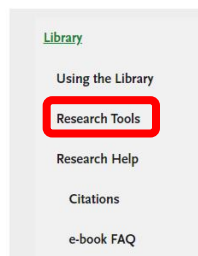
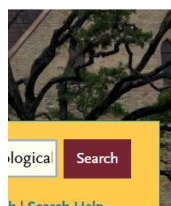


Lamentations

Many relevant sources can be found by clicking the [Research Tools](#) link in the grey box on the right-hand side of the library's homepage.



Then scroll down to

Tools by Topic

Bible

Commentaries

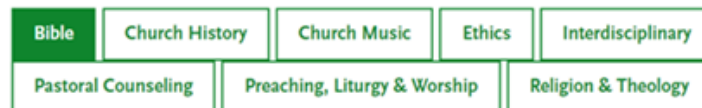
Isa-Lam

Lamentations

For example:

[Samet, Nili. *The Lamentation Over the Destruction of Ur. Mesopotamian Civilizations. Winona Lake, Indiana: Eisenbrauns, 2014.*](#)

Tools by Topic



Research Tools

+ Atla Religion Database

Commentaries (e-books - off-campus access requires Austin Seminary log-in)

+ Background

+ By series

- By book of the Bible: Old Testament



+ Old Testament Prophets and Prophecy

+ Isaiah

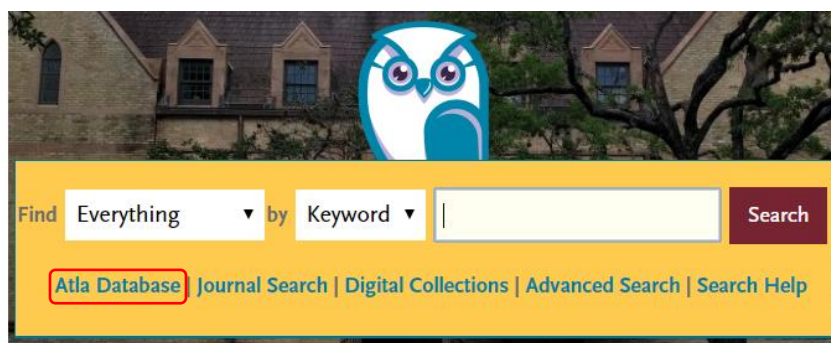
+ Jeremiah

- Lamentations

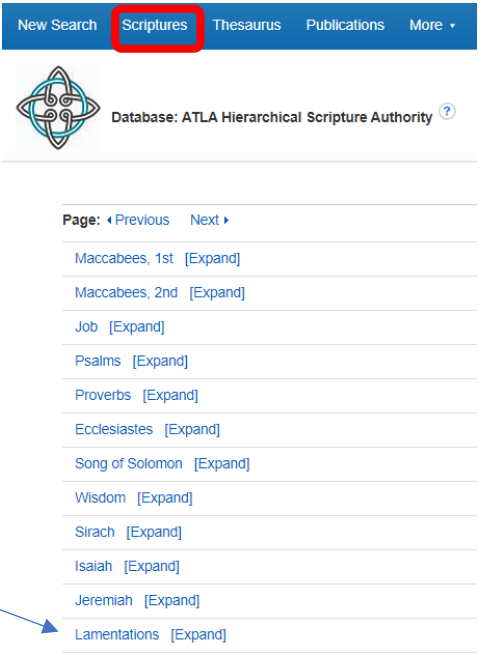


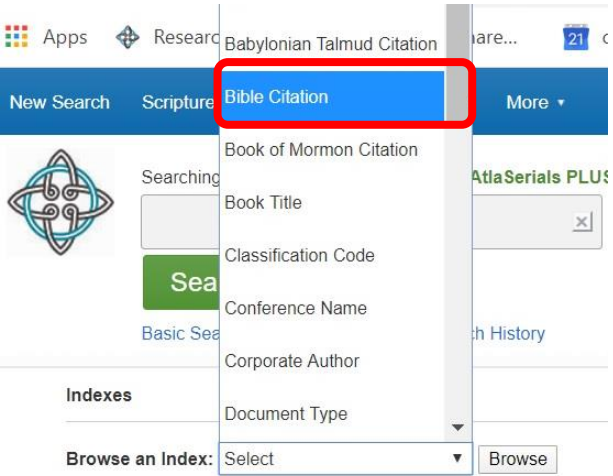
Allen, Leslie C. *A Liturgy of Grief: A Pastoral Commentary on Lamentations*. Grand Rapids, Mich: Baker Academic,

Atla Religion Database

Atla is an essential resource for scholarly research in religion and theology. You can gain access to it by clicking the [Atla Database](#) link below the main search box on the library homepage:



One of the most useful features in the Atla Religion Database is the ability to find scholarly journal articles and essays about a particular scripture passage. There are two ways to gain access to this feature:

<p>First, you can click the “Scriptures” tab in the blue top-level menu bar.</p> <p>This opens the ATLA Hierarchical Scripture Authority, which allows you to search by scrolling through a list of the books of the Bible in canonical order.</p> <p>Clicking [Expand] next to the name of the book of the Bible, e.g., Lamentations, will open a list of all the chapters in that book.</p>	
<p>Note: while you can expand to the verse level, it works best to use the chapter level, since you are less likely to miss relevant results.</p>	
<p>The second way to search for articles on a passage of Scripture in Atla is the Bible Citation Index. You can gain access to this by clicking “More” (or the three dots) and choosing “Indexes.”</p>	
<p>Then choose “Bible Citation” from the drop-down index (or in this case, the drop-up index) next to Browse an Index:</p>	

Once you have selected “Bible Citation” as your index, type your scripture passage, e.g., “lamentations” or “lamentations 1” or “lamentations 1.12.”

This generates a checklist of various verse ranges; select one or more and click “Add.”

Browse an Index: Bible Citation ▼ **Browse**

Browse for: lamentations

Page: ◀ Previous Next ▶


Select one or more terms and add to search using: or ▼ **Add**

Term

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> lamentations
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<input type="checkbox"/> lamentations 1:1 - 1:11

This creates a formatted list in the search box, comprising all the passages you have selected. Click “Search” to run the search.

Note that this method allows you to create much more refined and precise searches. However, sometimes it can be advantageous to begin your search more broadly, since a more refined search may exclude some relevant, and/or useful results.

 Searching: **Atla Religion Database with AtlaSerials PLUS** | [Choose Databases](#)

(ZP "lamentations 1") or (ZP "lamentations 1:12") or (ZP "lamentations 1:12 - 1:13") or (ZP "lamentations")

Search ?

[Basic Search](#) [Advanced Search](#) [Search History](#)

Indexes

Browse an Index: Bible Citation ▼ **Browse**

Browse for: lamentations

Page: ◀ Previous Next ▶

Select one or more terms and add to search using: or ▼ **Add**

Refine Results

Search Results: 1 - 10 of 34

Current Search

Boolean/Phrase:
SR "Lamentations 1"

Expanders
Apply equivalent subjects

Limiters
Year Published: 1989-2019

Limit To

☐ Full Text
☐ Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals
☐ Open Access

1992 Publication Date 2019

Use the options in the left-hand column to refine your results. For example, the Publication Date slider allows you to limit results to items published in a certain date range, e.g., since 1992.

