, but not so great to rely upon for _____.

II. LEXICONS

A. **Purpose:** To offer better definitions and _____ of Hebrew and Greek words used in the Bible. Because of their _____, lexicons can be important tools for _____.

B. **Nice Features:** Lexicons will often discuss the _____ and _____ of each word, as well as providing a more

complete definition of it than a concordance. _____
from the Scriptures and other sources are often provided as well.

- C. **Disadvantage:** With many lexicons, one must know _____
_____ in order to find the words being searched for!
However, A FEW lexicons are keyed to _____,
using the same numbers, which allows the student with _____
_____ of the Greek or Hebrew to use them.

III. EXPOSITORY AND THEOLOGICAL DICTIONARIES (Also called Wordbooks)

- A. These are _____ dictionaries of _____
words, which allow those with _____ knowledge of Greek or Hebrew to
research more fully into the meanings of words in these languages. Usually
the English is based on the _____ and some are
keyed to Strong's Concordance.
- B. **Purpose:** Same as _____.
- C. **Nice Features:** Same as _____.
- D. **Disadvantages:** Only cover _____, not every single
Hebrew or Greek word used in the Bible.

IV. GREEK WORD STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT (Such as Vincent's and Wuest's)

- A. These are a cross between a _____ and a _____
_____. They are normally _____
_____, which progress from the beginning of the New Testament to
the end, looking at _____ words and phrases.

- B. **Advantage:** Helpful for _____ of a passage; Often give a different slant or different information than a lexicon or expository/theological dictionary or wordbook.
- C. **Disadvantage** – For _____, are not as thorough as most lexicons or expository/theological dictionaries.

V. COMMENTARIES

- A. **Purpose:** Usually _____ theologian's study and commentary of a book of the Bible, a set of books, or the entire Bible.
- B. **Nice Features:** Helpful in studying a passage or book in terms of getting a _____, opening up _____ and gathering _____. They are usually _____ in nature – meaning the author is expounding upon and interpreting the Scriptures. They are helpful in exegetical and topical studies.
- C. **Disadvantage:** They are always slanted from the particular author's _____; i.e they will be biased towards a particular _____.

VI. BIBLE DICTIONARIES

- A. **Purpose:** To provide students of the Word with a _____ of as wide a range of Bible subjects as possible in _____ volume.
- B. **Nice Features:** They are especially helpful when studying _____ or specific Christian _____.
- C. **Disadvantage:** They do NOT provide an _____ of the subject, but rather a _____.

VII. BIBLE ENCYCLOPEDIAS

- A. **Purpose:** To bring together in a one organized set of books a wide-range of scholarship on a variety of Bible-related subjects. Usually include not only _____, but ALSO customs, theological concepts, significant words used in Scripture, languages and some _____.
- B. **Nice Features:** Can add insight to almost any kind of Bible study, but especially _____ and _____. Wonderful for _____ of any kind.
- C. **Disadvantages:** Can be rather _____. One will need lots of bookshelf space – often a large set of books!

VIII. BIBLE ATLASES

- A. **Purpose:** Provide the student with a basic understanding of the _____ and frequently _____ setting of the Scriptures. Towards this end, geographical, historical and archeological _____ and _____ are often included.
- B. **Nice Features:** Great for _____ studies and for better understanding the setting and background for an exegetical study.

IX. MANNERS AND CUSTOMS BOOKS

- A. **Purpose:** To help _____ students of the Word understand the _____ culture of the Scriptures. They are designed to _____ the Bible by explaining the customs to which it refers.

- B. **Nice Feature:** Like the Bible atlases, these books are helpful in providing _____ background information but also _____ information regarding the culture of the time. They are a “must” for _____ studies.
- C. **Disadvantages:** They only deal with _____ customs and items of cultural significance, and then, only _____. They do NOT provide an _____ treatment of any subject. The selected items covered varies from book to book, so one will often have to check _____ books before finding a mention of the custom in question!

X. TOPICAL BIBLES

- A. **Purpose:** To bring together in _____ form all that the Bible contains on a _____. This is done by analyzing _____ every verse and passage in the Bible and then grouping each under the _____ of a particular subject.
- B. **Nice Feature:** They remove the difficulty of finding all the Bible has to say on a particular subject. They are great for _____! And they are a wonderful source for _____.
- C. **Disadvantage:** They only help to _____ and _____ Scripture. They do not help to explain or interpret it.

