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## *Online biblical tools*

*which may be consulted by ICP library users*

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*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. To access them from ICP premises, inquire at the library's circulation desk. All other tools described are free on the Internet.*

## ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials©

<b>Producer</b>	American Theological Library Association
<b>Type</b>	Bibliographic Database: electronic collection of journals and bibliographic citations
<b>Publisher</b>	EBSCOhost®
<b>Number of records</b>	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
<b>Covered areas</b>	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
<b>Journal titles which are currently indexed</b>	<a href="http://www.atla.com/products/titles/titles_rdb/titles_rdb_current_2009.html">http://www.atla.com/products/titles/titles_rdb/titles_rdb_current_2009.html</a>
<b>Full list of journal titles</b>	<a href="http://www.atla.com/products/titles/titles_rdb/titles_rdb_comprehensive_2009.html">http://www.atla.com/products/titles/titles_rdb/titles_rdb_comprehensive_2009.html</a> (ATLA RDB) <a href="http://www.atla.com/products/titles/titles_atlas.html">http://www.atla.com/products/titles/titles_atlas.html</a> (ATLAS)
<b>Languages</b>	55% English, 8% German, 5% French, 1% Spanish, 1% Italian, 30% others Query in English
<b>Scripture citations</b>	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, eg., "Luke 12:1" - Search within the indexes: select SC Scripture Citation, write the name of the Biblical book in English, select the precise scripture citation, and click on "add"
<b>Coverage of the database</b>	Since 1949
<b>Notable features</b>	Full text articles (266 000): 20% of the collections International coverage Easy interface via EBSCOhost Help online available on the EBSCO web page <i>Choisir les bases de données</i> : click on « Plus d'informations »
<b>Update and increase</b>	Full text access as soon as it is available Updated 4 times a year
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="http://www.atla.com">http://www.atla.com</a> <a href="http://www.ebscohost.com">http://www.ebscohost.com</a>

<b>Bibil</b> (Biblical Bibliography of Lausanne)	
<b>Producer</b>	Institut Romand des Sciences Bibliques (University of Lausanne)
<b>Type</b>	Bibliographic database of books and articles
<b>Publisher</b>	Web: <a href="http://www3.unil.ch/bibil/public/indexSimpleSearch.action">http://www3.unil.ch/bibil/public/indexSimpleSearch.action</a>
<b>Document types</b>	Journals, monographs and collective works bought by the cantonal and university library of Lausanne (BCU)
<b>Number of records</b>	90 000 books, review articles and book articles
<b>Covered areas</b>	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 – to a lesser degree – are the Ancient Near East and its languages, the Greco-Roman world, Rabbinic Judaism, Ancient Christianity and the History of biblical exegesis.
<b>Full list of journal titles</b>	120 journals indexed
<b>Languages</b>	Query of the database in English or in French
<b>Scripture citations</b>	Two search methods (after selecting the language of the interface): - In advanced search, write in French (or English) the title of the Biblical book, then click on « lil » to select the verses; then choose “search” - In the thesaurus, search biblical books
<b>Coverage of the database</b>	Since 1987
<b>Notable features</b>	- Greek or Hebrew keyboarding available - Document limitation available: "Commentary", "Modern translation", etc. - Online help always displayed on the search screen - Indexing (key words and scripture citations) in English and in French - The Institut Romand des Sciences Bibliques publishes three times a year the <i>Bulletin de bibliographie biblique (BBB)</i> , which is available in printed form at Vernon library. In successive instalments, it gives access to the most recent titles of the BiBIL database.
<b>Disadvantages</b>	Queries are limited by the index which is an advantage for scripture citations but a disadvantage for other indexes
<b>Update and increase</b>	
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="http://www3.unil.ch/bibil/public/indexSimpleSearch.action">http://www3.unil.ch/bibil/public/indexSimpleSearch.action</a> <a href="http://bgsh.fltr.ucl.ac.be">http://bgsh.fltr.ucl.ac.be</a> <a href="http://twu.ca/library/bibil.htm">http://twu.ca/library/bibil.htm</a>

## BiblIndex

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

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<sup>1</sup> Corpus Christianorum Series Latina, Corpus Christianorum Series Graeca, Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum latinorum, Griechischen Christlichen Schriftsteller