1. J... Debated Hebrew phrase in **Lamentations 1:2**
...nal Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies: Stellenb...
...nt; Bible. Old Testament. Versions, Hebrew. Masoretic Text; Bible

2. ...
...aid. Source: Asian Journal of Pentecostal Studies, 21 no 1 Feb 2018, p 81-94. Publication Type: Article
...jects: Bible. **Lamentations**; Honor in the Bible; Shame in the Bible
... PDF Full Text

3. What Did YHWH Do in Lam 1:12?: Correcting a Misreading in the DJD Edition of 4QLam
By: Flanders, Denise C. Source: Vetus testamentum, 66 no 4 2016, p 513-523. Publication Type: Article
Subjects: Cross, Frank Moore, 1921-2012; Bible. **Lamentations** -- Criticism, Textual; Dead Sea scrolls. **Lamentations**; Bit

Note that you can also refine your search by typing in additional search terms:

Searching: **Atla Religion Database with AtlaSerials PLUS** | [Choose Databases](#)

SR "Lamentations 1"

Select a Field (optional) ▼

AND ▼ hebrew

Select a Field (optional) ▼

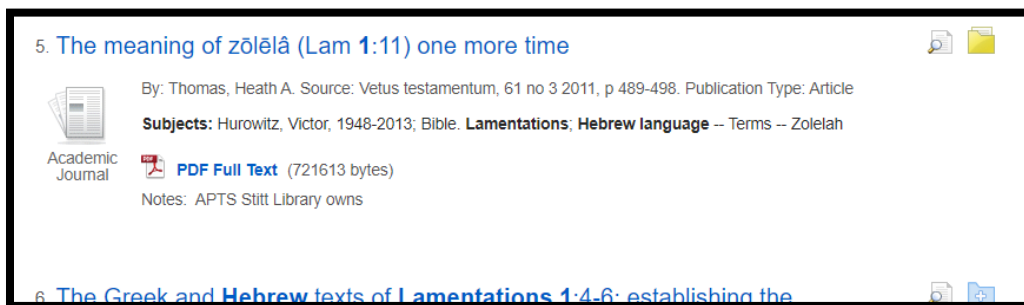
5. The meaning of zōlēlâ (Lam 1:11) o...
By: Thomas, Heath A. Source: Vetus test...
Subjects: Hurowitz, Victor, 1948-...
Academic Journal PDF Full Text (721613 bytes)
Notes: APTS Stitt Library owns

Some results include a link to the full text of the article, as a PDF file or in some other format.

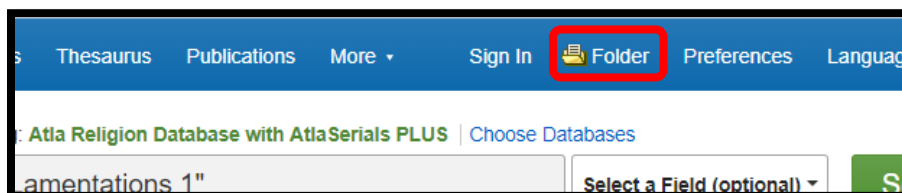
6. The Greek and **Hebrew** texts of **Lamentations**
the differences in content between the textual...
text-critical analysis
By: Kotzé, Gideon R. Source: Acta patristica et byzantina, 20...
Subjects: Bible. **Lamentations** -- Criticism, Textual; Bible. Old Testament. Versions, **Hebrew**. Masoretic Text; Bible. Old Testament. Versions, **Greek**. Septuagint

If the full text is not available, please ask us about other ways to acquire a copy.

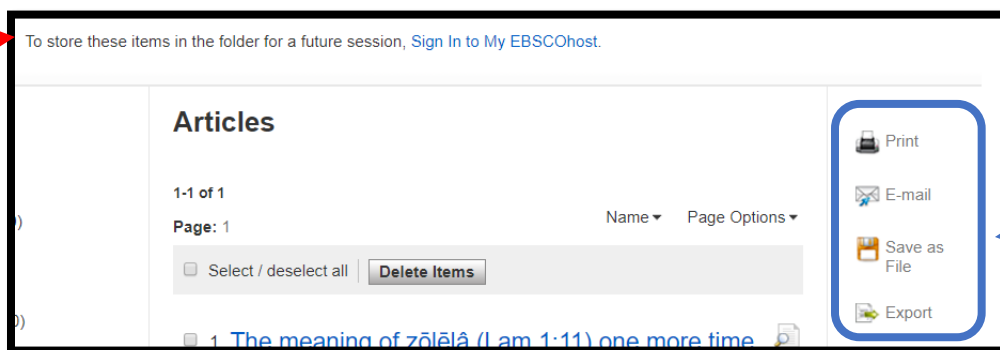
Clicking the folder icon next to an item places it in your folder. This allows you to go through results more efficiently, placing any that look potentially relevant in a folder for later review.



You can see the items you have placed in your folder by clicking the Folder icon in the top menu bar.



From the folder, you can select items and email them to yourself (this will also include the full-text file, if available). You can also save or print the records for select items, or export them to a bibliographic management program like RefWorks or Zotero.



Note that the items will disappear when you close the browser, or if it times out. If you sign in to your EBSCO account, the items will remain in your folder, and you can gain access to them from any computer with internet access. Creating an EBSCO account is free, and distinct from your APTS log-in.

You can also create subfolders to organize your research by class or topic.



Clicking the title of an item takes you to that item's record. This provides access to the following:

- (1) A link to the full text of the item, if available
- (2) A list of Subject Terms; these are links that you can use to begin a new search for other items on the same subject
- (3) Various options for printings, saving, and citing the item

The screenshot shows a detailed record page for the item "The meaning of zōlēlâ (Lam 1:11) one more time". The page is divided into three main sections: a left sidebar, a central metadata area, and a right sidebar. The left sidebar contains a link to the full text (PDF Full Text) and a button to find similar results. The central area displays metadata such as authors, source, peer-reviewed status, ISSN, eISSN, DOI, publication year, language, and subjects. The right sidebar contains a tools menu with options like Google Drive, Print, E-mail, Save, Cite, Export, Create Note, and Permalink. Three blue callout boxes with numbers 1, 2, and 3 point to specific features: box 1 points to the "Find Similar Results" button, box 2 points to the "Subjects" list, and box 3 points to the "Tools" menu.

Detailed Record Folder List 1 of 1

The meaning of zōlēlâ (Lam 1:11) one more time

Authors: Thomas, Heath A 1975-

Source: Vetus testamentum, 61 no 3 2011, p 489-498

Peer Reviewed: Yes

ISSN: 0042-4935

eISSN: 1568-5330

DOI: 10.1163/156853311X585540

Publication Year: 2011

Language: English

Subjects: Hurowitz, Victor, 1948-2013
Bible. Lamentations
Hebrew language -- Terms -- Zolelah

Tools

- Google Drive
- Print
- E-mail
- Save
- Cite
- Export
- Create Note
- Permalink

Using the links under Subject Terms to begin a new search is a good way to find other relevant results. Note that you can use additional search terms to refine your search.

The screenshot shows a search interface with a search bar containing the text "DE 'Bible. Lamentations'". Below the search bar, there are two rows of search filters. The first row has a dropdown menu set to "AND" and a search term "hebrew terms". The second row has a dropdown menu set to "AND" and a search term "Select a Field (optional)". To the right of the search bar is a green "Search" button. Below the search bar is a "Clear" button with a question mark icon.

Searching: **Atla Religion Database with AtlaSerials PLUS** | Choose Databases

DE "Bible. Lamentations" Select a Field (optional) Search

AND hebrew terms Select a Field (optional) Clear ?

AND Select a Field (optional)

The "Cite" function generates a model citation that you can copy (be sure to check the citation to make sure it is correct):

The screenshot shows a citation generation interface. On the left, there is a section for "Chicago/Turabian: Humanities" with a "Bibliography" tab. The citation text is displayed in the center. On the right, there is a sidebar with buttons for "E-mail", "Save", and "Cite".


formatting and punctuation guidelines.

Chicago/Turabian: Humanities Bibliography

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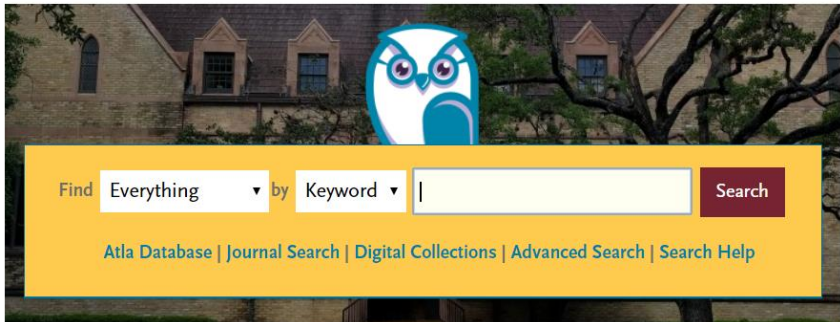
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In addition to Atla Religion Database, other research tools that may be helpful in researching immigration and the Old Testament may be found on the Research Tools page on the library's website.