XI. MISCELLANEOUS TOOLS

- A. _____ – Add commentary, word study features, historical and cultural background, etc. for those who do not have access to other resources.

- B. _____ – Great for lists, lists and more lists; but from a “pentecostal dispensationalist” perspective.

- C. _____ – Available in Greek and Hebrew; Helpful in distinguishing the different shades of meaning implied in different words.

- D. _____ – Look at select symbols and types in the Scriptures.

- E. _____ – Look at what numbers and names signify in the Scriptures.

- F. _____ – the Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures completed around 250 B.C.

SUGGESTED RESEARCH TOOLS

THE LINGUISTIC GAP

Concordances

Englishman's Greek Concordance (Zondervan)
Englishman's Hebrew & Chaldee Concordance (Zondervan)
Greek-English Concordance to the New Testament, J.B. Smith (Herald Press)
Strong's Exhaustive Concordance (Abingdon)
Young's Analytical Concordance (Eerdman's)

Lexicons

Analytical Greek Lexicon (Zondervan)
Analytical Hebrew & Chaldee Lexicon, B. Davidson (MacDonald)
Greek-English Lexicon, Arndt & Gingrich (University of Chicago Press)
Greek-English Lexicon, T.S. Green (Zondervan)
Hebrew-English Lexicon, W. Gesenius (Oxford)
Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon (Zondervan)

Lexical Aids

Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, W.E. Vine (Revell)
Grammatical Insights into the New Testament, N. Turner (T & T Clark)
Lexical Aids for Students of New Testament Greek, B. Metzger (Theological Book Agency, Dist.)
New Testament Words, William Barclay (SCM Press)
New Testament Word Studies, J.A. Bengel (Kregel)
Synonyms of the New Testament, R.C. Trench
Synonyms of the Old Testament, R.B. Girdlestone (Eerdman's)
Syntax of the Moods and Tenses, E. Burton (T & T Clark)
Theological Dictionary of the New Testament, Kittel (Ed. Eerdman's)
Word Pictures in the New Testament, A.T. Robertson (Broadman Press)
Word Studies in the New Testament, M.R. Vincent (Eerdman's)

Grammars

Essentials of New Testament Greek, J. H. Huddilston (Macmillan)
Grammar of the Greek New Testament, A. T. Robertson (Broadman Press)
Greek Grammar of the New Testament, Blass & Debruner (University of Chicago Press)
Hebrew Grammar, Wm. Gesenius (Oxford University)
Introductory Hebrew Grammar, R.L. Harris (Eerdman's)
Manual Grammar of the Greek New Testament, Dana & Mantey (Macmillan)

New Testament Greek for Beginners, J.G. Machen
Practical Grammar for Classical Hebrew, J. Weingreen (Oxford)
Figures of Speech Used in the Bible, E.W. Bullinger (Baker)

THE CULTURAL GAP

All the Holy Days and Holidays of the Bible, H. Lockyer (Zondervan)
All the Trades and Occupations of the Bible, H. Lockyer (Zondervan)
Archaeology and the Ancient Testament, J.L. Kelso (Zondervan)
The Bible and Archaeology, J.A. Thomson (Eerdman's)
Biblical Archaeology, G.E. Wright (Westminster Press)
Everyday Life in Bible Times (National Geographic Society)
Insights into Bible Times and Customs, Weiss (Moody)
The Land the Book, W.M. Thomson (Harper & Brothers)
Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah, A. Edersheim (Eerdman's)
Manners and Customs of the Bible, J. Freeman (Logos International)
Manners and Customs of Bible Lands, F.H. Wright (Moody)
Orientalisms in Bible Lands, E.W. Rice (American (Sunday School Union))

Bible Dictionaries

Bible Dictionary, Smith (Holt, Rinehart & Winston)
Davis Dictionary of the Bible (Revell)
International Standard Bible Encyclopedia (Eerdman's)
The New Bible Dictionary (Eerdman's)
Pictorial Bible Dictionary, M.C. Tenney (Zondervan)
Unger's Bible Dictionary (Moody)

THE GEOGRAPHICAL GAP

All the Animals of the Bible Lands, G. Cunsdale (Zondervan)
Animals and Birds of the Bible, B.L. Goddard (A P & A)
Baker's Bible Atlas, Pfeiffer (Baker)
Geography of the Bible, D. Baly (Harper & Brothers)
The Macmillan Bible Atlas (Macmillan)
Oxford Bible Atlas (Oxford Press)
The Wycliffe Historical Geography of Bible Lands, Pfeiffer & Vos. (Moody)

See also "Bible Dictionaries" listed under Cultural Tools.