## Bildi

(Bibelwissenschaftliche Literaturdokumentation Innsbruck)

<b>Producer</b>	Innsbruck University
<b>Type</b>	University catalogue, bibliographic database
<b>Publisher</b>	Web: <a href="http://bildi.uibk.ac.at">http://bildi.uibk.ac.at</a>
<b>Number of records</b>	160 700 references
Journal article records	75 000
Essay records	65 400
Book records	15 160
Journal titles indexed	90
<b>Journal titles which are currently indexed</b>	<a href="http://www.uibk.ac.at/bildi/bildi/info/mags04a.html.en">http://www.uibk.ac.at/bildi/bildi/info/mags04a.html.en</a> 80 journals
<b>Full list of journal titles</b>	<a href="http://www.uibk.ac.at/bildi/bildi/info/mags01.html.en">http://www.uibk.ac.at/bildi/bildi/info/mags01.html.en</a> 500 journals
<b>Covered areas</b>	Biblical Literature and Biblical Archaeology
<b>Languages</b>	77 000 documents in English, 58 300 in German, 3 000 in French, 7 000 in Italian, 2 500 in Spanish...
<b>Scripture citations</b>	In Bildi Suche > Suche > Basic Index, write the scripture citation [Examples: <b>Gen 05*</b> or <b>Ps 023*</b> or <b>Dtn 06,04 - 09</b> ] and select « Zitat deutsch / Jahr » on the right
<b>Coverage of the database</b>	Since 1980
<b>Notable features</b>	Free access Gives the results as a bibliography
<b>Disadvantages</b>	Difficult query requirements Display awkward to use Very rudimentary bibliographical references
<b>Update and increase</b>	
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="http://www.uibk.ac.at/bildi/bildi/info">http://www.uibk.ac.at/bildi/bildi/info</a>

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

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

## Elenchus Bibliographicus

<b>Producer</b>	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
<b>Type</b>	Bibliography updated annually: This is an online version of the bibliography published each year by the "Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses" review
<b>Publisher</b>	Peeters
<b>Number of records</b>	15 000 titles
Journal articles	11 000
Books	2 500
Collective book records	1 500
Number of periodicals	1300 periodicals
<b>Covered areas</b>	History of Theology, History of Religions, Old and New Testament, Fundamental and Dogmatic Theology, Sacramentology and Liturgy, Ascetical and Mystical Theology, Moral and Pastoral Theology, and Canon Law
<b>Full list of journal titles</b>	
<b>Languages</b>	English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch, Hebrew... Query in English
<b>Scripture citations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In <i>Advanced Search</i>, select Biblical books, then write the name of the book in English, eg., « Genesis 11 »</li> <li>- Or, under <i>Simple Search</i> select « Biblical Books » then « More options »</li> <li>- Click on « Browse contents »; Old Testament or New Testament may be useful categories</li> </ul>
<b>Coverage of the database</b>	Since 1998
<b>Notable features</b>	Precise key words in every reference
<b>Disadvantages</b>	Complicated display
<b>Update and increase</b>	15 000 references added every year Updated once a year
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="http://pob.peeters-leuven.be">http://pob.peeters-leuven.be</a>

## Francis

<b>Producer</b>	INIST- CNRS
<b>Type</b>	International bibliographic database
<b>Publisher</b>	EBSCOhost®
<b>Number of records</b>	2,5 millions references (mainly articles from more than 2000 international scientific reviews)
Journal article records	79%
Books records	9%
Congress records	7%
<b>Covered areas</b>	Multi-disciplinary: art and archaeology (3%), philosophy (7%), religion sciences (12%), sociology (8%), ...
<b>Full list of journal titles</b>	<a href="http://www.csa.com/factsheets/supplements/francis.php">http://www.csa.com/factsheets/supplements/francis.php</a>
<b>Languages</b>	English 41%, French 31%, German 11%, Italian 5%, Spanish 4%, Other languages 8% 74% of the abstracts are in French and 26% in English
<b>Scripture citations</b>	In title field or abstract only
<b>Coverage of the database</b>	Since 1972
<b>Notable features</b>	Indexed in French, English and sometimes Spanish Index searching available Simultaneous search of other databases available through EBSCO Help online available on the EBSCO web page <i>Choisir les bases de données</i> : click on « Plus d'informations »
<b>Update and increase</b>	Weekly by EBSCOhost® 60 000 new references added every year
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="http://www.ebscohost.com">http://www.ebscohost.com</a> <a href="http://www.inist.fr">http://www.inist.fr</a> <a href="http://www.csa.com">http://www.csa.com</a>