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The Atla Religion Database is the premier resource for journal articles, book reviews, and collections of essays in all fields of religion with the largest collection of full text religion and theology journals. This database is produced by Atla, a membership association of collectors and connectors in religion and theology.

Biblical Archaeology Society Library

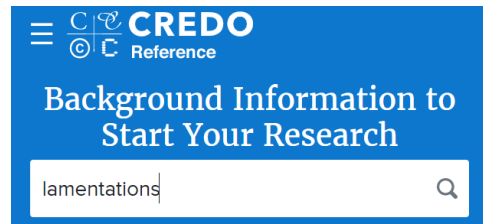
The Biblical Archaeology Society Library is a searchable collection of over 7,000 articles and 22,000 photographs, maps, diagrams, and drawings from BAS publications, including Biblical Archaeology Review (1975 to present), Bible Review (1985 to 2005 complete) and Archaeology Odyssey (1998 to 2006 complete), as well as video lectures on key issues in archaeology and the Bible and curated topical collections on selected subjects.

Credo Reference Online

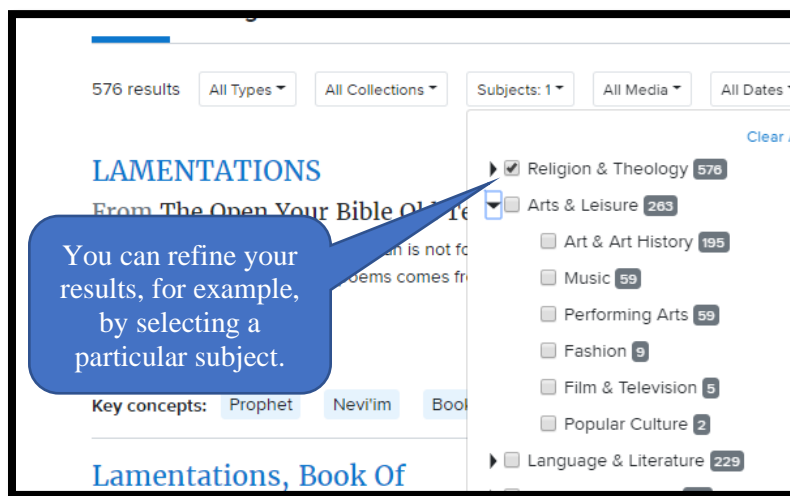
Credo is an excellent place to begin when you are first learning about a topic. On this site, you will be able to search encyclopedias, dictionaries, and handbooks on topics ranging from Christianity to other

Credo Reference

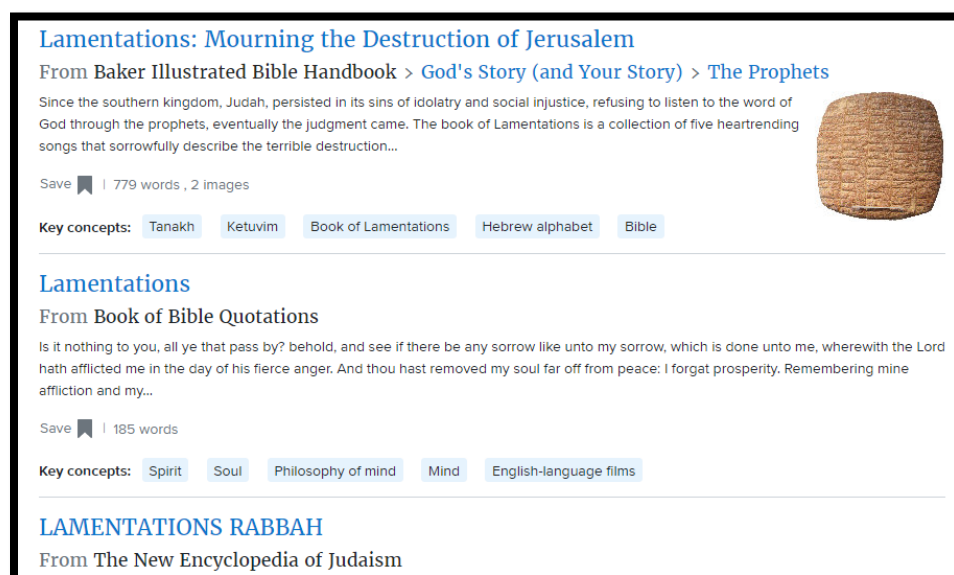
Credo Reference can be an excellent place to begin your research, especially if it is more interdisciplinary in nature. It provides access to several good academic reference works in a single search interface.

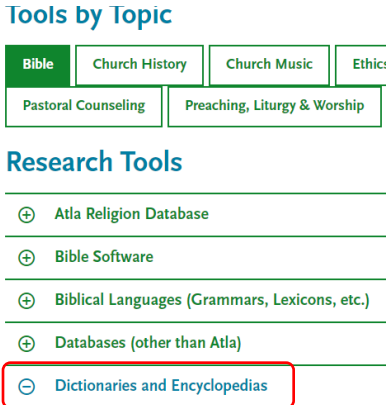


The results page comprises a list of articles drawn from various dictionaries and encyclopedias, including many that focus on biblical studies:

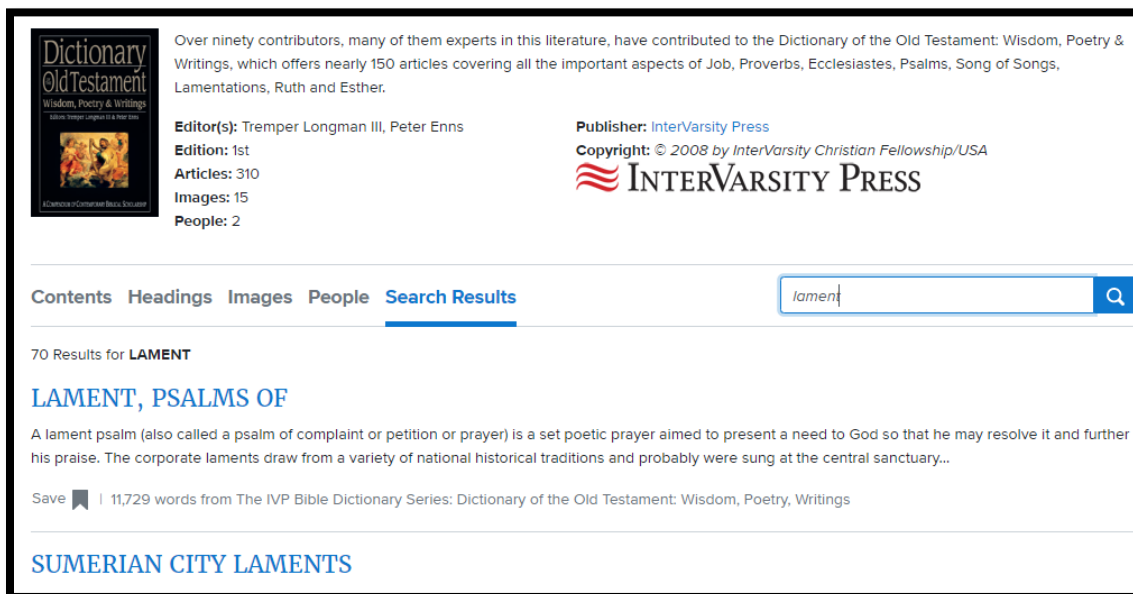


This can lead you to sources you might not have considered (or known about) otherwise:



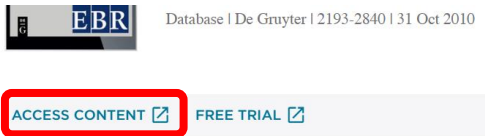
<p>Many of these are listed under the Dictionaries and Encyclopedias tab</p> <p>You can find these by clicking the Bible tab under</p> <p>Tools by Topic on the Research Tools page:</p>	
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You can also search within, or browse the Table of Contents of, a particular dictionary or encyclopedia to see if there are any other relevant entries:



Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception Online

While the search interface is somewhat cumbersome (and the product is still incomplete), EBR offers much useful information.

<p>On the landing page, click “ACCESS CONTENT”</p>	
<p>Type your search term(s) (e.g., “lamentations”) in the search box in the column on the left side of the screen.</p>	

Search

Full Text

lamentations

[+] Add row

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SEARCH

Search

Title
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Author
DOI

Note that it sometimes works best to change the search index from “Full Text” to “Title,” though this option does not always work properly.

Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception Online

View More

You are looking at 1 - 10 of 120 entries

Full Text:lamentations

Clear All

Items per page 10

Sort by Relevance

Lamentations, Book of

Frevel, Christian; Briana Lee, Bo Yeon; Mandel, Paul; Ho Jesurathnam, Kondasingu; Swindell, Anthony; Joyce, Paul; Epton, Diana; Long, Elisha

Lament, Lamentation

You may find it helpful to switch Sort by to “Relevance”

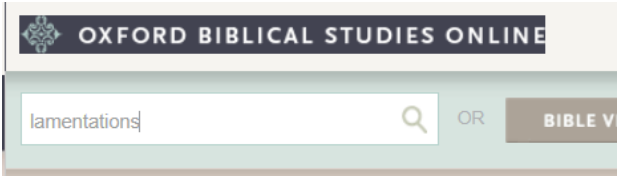
Lamentations, Book of

- I Hebrew Bible/Old Testament
- II Judaism
 - A Second Temple and Hellenistic Judaism
 - B Rabbinic Judaism
 - C Medieval Judaism
 - D Modern Judaism
- III Christianity
 - A Greek and Latin Patristics
 - B Medieval Times and Reformation Era
 - C Modern Europe and America
 - D World Christianity
- IV Literature
- V Visual Arts
- VI Music
- VII Film

EBW discusses in detail how concepts (like lament) used, interpreted, and adapted in the Bible, and how the books of the Bible (like Lamentations) have been received and interpreted by Jewish and Christian (and other) faith communities and how they have been portrayed, and/or cited, and/or alluded to in literature, music, and film.

Oxford Biblical Studies Online

OBSO provides access to several high-quality scholarly reference works on the Bible, including dictionaries and encyclopedias.

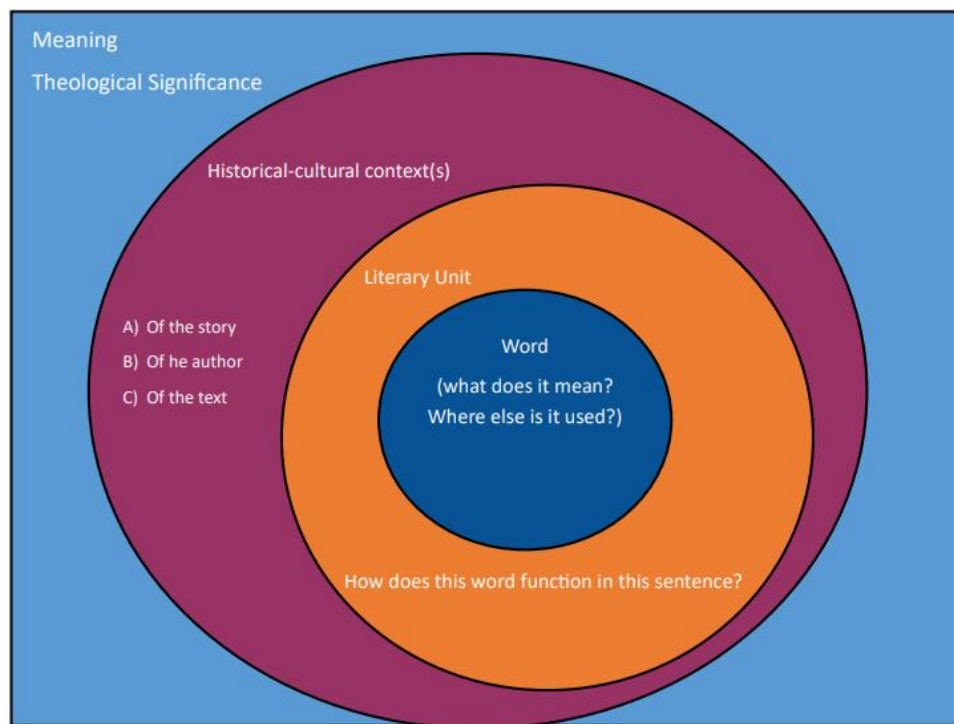
<p>You can use the search box on the main page to search for your topic (e.g., “lamentations”).</p>	
<p>This retrieves results from the various reference works included in the database, such as <i>The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Theology</i> and <i>The Oxford Dictionary of the Bible</i>.</p>	<div><h3>Search Results</h3><p>You searched for: Subject Entries, Chaptered Works, Charts & Tables, misc, Biogra Text: lamentations sorted by relevance. 574 result(s) found.</p><div><div>All (574)</div><div>Reference (284)</div><div>Bible Text (290)</div><div>Image</div></div><div>◀ PreviousPage 1 of 15Go to Page # <input type="text"/> Go</div><div><div>1. Lamentations (A-Z entry) See Megillot . Source: <i>The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Theology</i></div><div>2. Lamentations (Chapters) The book of Lamentations consists of five prayers of complaint, mourning bef destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple. Since Jerusalem and the ... Source: <i>The Catholic Study Bible</i></div><div>3. Lamentations (A-Z entry) In Hebrew, a poetic work in acrostic formation, and in the LXX attached to the prophecies of Jeremiah , with whom ... Source: <i>A Dictionary of the Bible</i></div></div></div>

Accordance Bible Software

When you are doing exegesis, there are three basic types of information you need:

- (1) Lexical – information about specific words –
 - a. What does this word mean? How do we know?
 - b. Where else is it used?
 - c. Do the significant words in this passage occur together elsewhere? How does its/their use elsewhere shed light on its/their use here?
- (2) Literary/grammatical – how words function in sentences, paragraphs, works, collections
 - a. How does this word function in this sentence (or other syntactical unit)?
 - b. What is its, and/or its grammatical unit's, role in the wider literary context?
 - c. Is this a common construction or an idiom, or is unusual?
- (3) Historical/cultural contextual – this has three perspectives, or axes of investigation:
 - a. Context of the story/implicit narrative (of a letter or poem)
 - b. Context of the author (if different)
 - c. Context/Development/Reception of the text

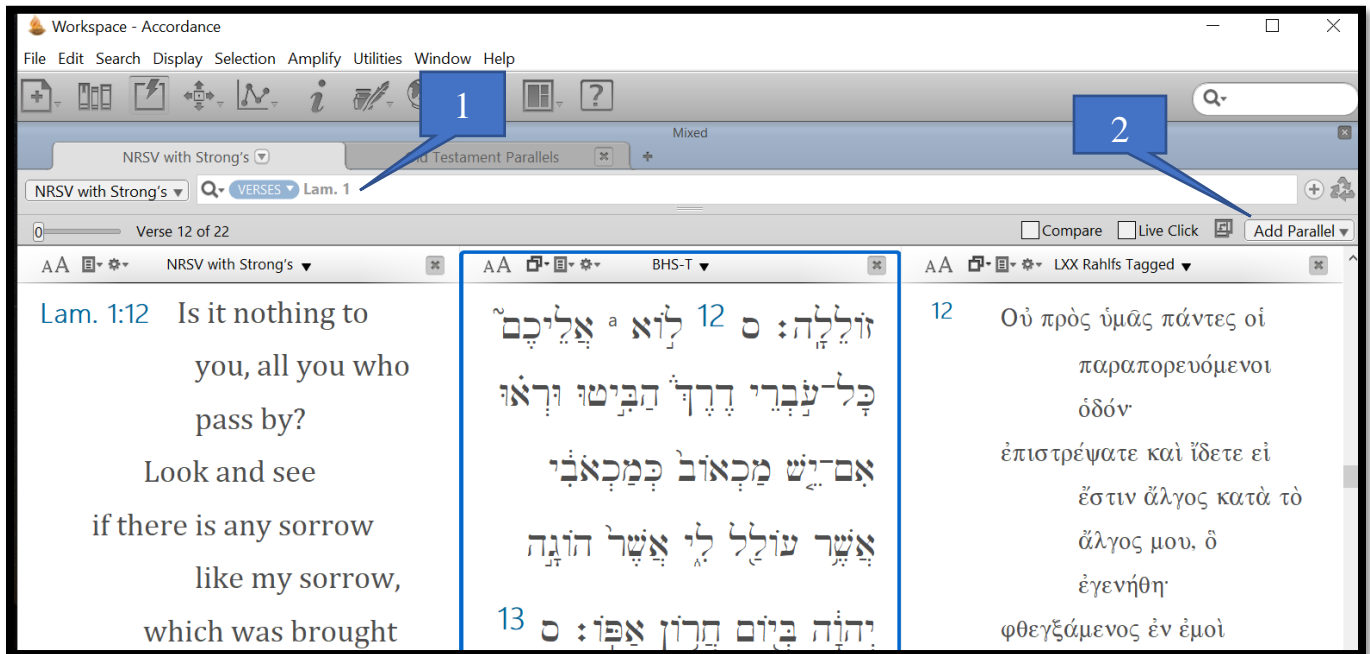
All of this takes place in the larger task of discerning the meaning of a text, and its theological significance.



