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Through EBSCOhost HST students have access to the following indexes: *Christian Periodical Index*, *Index to Jewish Periodicals*, *Old Testament Abstracts*, *New Testament Abstracts*, the *ATLA Religion Database*, *OpenDissertations*, the *ATLA Historical Monographs Collection*, and the *AAS Historical Periodicals Collection*. The URL is <http://search.ebscohost.com/>. There is a separate assignment on the *ATLA Religion Database*.

Access through the HST website. Click on “Library,” “find articles,” “access EBSCO,” “EBSCOhost Research Databases,” and choose database to search. The default database is *ATLA Religion Database*. You may search from all simultaneously, but each database has its own idiosyncrasies. Click on **continue**.

In the **Advanced Search** there is a choice of **search modes**. The default search mode is **Boolean/phrase**. In searching more than one subject simultaneously the subject headings must be entered in separate search fields or connected by the Boolean “AND” in one search field. Boolean operators (and, or & not) are only considered Boolean operators if entered in all caps. The second search mode is “**find all my search**” terms; terms entered in a search field are automatically connected with an “and.” In **Advanced Search** there are search options, which vary in each database. To change search options after entering a search, click on **Advanced Search** to return to original search screen. This deletes previous search options and new options can be entered. The **All Text** field allows keyword searches of all parts of the entries: titles, abstracts, etc.

Christian Periodical Index.

Provides subject, author, and book review indexing to more than 160 conservative and/or evangelical periodicals. Current indexing includes over 140 titles back to 1976. Contains over 136,170 articles and over 92,000 reviews. An ongoing project of retrospective indexing will continue to add indexing back to the earlier years of the index, which began in 1956. See <http://www.acl.org/index.cfm/publications/christian-periodical-index/> for a list of journals indexed. Go to <http://cpi.acl.org/cpifulltext.html> for links to full-text of some of the periodicals indexed in *Christian Periodical Index*.

Subject headings in entries cannot be hot linked if separated by dashes. Hold cursor on subject to see what will be searched. Note the subject heading and manually enter it in a search field or cut and paste into a search field. In **Advanced Search** can limit search by journal, date, or document type.

Search Scripture in subject field; enter title of biblical book and chapter in Roman numerals, followed by a comma and verses in Arabic numbers (e.g., Genesis III, 15). Enter books of the Bible with more than one book as follows: Corinthians, 2nd.

Index to Jewish Periodicals.

Provides subject, author, and book review indexing to “230 English language journals of general and scholarly interest” from 1988 to present. Most of these are Jewish periodicals, but also includes several others such as *Journal of Biblical Literature*, *Journal for the Study of the O.T.*,

Religion and American Culture, and Religious Studies. See <http://jewishperiodicals.com/which-periodicals-are-indexed/> for a list of journals indexed.

In **Advanced Search** can limit search by journal and date.

To retrieve book reviews, enter author of the book in the **author** field, title of the book in the **book title** field, and “book review” in the **subject** field.

Search Scripture in subject field by entering Bible. N.T. or O.T., and book of Bible (e.g., Bible. O.T. Ruth or Bible. N.T. Philemon). For books of the Bible with more than one book do **not** indicate 1st, 2nd, etc. There is no way to search by chapter and verse.

Old Testament Abstracts

Contains English abstracts of articles from over 550 English and foreign language journals and abstracts of about 300 books a year. Began abstracting articles from Festschriften and collected essays in 1992. Indexes not only material on Scripture and O.T. theology, but also on the Ancient Near East, archaeology, epigraphy, philology, history, geography, intertestamental literature & Apocrypha, including the Dead Sea Scrolls. Coverage from 1978 to within the last 2 years is available through this database, which is only updated annually the year following the completion of a volume.

There is no thesaurus or list of subject headings and searches in the “subjects” field will not be very productive. Searches for subjects must be done from the **All Text** field, which searches keywords in all parts of the entries. To obtain the full record that includes editor for a multi-author work, click on the chapter title from the results list, and then on the blue OTA number following the page numbers of the chapter.

To search for material on a particular Scripture, go to **Advanced Search**. Click on **indexes** in the blue field at the top of search screen. In the **browse an index** field select **Scripture reference**. Type in Scripture (e.g., Isaiah 11:4) in the **browse for** field. Click on **browse**. Click on the box to the left of your Scripture. Click on **Add** and then execute search. Enter books of the Bible with more than one book as follows: Kings, 1st. **Search for material on Ecclesiastes under Qoheleth.**

New Testament Abstracts

Contains English abstracts of articles from more than 500 (approximately 2,000 articles added annually) English and foreign language journals and summaries of current books (about 900 annually). The database contains more than 48,000 article abstracts, 1,700 review abstracts, 16,500 book abstracts, and 64 software abstracts. Article coverage in the database dates back to 1985. Indexes not only material on Scripture and N.T. theology, but also on the world of the N.T., including archaeology, Dead Sea Scrolls, Jewish backgrounds, Greco-Roman backgrounds, early church, and Gnosticism. Coverage to within the last 2 years is available through this database, which is only updated annually the year following the completion of a volume.

