
Online biblical tools

which can be used by ICP libraries users

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*This document was created in July 2010. All the data mentioned could be found at that time.
Other tools giving Biblical references will be added in a second version of that document.*

ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials, New Testament Abstracts, Old Testament Abstracts and Francis were analysed by consulting the EBSCOhost® interface. These databases are not free : at the moment, you can access them only from the ICP premises. All the other tools described are free on the Internet.

ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials©

Producer	American Theological Library Association
Type	Bibliographic Database : electronic collection of journals and bibliographic citations
Publisher	EBSCOhost®, Ovid
Number of records	1.7 million
Journal article records	570 000
Essay book records	237 700 from 16 700 multi-author works
book reviews	525 400 book reviews of 269 700 books
journal titles and journal which are currently indexed	1677 journal titles : 546 of which are currently indexed
Covered areas	Bible, Archaeology, and Antiquities; Human Culture and Society; Church History, Missions, and Ecumenism; Pastoral ministry; World Religions and Religious studies; and Theology, Philosophy, and Ethics
Journal titles which are currently indexed	http://www.atla.com/products/titles/titles_rdb/titles_rdb_current_2009.html
Full list of journal titles	http://www.atla.com/products/titles/titles_rdb/titles_rdb_comprehensive_2009.html (ATLA RDB) http://www.atla.com/products/titles/titles_atlas.html (ATLAS)
Languages	55% English, 8% German, 5% French, 1% Spanish, 1% Italian, 30% others Query in English
Scripture citations	3 search methods : - Click on Scriptures (on the top) : select the full name of the book of the citation and the verse - In advanced search, select : SC Scripture Citation, then use "" to select the precise scripture citation : Example : "Luke 12:1" - Search within the indexes: select SC Scripture Citation, write the name of the Bible book in English, select the precise scripture citation, and click on "add"
Coverage of the database	Since 1949
Notable features	Full text articles (266 000) International coverage Easy interface via EBSCOhost
Update and increase	Full text access as soon as it is available Updated 4 times a year
Sources	http://www.atla.com http://www.ebscohost.com

Bibil (Biblical Bibliography of Lausanne)	
Producer	Institut Romand des Sciences Bibliques (University of Lausanne)
Type	Bibliographic database of books and articles
Publisher	Web : http://www3.unil.ch/bibil/public/indexSimpleSearch.action
Document types	Journals, monographs and collective works bought by the cantonal and university library of Lausanne (BCU)
Number of records	90 000 books, review articles and book articles
Covered areas	Hebrew Bible and New Testament, Second Temple Judaism, Ancient Christianity (1st - 2nd century CE), Jewish and Christian Pseudepigraphs and Apocrypha as well as Gnosticism, Hermeneutics and Exegetical Methods. Other domains covered – albeit to a lesser degree – are the Ancient Near East and its languages, the Greek-Roman world, Rabbinic Judaism, Ancient Christianity and the History of biblical exegesis.
Full list of journal titles	120 journals indexed
Languages	Query of the database in English or in French
Scripture citations	2 search methods (after selected the language of the interface) : - In advanced search : write in French (or in English) the title of the Bible book, then click on « lil » to select the verses ; then “search” - In the thesaurus : search by Bible books
Coverage of the database	Since 1987
Notable features	- Greek or Hebrew keyboarding available - Kind of document limitation available : "Commentary", "Modern translation", etc. - Help online always display on the search screen - Indexation (key words and scripture citations) in English and in French - The Institut Romand des Sciences Bibliques publishes 3 times a year the <i>Bulletin de bibliographie biblique (BBB)</i> . In successive parts, it gives access to the most recent titles of the database BiBIL.
Disadvantages	Queries are limited by the index which is an advantage for scripture citations but a disadvantage for other indexes
Update and increase	
Sources	http://www3.unil.ch/bibil/public/indexSimpleSearch.action http://bgsh.fltr.ucl.ac.be http://twu.ca/library/bibil.htm

BiblIndex

Producer	Institut des sources chrétiennes (Lyon)
Type	Biblical index
Publisher	Web : http://www.biblindex.org
Number of records	400 000 references
Covered areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biblical quotations and allusions from all Jewish and Christian literature of Antiquity and Middle Ages - Quotations or Biblical allusions in Patristic Texts of the first four centuries, Greek and Latin, the Greek and Latin patristic corpus which are comprehensive for the first three centuries
Texts indexed	The indexed texts are taken from the best critical editions available, and large series such as CCSL, CCSG, CSEL, GCS ¹ are indexed
Languages	Greek 60% and Latin 40 % Query of the index in French
Scripture citations	In the search form, fill the blanks in selected the verses in the pull down menu
Coverage of the database	From the beginnings to the Vth century
Target audience	Patristic specialists
Notable features	Very precise results organised on a directory structure
Disadvantages	Confuse display
Update and increase	Late 2014, all the texts from the Sources Chrétiennes collection will be indexed. The query interface will be fully renewed, allowing more complex searches, and exports modular results
Sources	http://www.biblindex.org