Accordance can help you find all three kinds of information [note that this order does not reflect the sequence of the exegetical process; also remember that exegesis is an iterative process].

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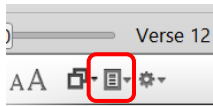
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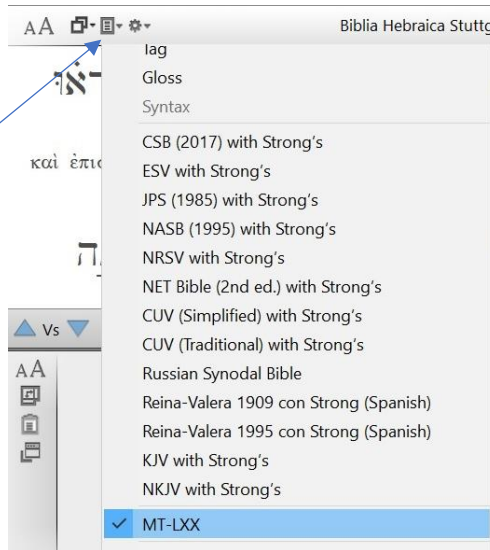
1. Use the search bar to navigate to your passage.
2. Click “Add Parallel” to see your text in another version, including the original languages. For example, you can add both the *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia* (BHS) and Rahlfs’ edition of the Septuagint (LXX) as parallels to the NRSV.

Note that you can also display the Hebrew Masoretic Text (MT) and the LXX as an interlinear.

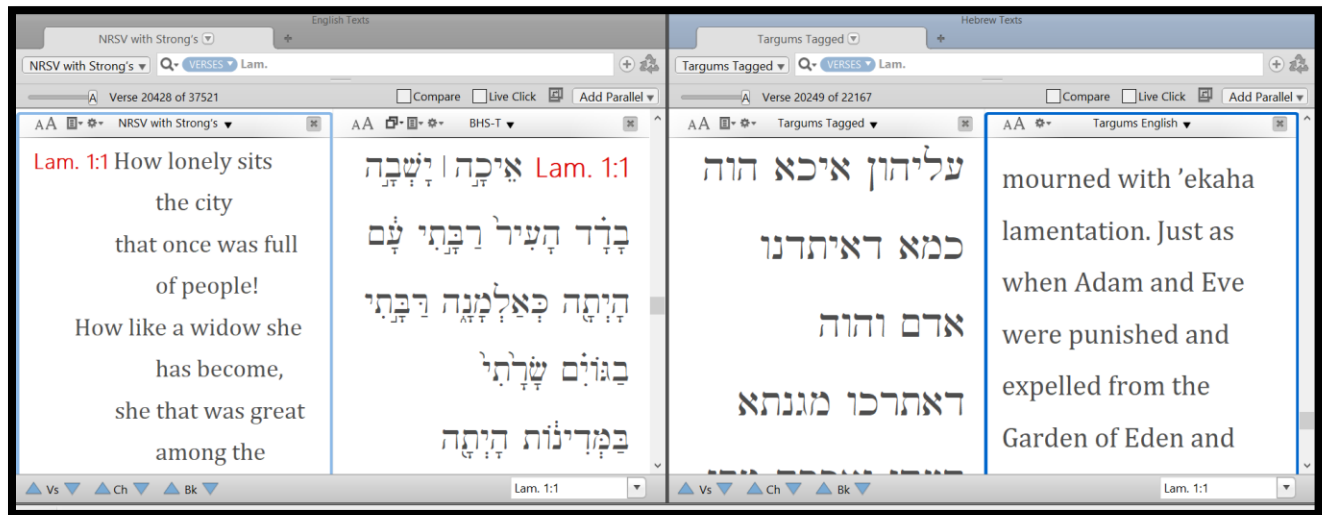
Click the interlinear button:



Then choose “MT-LXX”



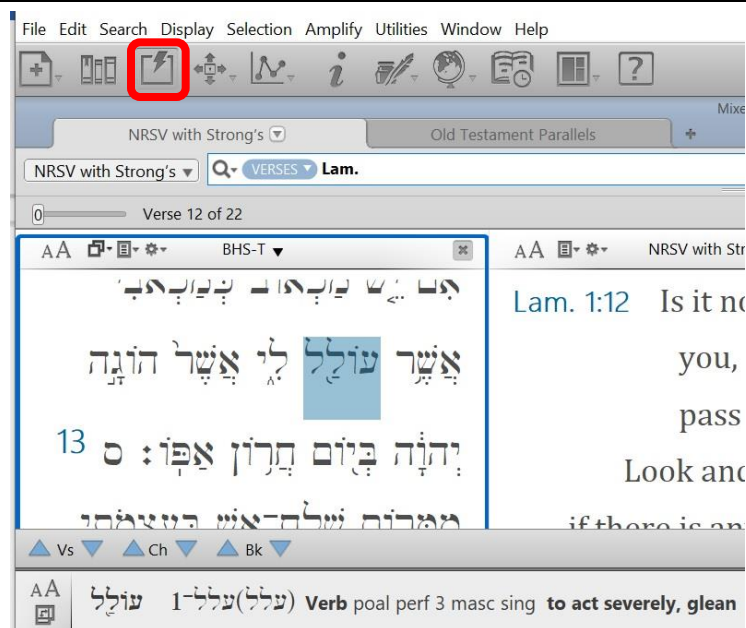
It is also possible to open other texts, in another zone, for comparison. For example, you can open a Targum (early Aramaic paraphrase and translation of the Hebrew text) on Lamentations, both in Aramaic and in English translation:



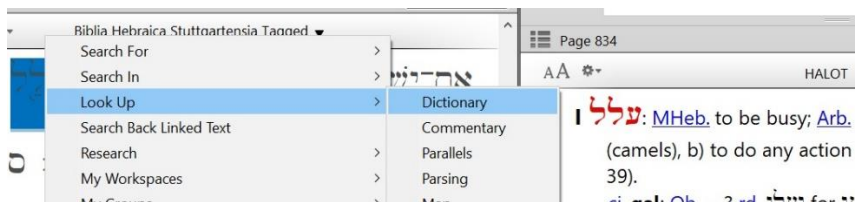
Use **Instant Details** (the Harry Potter Lightning Scar Button) to see more information on a given word.

For example, hovering over the word עֹלֵל with the instant details button toggled gives you the following information:

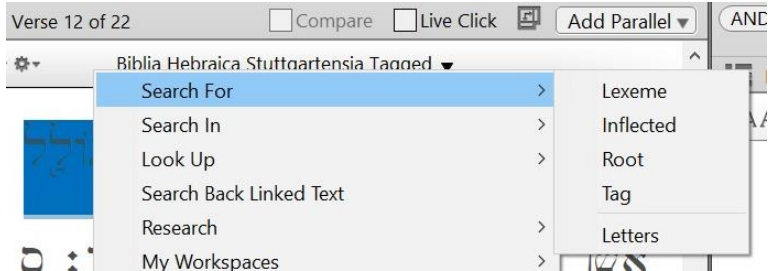
the lexical form is עָלַל and the form that occurs in Lam 1.13 is a poal perfect, 3 masculine singular and it may be glossed “**to act severely, glean.**”



Right Click on a word to see more options for finding additional information on a word, such as **Look Up** to look it up in a dictionary or lexicon (e.g., HALOT),



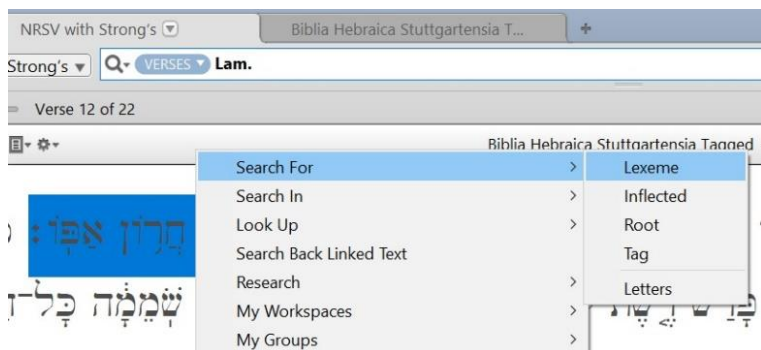
Right Click on a word and select **Search For – Lexeme, Inflected, Root, Tag** – to see where else the lexical form, inflected (exact) form, or root of a given word occurs.