Searches for subjects must be done from the **All Text** field which searches keywords in all parts of the entries; subject entries for articles are very broad (e.g., The World of the N.T., Archaeology).

There is no way to retrieve a complete list of articles on particular verses; many such articles are under very general subject headings (e.g., Gospels-Acts or Epistles-Revelation). You may find

some (but many cannot be accessed through the Scripture search) material on a particular Scripture by going to **Advanced Search**. Click on **indexes** in the blue field at the top of search screen. In the **browse an index** field select **Scripture reference**. Type in Scripture (e.g., Romans 8:28) in the **browse for** field. Click on **browse**. Click on the box to the left of your Scripture. Click on **Add** and then execute search. Enter books of the Bible with more than one book as follows: Corinthians, 1st. You may get more results by searching Scripture through a keyword search from the **All Text** field, but it must be entered exactly as the Scripture appears in the title or abstract (e.g., it could 1 John 2:2, 1 John 2,2, 1 Jn 2:2, or 1 Jn 2,2)

ATLA Historical Monographs Collection

This collection contains the full text of over 29,000 books. It was produced in 2 series. Series 1 contains more than 15,000 titles from 13th Century through the 1893. It includes many volumes in Aramaic, Arabic, Greek, Hebrew and other languages besides English, documenting the recovery of languages used during the biblical era and provides an in-depth view of the way that interest in, and knowledge of, biblical languages emerged during the nineteenth century. Series 2 contains nearly 15,000 titles published from 1894 through 1923. It presents a comprehensive picture of religion in America at the turn of the century. Subjects addressed include the conflict between religion and science, the growing interest in Eastern religions and other world religions, and significant shifts in the religious identification of Americans.

Can search by author, title, subject, and keyword (all text field). Unless searching within a specific date range, search both series simultaneously. From results list choose title and click on **“view full text.”** Close the page map and document map. The table of contents appears on the left-hand side of the screen. In longer works the table of contents may be split. Click on the appropriate section. Click on **“search”** to find where a term appears in the book. You have the option to download the work as a PDF or email it.

American Antiquarian Society Historical Periodicals Collection

This collection provides access to the full text of the periodicals at the American Antiquarian Society published between 1684 and 1912. Sometimes an entire run of a periodical may be available, but in others maybe only one or a few issues. It is arranged in 50 subject-based collections representing the following general subject areas: Agriculture, Applied Science & Technology, Art, Business, Education, History, Music, Religion, and Women’s Studies. The religion subsets are Alternative Faith and Philosophy Periodicals, 1789-1878; Baptists, Quakers, and Independent Church Periodicals, 1797-1881; Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, and Episcopal Periodicals, 1797-1904; Congregational, Presbyterian, and Reformed Church Periodicals, 1803-1902; Emerging American Religions, 1821-1895; General Interest Christian Periodicals, 1743-1889; Missionary and Charity Periodicals, 1793-1902; Religious Periodicals for Women, Children, and Families, 1804-1878; Religious Periodicals from the Southern U.S., 1801-1904; Sunday School Periodicals, 1818-1885; Temperance Periodicals in America, 1826-1877; and Theology and Biblical Studies Periodicals, 1760-1877.

Can search by author, title, subject and keyword (all text field). **Caution: Sometimes an article may be unsigned (assumed to be written by the periodical’s editor) or followed by initials; search by the author’s full name will therefore not always locate the desired article.** The 50 subject-based collections are not arranged in any discernable order from the choice of databases. The “religion” collections are intermingled with the other subject collections. For most searches select the following three to search simultaneously: “General Interest Christian Periodicals,” Religious Periodicals from the Southern U.S.,” and “Theology and Biblical Studies Periodicals.” Alexander Campbell’s *Millennial Harbinger* is included in the “Emerging American Religions”

collection. To see the periodicals included in a collection click on “title list.” To find “title list” after a search, click on “choose databases” and check the collection you want list from. Click on “**detailed view**” at the top of the screen. Scroll through the possible collections to find the desired collection (it will be highlighted in blue). Click on “title list.” You have the option to download an article as a PDF or email it.

OpenDissertations

A database to assist in locating both historic and contemporary dissertations and theses with citations to graduate research from the early 20th century to the present. Features dissertation metadata (with full text of many) contributed by select colleges and universities from around the world, including many dissertations and theses from EThOS, which provides full text access to over 400,000 theses produced in the UK. There is no thesaurus for subject headings and subject headings are not consistent. Keyword searching (“all text”) will frequently be the most effective search.