## Institut Catholique de Paris – Catalogue des bibliothèques

<b>Producer</b>	Institut Catholique de Paris (ICP)
<b>Type</b>	Catalogue, bibliographic database
<b>Publisher</b>	Web: <a href="http://ipac.icp.fr">http://ipac.icp.fr</a>
<b>Number of records</b>	526 500 (August 2010)
Book records	477 626
Journal titles	7618
Journal articles and collective books records	110 000
<b>Covered areas</b>	Religious sciences (about 50% of the records): Theology, Patristics, Biblical Exegesis, Philology, Archaeology, Near Eastern Literature, the Byzantine world, Orthodoxy, Canon law... Other social sciences: History and Geography, Philosophy, Literature, Pedagogy, Psychology, Languages, Art...
<b>Full list of journal titles</b>	<a href="http://ipac.icp.fr/uPortal/page/approfondir/revues.htm">http://ipac.icp.fr/uPortal/page/approfondir/revues.htm</a>
<b>Languages</b>	French (62%), English, German, Italian, Spanish, Hebrew, Latin... Catalogue's query in French
<b>Scripture citations</b>	Under <i>Rechercher dans le catalogue</i> : click on Recherche alphabétique, select « Sujet ou péricope commence par » Examples: « <b>Isaie 4</b> » or « <b>ii corinthiens 11</b> »
<b>Coverage of the database</b>	Since 1980
<b>Notable features</b>	Free access Precise search for scripture citations
<b>Update and increase</b>	Updated: daily Increase: 15 000 new references every year 7 000 books 7 000 Journals and books articles records 1 000 documentary photographs + maps + dissertations
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="http://ipac.icp.fr">http://ipac.icp.fr</a>

## IxTheo (Index Theologicus)

<b>Producer</b>	Universitätsbibliothek Tübingen
<b>Type</b>	Bibliographic database
<b>Publisher</b>	Web: <a href="http://www.ixtheo.de">http://www.ixtheo.de</a>
<b>Number of records</b>	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
<b>Covered areas</b>	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
<b>Languages</b>	In 2008: German 40%, English 32%, Italian 9,5%, French 9%, Spanish 5%, Dutch 2%, others 2,5% Query in English or in German
<b>Scripture citations</b>	In Scripture References (lower right), select Old Testament or New Testament in left part of the window, select the Biblical book and write the verses with a slash ( / ) at the end: Examples: <b>1 /</b> or <b>1:1-18 /</b> or <b>1-3 /</b> or <b>1:19-</b>
<b>Coverage of the database</b>	Since 1995
<b>Notable features</b>	Free access Directions for use available in English
<b>Disadvantages</b>	Peculiar interface
<b>Update and increase</b>	Daily update 2000 records a month
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="http://www.ixtheo.de">http://www.ixtheo.de</a>

## New Testament Abstracts

<b>Producer</b>	American Theological Library Association and Boston College
<b>Type</b>	Bibliographic database
<b>Publisher</b>	EBSCOhost®
<b>Number of records</b>	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
<b>Full list of journal titles</b>	<a href="http://www.atla.com/products/titles/titles_nta_a-g.html">http://www.atla.com/products/titles/titles_nta_a-g.html</a>
<b>Covered areas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New Testament General: Canon; Interpretation; Textual Criticism; Biblical Linguistic and Philology; Biblical Translation; Computer-Assisted Research; Scholars; Bulletins</li> <li>- Gospels; Jesus; Passion and Death; The Resurrection; Synoptics; Matthew; Mark; Luke; John; Acts of the Apostles</li> <li>- Epistles; Paul; Romans; 1-2 Corinthians; Galatians – Philemon; Hebrews; Catholic Epistles; Revelation</li> <li>- Biblical Theology: Christology; Church and Ministry...</li> <li>- Archaeology; Dead Sea Scrolls; Jewish world; Rabbinics; Greco-Roman world; Early Christianity; Gnosticism</li> </ul>
<b>Languages</b>	All the abstracts are in English regardless of the original language Database query in English
<b>Scripture citations</b>	2 search methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Click on <i>Scriptures</i> on the top left, and select the correct item</li> <li>- Select SC (Scripture Citation) and write the name of the Biblical book in English: Examples: <b>John 11</b> or <b>Mark 14:1-16:20</b></li> </ul>
<b>Coverage of the database</b>	Since 1985
<b>Notable features</b>	Help online available on the EBSCO web page. Under <i>Choisir les bases de données</i> : click on « Plus d'informations »
<b>Update and increase</b>	Updated once a year: 2100 articles abstracts added from more than 500 reviews; 850 book abstracts
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="http://www.ebscohost.com">http://www.ebscohost.com</a> and ATLA <a href="http://www.bc.edu">http://www.bc.edu</a>