¹ Corpus Christianorum Series Latina, Corpus Christianorum Series Graeca, Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum latinorum, Griechischen Christlichen Schriftsteller

Bildi

(Bibelwissenschaftliche Literaturdokumentation Innsbruck)

Producer	Innsbruck University
Type	University catalogue, bibliographic database
Publisher	Web : http://bildi.uibk.ac.at
Number of records	160 700 references
Journal article records	75 000
Essay records	65 400
Book records	15 160
Journal titles indexed	90
Journal titles which are currently indexed	http://www.uibk.ac.at/bildi/bildi/info/mags04a.html.en 80 journals
Full list of journal titles	http://www.uibk.ac.at/bildi/bildi/info/mags01.html.en 500 journals
Covered areas	Biblical Literature and Biblical Archaeology
Languages	77 000 documents in English, 58 300 in German, 3 000 in French, 7 000 in Italian, 2 500 in Spanish...
Scripture citations	In Bildi Suche > Suche > Basic Index, write the scripture citation [Examples : Gen 05* or Ps 023* or Dtn 06,04 - 09] and select « Zitat deutsch / Jahr » on the right
Coverage of the database	Since 1980
Notable features	Free access Gives the results as a bibliography
Disadvantages	Difficult query Display not very easy to use Very simple bibliographical references
Update and increase	
Sources	http://www.uibk.ac.at/bildi/bildi/info

Bibliothèque St Étienne de Jérusalem - École Biblique et Archéologique Française : catalogue

Producer	Ecole Biblique et Archéologique Française de Jérusalem (EBAF)
Type	Catalogue, bibliographic database
Publisher	Web : http://biblio.ebaf.info
Number of records	400 000 references
Journal article records	212 218
Book records	90 000
Collective book records	100 000
Covered areas	Biblical exegesis, Old Testament, New Testament, archaeology and literature of the Near East, ancient languages...
Full list of journal titles	http://www.ebaf.info/wp-content/uploads/biblio/fr-liste-periodiques.pdf
Languages	English, German, French, Hebrew, Italian, Spanish... Catalogue query in French
Scripture citations	2 search methods : - By index/péricope : select sujet/péricope ; write the scripture citation in French - Advanced search : select sujet ; write the scripture citation in French. Example : Marc 11.22
Coverage of the database	Since 1890 (1992 digital catalogue, 2008 online catalogue, retrospective conversion in process)
Notable features	Free access Precise search in scripture citations
Update and increase	Daily More than 2000 books every year
Sources	http://biblio.ebaf.info

Francis

Producer	INIST- CNRS
Type	International bibliographic database
Publisher	EBSCOhost®, Ovid, ProQuest-CSA, OCLC
Number of records	2,5 millions references (mainly articles from more than 2000 international scientific reviews)
Journal article records	79%
Books records	9%
Congress records	7%
Covered areas	Multi-disciplinary: art and archaeology (3%), philosophy (7%), religion sciences (12%), sociology (8%), ...
Full list of journal titles	http://www.csa.com/factsheets/supplements/francis.php
Languages	English 41 %, French 31 %, German 11 %, Italian 5 %, Spanish 4 %, Other languages 8 % 74% of the abstracts are in French and 26% in English
Scripture citations	In title field or abstract only
Coverage of the database	Since 1972
Notable features	Bilingual to three lingual indexing in French, English and Spanish sometimes Index searching available Search with other databases in the same time available via EBSCO
Update and increase	Weekly by Ebscohost and monthly by other publishers 60 000 new references added every year
Sources	http://www.ebscohost.com http://www.inist.fr http://www.csa.com

Institut Catholique de Paris – Catalogue des bibliothèques

Producer	Institut Catholique de Paris (ICP)
Type	Catalogue, bibliographic database
Publisher	Web : http://ipac.icp.fr
Number of records	526 500 (August 2010)
Book records	477 626
Journal titles	7618
Journal articles and collective books records	110 000
Covered areas	Religious sciences (about 50% of the records) : Theology, Patristic, Biblical Exegesis, Philology, Archaeology and Near East Literature, Byzantine World, Orthodoxy, Canon law,... Other social sciences : History and Geography, Philosophy, Literature, Teaching skills, Psychology, Languages, Art
Full list of journal titles	http://ipac.icp.fr/uPortal/page/approfondir/revues.htm
Languages	French (62 %), English, German, Italian, Spanish, Hebrew, Latin... Catalogue's query in French
Scripture citations	In <i>Rechercher dans le catalogue</i> : click on Recherche alphabétique, select « Sujet ou péricope commence par » Examples : « Isaie 4 » or « ii corinthiens 11 »
Coverage of the database	Since 1480
Notable features	Free access Precise search in scripture citations
Update and increase	Update : daily Increase : 15 000 new references every year : 7 000 books 7 000 Journals and books articles records 1 000 patrimonial photographs + maps + dissertations
Sources	http://ipac.icp.fr

IxTheo (Index Theologicus)