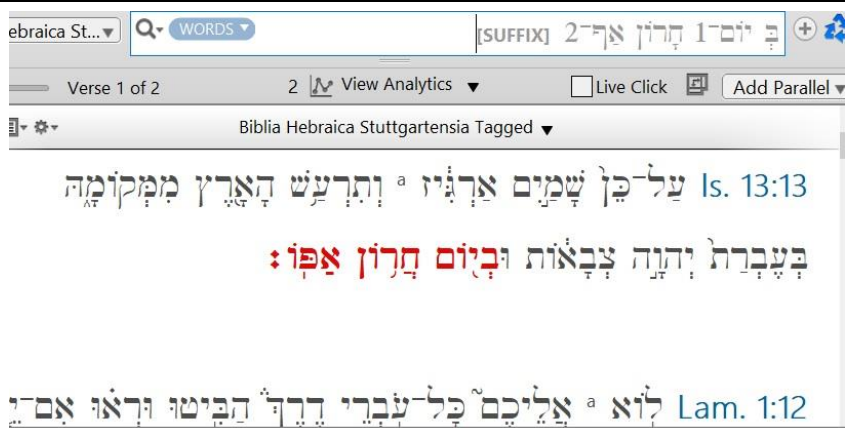
You can also search for phrases



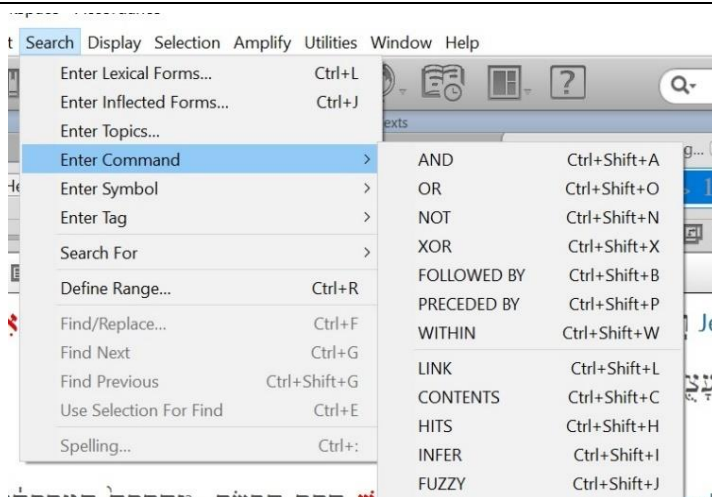
Highlight the phrase, **Right Click**, and choose **Search For – Lexeme**.



Finding other verses in which a phrase occurs can shed light on the use of the phrase in your passage through comparison and/or contrast.



Note that you can use the commands under the **Search** menu to create more complex searches.



For example, you can use the <AND> command to create searches for multiple words.

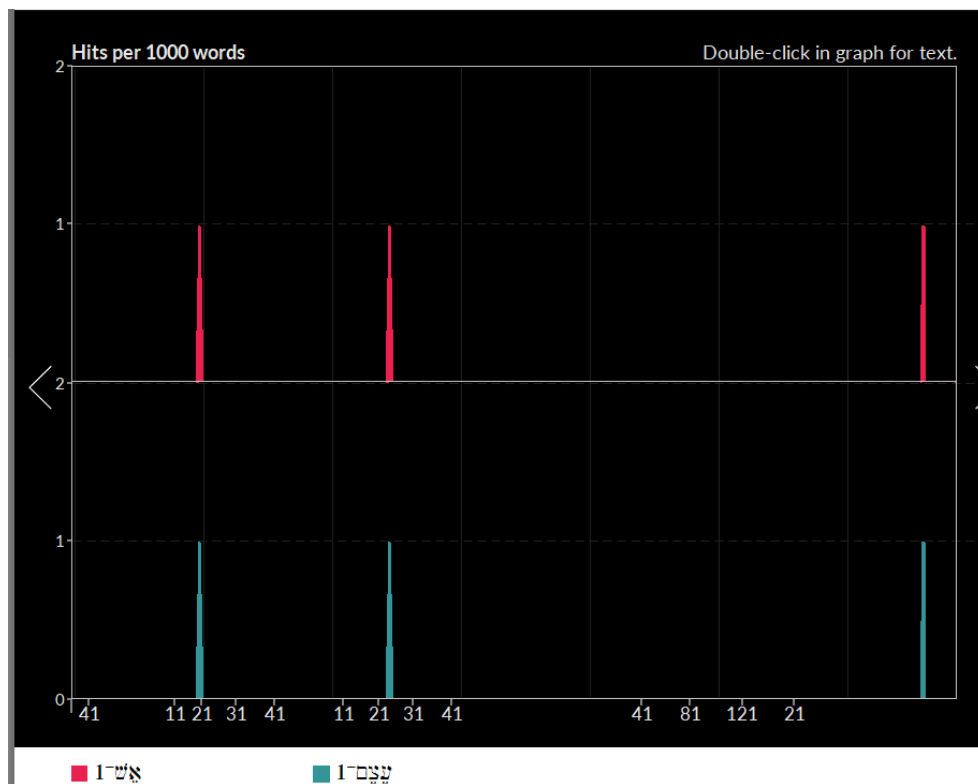
1-אש=<AND>1-עצמות=

Jer. 20:9 | ואמרתי לא-אזכרנוי וְאֵלָּא אֶת־בְּשָׁמִי וְהִתְחַלֵּיתִי
 בְּאֵשׁ בַּעֲרַת עָצָר בְּעֵצְמוֹתַי וְנִלְאִיתִי כִּלְכֵּל וְלֹא אוֹכֵל:
 Ezek. 24:10 | תִּרְבֶּה הָעַצִּים תִּדְלַק הָאֵשׁ הֵתֵם הַבָּשָׂר וְיִתְרַק
 יְהִעַצְמוֹת יְהִירוּ:^{a b}
 Lam. 1:13 | מִקְרוֹם שְׁלַח-אֵשׁ בְּעֵצְמוֹתַי וַיִּדְרֶנָּה^a פָּרַשׁ הַשֶּׁת לִ