## Old Testament Abstracts

<b>Producer</b>	American Theological Library Association and Catholic Biblical Association
<b>Type</b>	Bibliographic database
<b>Publisher</b>	EBSCOhost®
<b>Number of records</b>	50 000
Abstracts of articles, essays, and software	43 000
Book summaries	7 000
<b>Full list of journal titles</b>	<a href="http://www.atla.com/products/titles/titles_ota.html">http://www.atla.com/products/titles/titles_ota.html</a>
<b>Covered areas</b>	Antiquities, archaeology, biblical theology and philology in relation to the Old Testament
<b>Languages</b>	All abstracts are in English regardless of the language of the original work. Query within the database in English
<b>Scripture citations</b>	Two search methods: - Click on <i>Scriptures</i> on the top left and select the correct item - Select SC (Scripture Citation) and write the name of the biblical book in English, eg., <b>Genesis 11</b> or <b>Leviticus 25: 8-24</b>
<b>Coverage of the database</b>	Since 1978
<b>Notable features</b>	Help online available on the EBSCO web page. Under <i>Choisir les bases de données</i> click on « Plus d'informations »
<b>Update and increase</b>	Updated once a year 2000 to 3000 records added annually
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="http://www.ebscohost.com">http://www.ebscohost.com</a> and ATLA

## Origène

<b>Producer</b>	Libraries of the Union des Etablissements d'enseignement Supérieur Catholique (UDESCA)
<b>Type</b>	Web portal
<b>Publisher</b>	Web: <a href="http://origene.univ-cathofrance.fr/">http://origene.univ-cathofrance.fr/</a>
<b>Number of records</b>	More than 1 million
Journal articles and book articles	222 000
Book records	958 000
Thesis and dissertations	31 500
<b>Covered areas</b>	Bible, Theology, Patristic, Biblical Exegesis, Philology, Archaeology, Near Eastern Literature, the Byzantine world, Orthodoxy, Canon law, Church history Other areas: Human Sciences, Philosophy, Literature, Teaching skills, Psychology, Languages, Art, Social Sciences...
<b>Full list of journal titles</b>	Available on the websites of the individual universities
<b>Languages</b>	Many languages Query of the database in French
<b>Scripture citations</b>	In French (in the subject search)
<b>Notable features</b>	Wide search on religious sciences Documents location tool
<b>Disadvantages</b>	Limited search options
<b>Update and increase</b>	Daily
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="http://origene.univ-cathofrance.fr/">http://origene.univ-cathofrance.fr/</a>

## Refdoc

<b>Producer</b>	INIST- CNRS
<b>Type</b>	Bibliographic database, reference, document supply
<b>Publisher</b>	Web: <a href="http://www.refdoc.fr">http://www.refdoc.fr</a>
<b>Number of records</b>	35 million articles, reports and proceedings
<b>Covered areas</b>	Sciences, Technology, Medicine, Humanities, Social Sciences
<b>Languages</b>	Multilingual Database query in French
<b>Scripture citations</b>	Only if the citation is in the title or abstract of the document
<b>Coverage of the database</b>	Since 1847
<b>Notable features</b>	Free subscription to the website, with an online option to buy full text articles in printed or .pdf format. French document supply service Abstracts in French Friendly interface
<b>Disadvantages</b>	Few documents available on biblical topics
<b>Update and increase</b>	Daily
<b>Sources</b>	<a href="http://www.refdoc.fr">http://www.refdoc.fr</a>