Producer	Universitätsbibliothek Tübingen
Type	Bibliographic database
Publisher	Web : http://www.ixtheo.de
Number of records	461 740 (mainly articles)
Documents from the German bishops' conference	422
Proceedings records	2422
Essay records	1535
Journal titles indexed	623 currently indexed 52 not currently indexed
Covered areas	Religious studies ; Christianity ; Christian theology ; Bible; Biblical studies : Old Testament ; New Testament ; Early Judaism ; Biblical archaeology; Christian archaeology; Archaeology in general ; Church history ; Confessional studies ; Systematic theology ; Dogmatics ; Ethics; Moral theology ; Practical theology ; Church law ; Philosophy
Languages	In 2008 : German 40%, English 32%, Italian 9,5%, French 9%, Spanish 5%, Dutch 2%, others 2,5% Query in English or in German
Scripture citations	In Scripture References (down right) > Select Old Testament or New Testament in left part of the window, select the Bible book and write the verses with / at the end : Examples : 1 / or 1:1-18 / or 1-3 / or 1:19-
Coverage of the database	Since 1995
Notable features	Free access Directions for use available in English
Disadvantages	Unusual interface
Update and increase	Daily update 2000 records a month
Sources	http://www.ixtheo.de

New Testament Abstracts

Producer	American Theological Library Association and Boston College
Type	Bibliographic database
Publisher	EBSCOhost®
Number of records	63 000
Journal article records	46 000 abstracts of articles
Book summary records	17 000 book summaries
Book reviews	1 200 book reviews
Softwares	50 software abstracts
Journal titles and journal which are currently indexed	500 titles indexed every year
Full list of journal titles	http://www.atla.com/products/titles/titles_nta_a-g.html
Covered areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Testament General : Canon; Interpretation; Textual Criticism ; Biblical Linguistic and Philology ; Biblical Translation ; Computer-Assisted Research ; Scholars ; Bulletins - Gospels; Jesus ; Passion and Death ; The Resurrection ; Synoptics ; Matthew ; Mark ; Luke ; John ; Acts of the Apostles - Epistles; Paul ; Romans ; 1-2 Corinthians ; Galatians – Philemon ; Hebrews ; Catholic Epistles ; Revelation - Biblical Theology : Christology ; Church and Ministry... - Archaeology ; Dead Sea Scrolls ; Jewish World ; Rabbinics ; Greco-Roman World ; Early Christianity ; Gnosticism
Languages	All the abstracts are in English regardless of the original language Query of the database in English
Scripture citations	2 search methods : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Click on <i>Scriptures</i> on the top left, and cross the good item - Select SC (Scripture Citation) and write the name of the Bible book in English : Examples : John 11 or Mark 14:1-16:20
Coverage of the database	Since 1985
Update and increase	Updated once a year : 2.100 articles abstracts added from more than 500 reviews ; 850 book's abstracts
Sources	http://www.ebscohost.com and ATLA http://www.bc.edu

Old Testament Abstracts

Producer	American Theological Library Association and Catholic Biblical Association
Type	Bibliographic database
Publisher	EBSCOhost®
Number of records	50 000
Abstracts of articles, essays, and software	43 000
Book summaries	7 000
Full list of journal titles	http://www.atla.com/products/titles/titles_ota.html
Covered areas	Antiquities, archaeology, biblical theology, and philology in relation with Old Testament
Languages	All abstracts are in English regardless of the language of the original work. Query within the database in English
Scripture citations	2 search methods : - Click on <i>Scriptures</i> on the top left, and cross the good item - Select SC (Scripture Citation) and write the name of the Bible book in English : Examples : Genesis 11 or Leviticus 25: 8-24
Coverage of the database	Since 1978
Update and increase	Updated once a year 2 000-3 000 records added annually
Sources	http://www.ebscohost.com and ATLA

Origène

Producer	Libraries of the Union des Etablissements d'enseignement Supérieur Catholique (UDESCA)
Type	Web portal
Publisher	Web : http://origene.univ-cathofrance.fr/
Number of records	More than 1 million
Journal articles and book articles	222 000
Book records	958 000
Thesis and dissertations	31 500
Covered areas	
Full list of journal titles	On each university web site
Languages	Many languages Query of the database in French
Scripture citations	In French in the subject search
Notable features	Wide search on religious sciences Documents location tool
Disadvantages	Search possibilities limited
Update and increase	Daily
Sources	http://origene.univ-cathofrance.fr/

Refdoc

Producer	INIST- CNRS
Type	Bibliographic database : the reference in scientific document supply
Publisher	Web : http://www.refdoc.fr
Number of records	35 millions of articles, reports, proceedings
Covered areas	Sciences, Technology, Medicine, Humanities, Social Sciences
Languages	Many languages Query of the database in French
Scripture citations	Only if the citation is in the title or abstract of the document
Coverage of the database	Since 1847
Notable features	Free subscription to the website, then various fees depending of the full text document and the format required (paper, pdf). French document supply service Abstracts in French Friendly interface
Disadvantages	Few documents on the biblical topics Mostly journal articles records
Update and increase	Daily
Sources	http://www.refdoc.fr