THE HISTORICAL GAP

Archaeology & Bible History, J.P. Free (Van Kampen Press)
Archaeology and the Old Testament, Unger (Zondervan)
The Bible and Archaeology, J.A. Thomson (Paternoster Press)
Bible History -- Old Testament, A. Edersheim (Eerdman's)
Old Testament Bible History, Edersheim (Eerdman's)
The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah, A. Edersheim (Eerdman's)
The Works of Flavius Josephus (Kregel)

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A DIFFERENT LIST OF RESEARCH TOOLS (some may be repeats of above)

1. The Biblical Illustrator - Baker
2. The Speakers' Bible - Hastings
3. Spurgeon's Expository Encyclopedia — Baker
4. The Pulpit Commentary - Eerdman
5. Preaching Through The Bible, Joseph Parker
6. Clark's Commentaries — Abingdon
7. Vincent's Word Studies Of The New Testament – Mcdonald
8. Matthew Henry's Commentaries — Revel
9. Commentary On The Old Testament, Keil/Delitzsch
10. The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia - Eerdman
11. Cyclopedia Of Biblical Theological And Ecclesiastical Literature McClintock & Strong
12. W.E. Vine's Expository Dictionary Of Old And New Testament - Revel
13. Strong's Exhaustive Concordance Of The Bible - Abingdon
14. Unger's Bible Dictionary
15. Dake's Bible
16. History Of The Christian Church - Schaff
17. Treasury Of David - Spurgeon
18. Any Of Arthur Pink's Books
19. The Soncino Books Of The Bible
20. Theological Wordbook Of The Old Testament - Moody Press
21. Theological Wordbook Of The New Testament - Kittle
22. Preaching From The Types And Metaphors Of The Bible - Kregel
23. Manners And Customs Of The Bible, James Freeman - Logos
24. Wilson's Dictionary Of Bible Types, Walter Lewis Wilson -W.M.P.B. Eerdman, Grand Rapids
25. Manners And Customs Of Bible Lands, Fred H. Wright -Moody Press

26. The Authenticity Of God, Don Kistler - P.O. Box 573, King Mt., North Carolina 28086
27. Adar Habershon — Kregal
 - A. The Study Of Miracles
 - B. The Study Of Parables
 - C. The Study Of Types
28. Notes On The Pentateuch, Genesis To Deuteronomy C.H. Mackintosh, Loizeaux Bros., Neptune, N.J.
29. Greek's English Lexicon Of New Testament, Thayer —Mott Media*
30. Englishman's Hebrew-Chaldee Concordance Of Old Testament, Wigrpam - Mott Media*
31. Englishman's Greek Concordance, Wigram - Mott Media*
32. Hidden Pictures In The Old Testament, Adar Habershon -Kregal
33. Young's Analytical Concordance
34. Greek English Concordance To The New Testament, T.B. Smith - Harold Press
35. Westminister Dictionary Of The Bible
36. Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia Of The Bible Zondervan
37. New International Dictionary Of New Testament Theology
38. King James Version Of The Bible
39. New American Standard Version Of The Bible
40. Commentaries By Jamieson, Fausset, Brown - Eerdman
41. Commentary On The Whole Scripture, Lang - Zondervan
42. Word Pictures In The New Testament, A.T. Robertson - Broadman Press
43. Biblical Antiquities, Edwin C. Bissell -American Sunday School Union
44. Life Of The Lord Jesus Christ, John Peter Lange - Zondervan
45. Manners And Customs Of Bible Lands, Fred Wight — Moody Press
46. The New Catholic Encyclopedia - McGraw/Hill
47. Atlas - Macmillan/Macmillan
48. Westminister Historical Atlas Of The Bible, G.E. Wright/F.V. Filson
49. A General Survey Of The History Of The New Testament —Macmillan
50. A Survey Of The Old Testament Introduction, Archer -Moody Press
51. An Introduction To The Study Of The Gospels, B.F. Westcott - Macmillan
52. Encyclopedia Of Bible Life, Miller & Miller - Harper And Row
53. An Exposition Of The Whole Bible, G. Campbell Morgen - Revel
54. Thayer's Greek/English Lexicon - Zondervan
55. Psalms, The Treasury Of David, C.H. Spurgeon (3 Volumes)
56. Greek And The New Testament, Wuest - Eerdman

* = Coded To Strong's Concordance