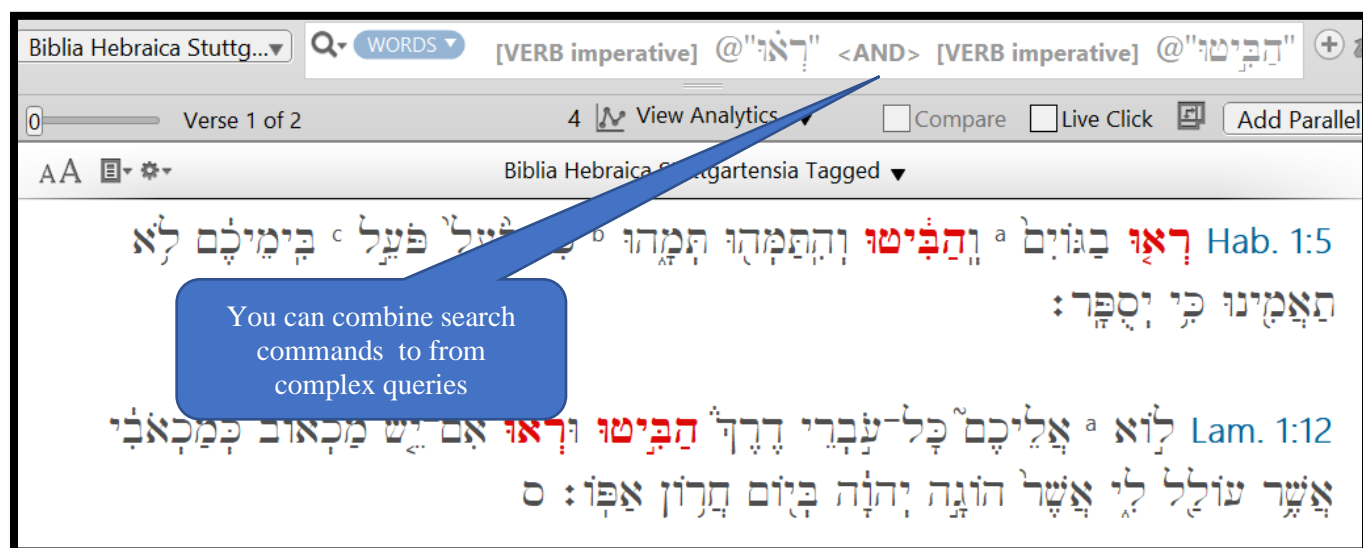
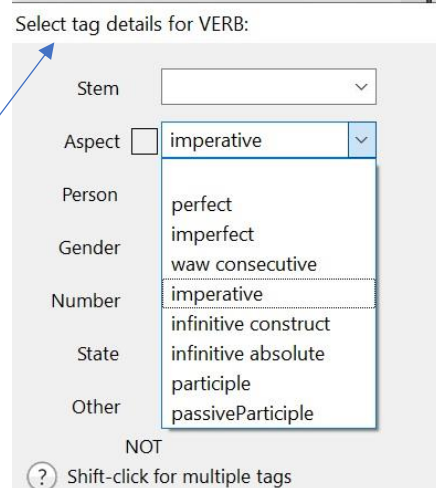
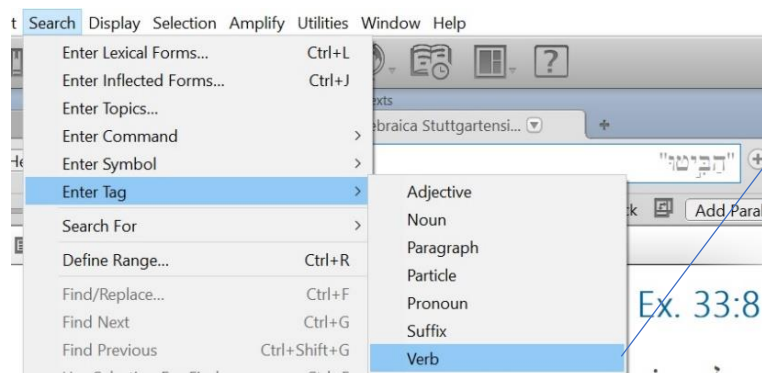
You can use the View Analytics function to represent the results in various ways, including visually.

6 | View Analytics

- 6 hits
- Show Default Analytics
- Frequency
- Hits Graph
- Analysis Graph

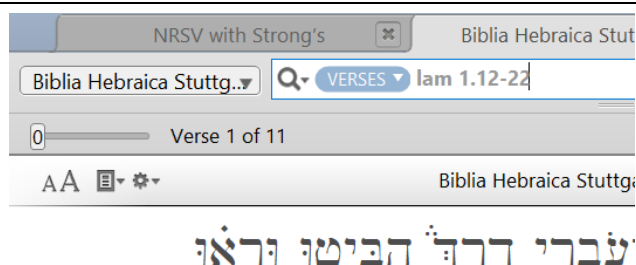


You can also add grammatical tags (joined to the word by @) to words to form more precise searches:

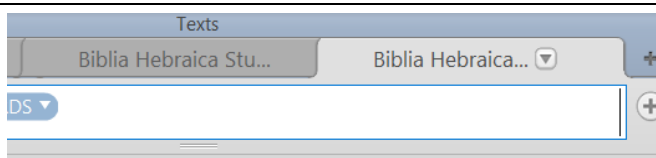


The INFER command can help you discover related passages by finding other occurrences of phrases found in your passage. There are four steps to using this command:

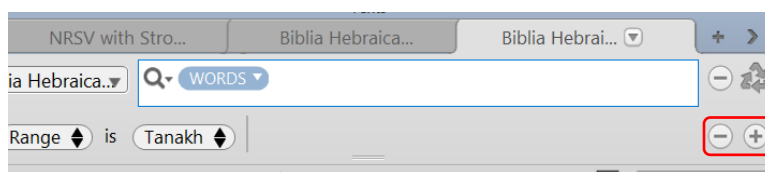
- (1) Open a text in the language you want to search and use the search text box to navigate to your passage (e.g., Lam 1.12-22).



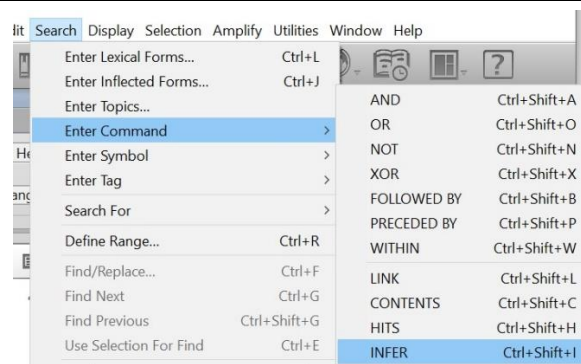
- (2) Open a second “copy” of the text, or another text in the same language (e.g., NA28 and LXX).



You may to set the Range of the search to limit your results to a specific book or group of books (e.g., the Torah); **click the plus sign** next to the search box and select a book or range of books from the drop-down menu.

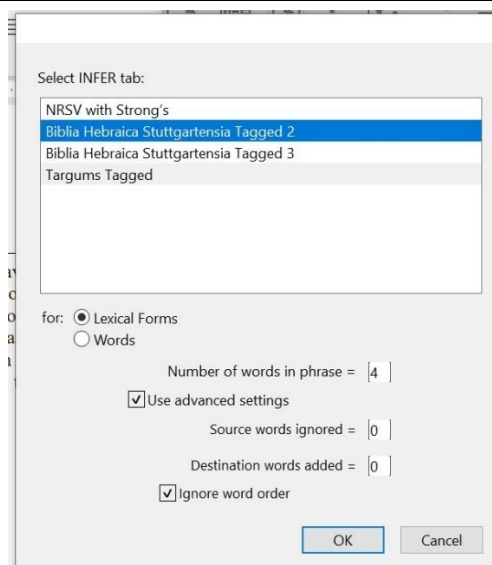


(3) From the Search menu select **Enter Command – INFER**.

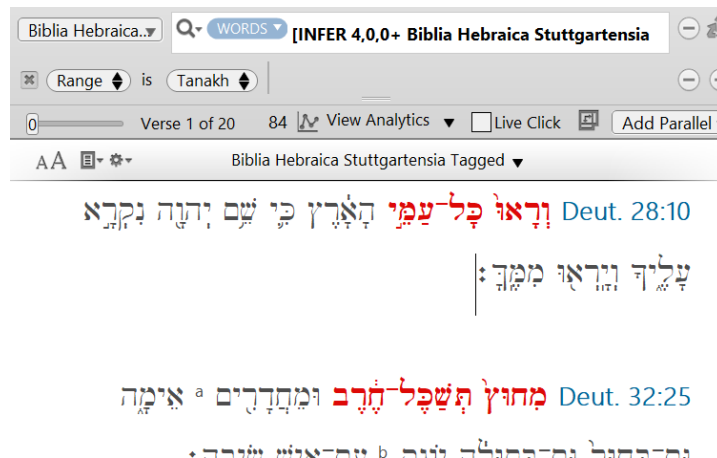


Note – you can leave most of the settings in the dialog box the pops up as they are, though you will want to be sure to select the tab that has the text you wish to search (if you have more than one tab open, they will display here).

If your initial search does not retrieve any results, you can adjust the settings, for example, by lowering the number of words in the phrase or checking the “Ignore word order” box.



