



Scripture Searches: SMC Library Resources



Scripture helps us to analyze, contextualize and elucidate our arguments relating to the Bible, Religious Studies, History and Culture studies. Scripture searches are therefore an important skill for students. This guide aims to:

- Introduce you to print resources accessible from the Micallef Library
- Give you helpful tips for searching to get fast and relevant results

1. Introduction to Print Resources

Print Resources: We have a variety of print resources that define and explain biblical terms, pinpoint exact words or phrases, give context to historical events, give a closer examination of a topic, and provide 'handy' general information about Scripture. *Knowing how to use them will save you time and energy!*

Dictionaries: A short A-Z listing of information in a subject area.

Examples:

Dictionary of Latin and Greek Theological Terms
 Dictionary of Philosophy and Religion
 The New Dictionary of Cultural Literacy
 A Dictionary of Symbols
 Baker's Dictionary of Christian Ethics
 Dictionary of Comparative Religion
 Dictionary of Patron Saints' Names
 Dictionary of the Council (Vatican II)
 Illustrated Dictionary of Bible life and times

[REF BR95 M86 1995]
 [REF B41 R43 1980]
 [REF AG5 H757 2002]
 [REF BF1623 S9 C513 1971]
 [REF REF BJ1199 B34 1973]
 [REF BL31 D54 1970]
 [REF BX4656.5 S48 2001]
 [REF BX830 1962 A48 D43 1968]
 [REF BS622 I45 1997]



Encyclopedias: A longer A-Z listing of information in a subject area.

Examples:

Encyclopedia of Women and Religion in North America	[REF BL458 E52 v.1 2006]
An Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Mysticism	[REF BL625 F37 1976]
The Encyclopedia of Religion	[REF BL31 E46 v.1-2 1987]
The Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible	[REF BS440 Z63 v.1 1976]
Encyclopedia of Biblical Theology: (Sacramentum Verbi)	[REF BS440 B46713 1981]
Our Sunday Visitor's Encyclopedia of Catholic History	[REF BX841 B86 1995]
The Modern Catholic Encyclopedia	[REF BX841 M63 2004]
Encyclopedia of Catholic Literature	[REF PN485 E53 v.1 2004]

Handbooks: A 'handy' reference that explain the details that a topic/subject area is "about" or comprised of.

Examples:

A Handbook of Theological Terms	[REF BR95 H32 1964]
Eerdman's Handbook to the Bible	[REF BS417 E55 1973]
Handbook of Catholic Theology	[REF BX1745.5 L4913 1995]
Handbook of Biblical Criticism	[REF BS511.2 S68 1981]
Illustrated Dictionary of Bible Life and Times	
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The Popes: 50 celebrated occupants of St. Peter (like a Handbook ☺)	
[REF BX955.3 W353 2007]	
Everyone in the Bible (every person named in the Bible, with scriptural references - like a Handbook ☺)	
[REF BS570 B3 1966]	
Illustrated Survey of the Bible (encounters with scripture, explaining the overall pattern and purpose of each Book of the Bible, including background details, context and message – like a Handbook ☺)	
[REF BS593 I44 2002]	

Atlases: Show historical, socio-cultural and geographical maps for discrete time periods, happenings or subject areas.

Examples:

Atlas of the Bible	[REF BS635.2 R4 1981]
20 th Century Atlas of the Christian World	[REF BV2100 F73 1963]
Aerial Atlas of the Holy Land	[REF G2230 H27 2008]
Historical Atlas of Canada 1891-1961	[REF G1116 S1 H5 v.3 1987]
Universe Atlas of the Christian World	[REF BS630 F7 1963]



Sourcebook: Gives the background or source information behind ideas, theories, practices, beliefs, traditions.

Example:

The Catholic Sourcebook

[REF BX 842 C38 2000]

Concordance: Shows where specific words and phrases occur in scripture passages.

Examples:

Young's Analytical Concordance to the Bible

[REF BS425 Y7 1982]

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The Interlinear Bible: Hebrew, Greek, English (shows scriptural passages in different languages).

[REF BS1 1986]

The Complete Parallel Bible (compares scriptural passages across different Bible versions).

[REF BS125 BS 1993]

Commentary: Shares academic comments/analysis on Books, Chapters and Verses in the Bible.

Examples:

The IVP Women's Bible Commentary

[REF BS521.4 I97 2002]

A Catholic Commentary on Holy Scripture

[REF BS491 O7 1953a]

The New Interpreter's Bible (series)

[REF BS491.2 N484 v.1 1994]

Other Interesting Aids to Scripture Searching Reference: Almanacs (chronology, news & events, seasons, dates, statistics, pope's travels, addresses), Encyclicals, Decrees & Figures of Speech.

Examples:

An Annotated Bibliography of Philosophy in Catholic Thought -1964

[REF BR100 M34 v.1 1967]

Catholic Almanac (2004)

[REF AY81 R6 N3 2004]

The Papal Encyclicals 1740-1878

[REF BX860 C37 v.1 1981]

Who's Who in the Bible

[REF BS570 W56 1980]

Vatican II

[REF BX830 1962 A3 F55 1992]

Figures of Speech Used in the Bible

[REF BS537 B8 1968]

Decrees of the Ecumenical Councils

[REF BX825 D4 1990]

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