

## SUBJECT GUIDE—

### *Biblical studies & languages, Religion, Ministry, and Theology*

#### Your Library's Subscription Databases (for locating journal articles):

- [ATLA-Religion](#)—a “FirstSearch” database of articles in Religion, Bible, Theology, Philosophy, and Ministry, from over 1600 journals, including over 100 that have full-text articles available online. The ‘premier’ religion database. (Requires PRTS password access: [ask-a-librarian](#)).
- **CPI (Christian Periodical Index)**—an index to articles from about 150 (primarily) evangelical magazines, including some more popular titles and denominational sources. Includes a growing number of full-text articles for select magazines. (Requires PRTS password access: [ask-a-librarian](#)).
- **FirstSearch**—an interdisciplinary database of journals/articles, many of which are full-text. Includes the *ATLA-Religion* database (see above), *ArticleFirst*, *ECO*, *WilsonSelect*, and others. *ECO* (Electronic Collections Online), for example, indexes such journals as *Journal of the History of Ideas*, *Journal of Early Christian Studies*, *Christian Bioethics*, *Culture & religion*, *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religion*, and many more. *ArticleFirst* indexes the important journal *Augustinian Studies*, among others; and *WilsonSelect* indexes (and provides full-text access to) *Sixteenth Century Journal* and *Early American Literature*, and almost 2,400 other journals. Just [ask-a-librarian](#) for help using this great resource!
- **WorldCat** (accessed using **FirstSearch**, above)—the world’s largest index of library-cataloged items (180 million+): books, DVDs, websites, audio files, journals, etc. Here’s the place to find books that are not in our own library but can be borrowed by Interlibrary Loan (click on the ILL link and fill out the request form—easy!)

#### Recommended Websites for Research in Bible, Theology, & Religion:

- [New Testament studies](#)
- [Book reviews in biblical studies](#): from *SBL Review of Biblical Lit*
- [New Perspectives on Paul](#)
- Biblical Art and Images: [Yale U Divinity School-- Digital Image Library](#)
- [Crosswalk.com](#) (basic Bible study tools)
- [Orion Center for the Dead Sea Scrolls](#)
- [Biblical Studies on the Web](#) (*electronic journal for biblical theology, includes links to other sites*)
- [Resource Pages for Biblical Studies](#) (*exhaustive list of sources and links*)
- [Digital Gutenberg Bible](#) (excellent images)
- [Bible maps online](#)
- [Johannine Literature Web](#)
- [Synoptic Gospels Primer](#)
- [The Synoptic Problem](#)
- [From Jesus to Christ: The Story of the Storytellers](#)
- [Authority of the Bible](#): several articles, full-length books by recognized scholars on biblical authority
- [Greek NT Gateway](#)
- [Logos Bible software](#) help from Yale Divinity School
- [Bible Works software](#) help from Yale
- [Hebrew-English Bible According to the Masoretic Text and the JPS 1917 Edition](#)
- [Early Christian Writings](#)
- [Navigating the Bible](#) (*text and translation of the Hebrew Bible with audio files*)
- [Bibliographic Tools for the Study of Hebrew Bible Texts](#)
- [Family and Society in Ancient Israel](#):

- [Tanakh](#): Extensive resources on the Tanakh--the Hebrew scriptures; with Internet links to Semitic languages and topics
- [Pseudepigrapha](#)--Online Critical Pseudepigrapha
- [Religion-Online](#): More than 4,500 articles and chapters. Topics include Old and New Testament, theology, and much more
- [Tyndale House \(UK\)-Center for Biblical Studies](#) (links for Gr/Heb fonts, etc)
- [Tyndale Tech](#)--Blog especially for finding online articles, journals, ebooks
- [Yale Divinity School--Biblical Language Center](#) (for Greek, Hebrew fonts, tools)
- Ministry and Missions—
  - [Barna Research](#) (cultural trends and the Church)
  - [Pastoral ministry resources](#)
  - [Missionary organization links](#)
  - [Missiology.org](#)
  - [Missionary periodicals database](#) (from Yale U.)
- Individual theologians and Biblical Scholars: [Dallas Willard](#) [N.T. Wright](#)
- Jesus in film: [Jesus: Real to Reel](#)
- [Jewish Encyclopedia](#): complete contents of the 12-volume *Jewish Encyclopedia*, originally published between 1901-1906 and recently became part of the public domain; contains over 15,000 articles and illustrations
- Church History—
  - [Early Christianity --bibliography](#) from Pius XII Memorial Library
  - [Early Church and Patristics](#)
  - Church Fathers: [www.ccel.org](#) (Christian Classics Ethereal Library, hosted by Calvin College)
  - [Creeds of Christendom](#)
  - American religious history—*Library of Congress websites on: “The Founding of the American Republic”*: [“Early Virginia Religious Petitions”](#)

Religion in general— (also see World Religions below):

- [American Religious Data Archive](#) (great source for current statistics and research)
- [Adherents.com](#): membership statistics for denominations and of world religions--includes religious affiliations of US Presidents, Congress, Governors, etc.
- [Religion Online](#) (wide scope of full text articles):
- [Wabash Center](#) (research)
- [Virtual Religion Index](#)
- [Barna Research Group](#) (marketing research on cultural trends and the Church)
- [Yale University Divinity School Library](#)--Research Guide for Christianity on-line, including [Guide to Christian Resources on the Internet](#) and [Christian Literature on the Internet](#)
- [Family Research Council](#)

## World Religions and religious texts online:

- [“Internet Sacred Texts Archive”](#)
- [Alternative Spirituality](#)
- [Bahai Faith](#)
- [Buddhism](#)
- [Catholicism](#)
- [Confucianism](#)
- [Christianity](#)
- [Gnosticism](#)
- [Hinduism](#)
- [Islam](#)
- [Judaism](#)
- [Jainism](#)
- [Mormonism](#)
- [Native American Spirituality](#)
- [New Age Spirituality](#)
- Rastafarianism
- [Sikhism](#)
- [Shintoism](#)
- [Taoism](#)
- Unitarianism

## **Bible Commentaries online, and other Biblical Research Tools online:**

- ["Bible Crosswalk" commentaries online](#)
- [Various online commentaries](#) from these 3 series: *Westminster Bible Companion*; *Interpretation: A Bible Commentary*; and *Believers Church Bible Commentary*. Between these 3 series, most of the books of the Bible are covered in e-book commentaries. These are accessed at [MeL.org](#) (a free resource for Michigan residents only): Login using your MI drivers license number. Then select the *Net Library* database; then search, for example, by keywords "Bible Commentary—Mark."

## **Online Journals ("open access") that focus on Bible, Theology, or Religion:**

- (In addition, see the list of free e-journals on our PRTS Library Website, under ["Find Articles & Journals"](#))
- [Journal for Christian Theological Research](#)
- [Affirmation and Critique](#)
- [Denver \(Seminary\) Journal](#): Review of Current Bible, Theology Studies
- [TC: A Journal of Biblical Textual Criticism](#)