Using the INFER search can help you discern connections between your passage and other passages that may suggest avenues for further research. For example, you may want to see if there are any other connections between the blessings and curses outlines in Deuteronomy and the conditions portrayed in Lamentations.

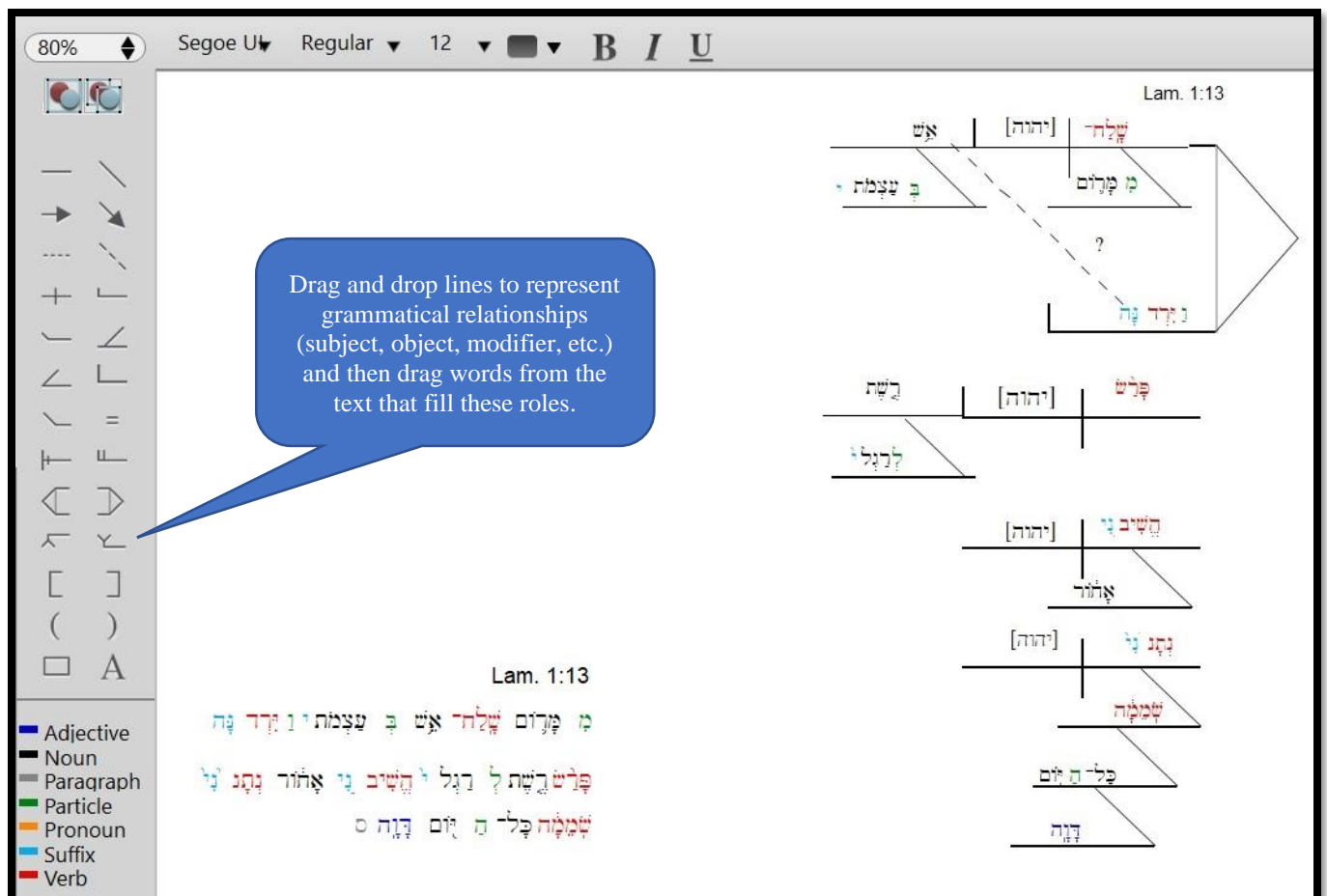


(4) To verify your results, highlight a word or phrase indicated in red in your results list, **right click** on the highlighted word or phrase, and select **Search Back Linked Text** from the menu; this will show you where this phrase occurs in your passage.

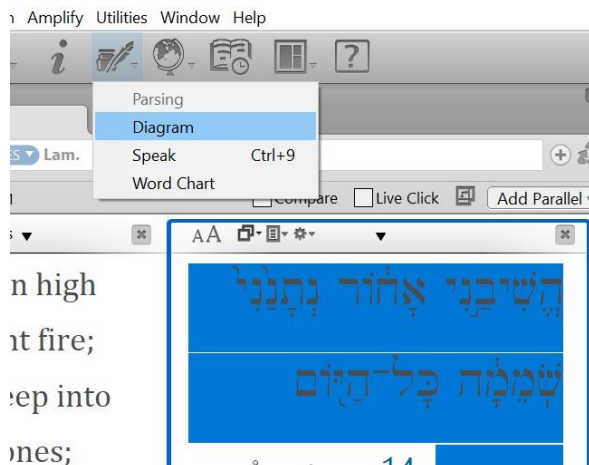


- (2) *Literary/grammatical – how words function in sentences, paragraphs, works, collections*
- How does this word function in this sentence (or other syntactical unit)?*
 - What is its, and/or its grammatical unit's, role in the wider literary context?*
 - Is this a common construction or an idiom, or is unusual?*

One of the best ways to discern the structure of a sentence, and thus see how a given word or phrase functions in its literary context, is sentence diagramming. Accordance has a built-in diagramming function:



To use the diagram function, select a portion of text you would like to diagram, and choose **Diagram** from the menu under the **Language** (ink pot) menu.



A lexicon often provides useful grammatical information about how a given word or phrase is used in a passage. For example, while looking at the Instant Details for the word עוֹלָל in Lam 1:12 provides some useful information, it does not fully elucidate how the word is being used in this verse:

עוֹלָל (עלל) Verb poal perf 3 masc sing to act severely, glean

[NRSVS] H5953 brought

Looking up עלל in HALOT may help clarify how the phrase אֲשֶׁר עוֹלָלָי is being used in this verse (perhaps something like, “that was inflicted on me”).

poal: pf. עוֹלָלָי: to be inflicted on someone (grief, pain) Lam 1:12. †

Sometimes, in addition to looking words up in a dictionary, it can be helpful to consult a grammar. For example, looking up the word הוֹגָה in Lam 1:12 in HALOT offers the following information:

הוֹגָה Syr. af. 'augī to push away Eth. wag'a, Tigr. (Littmann-H. Wb. 448b) to take care of; Arb. wajiya to have sore feet (horse), OSArb. 'gw to strive (ZAW 75:309).

nif: pt. הוֹגָה (dissimilated < *no-, Bauer-L. Heb. 443k :: Bergsträsser 2:128g: textual error): **worried** Lam 1:4;

—Zeph 3:18 rd. מוֹעֵד כִּיּוֹם Sept. (: Gerleman 63).

pi: impf. הוֹגֵה ? < *הוֹגֵה (Bauer-L. Heb. 220n: Rudolph 232): **to grieve, torment** Lam 3:33 → hif. †

hif: pf. הוֹגָה, הוֹגֵה; impf. הוֹגֵה (Bauer-L. Heb. 412a); pt. הוֹגָה: **to torment, grieve** (THAT 1:840) Is 51:23

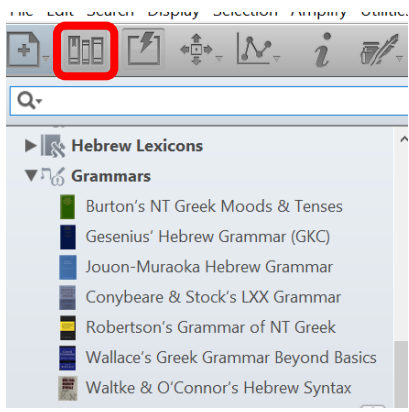
(Jenni 85) Job 19:2 Lam 1:5-12 (prp. הוֹגֵה Sept. Pesh., → pi. Rudolph 232; —Is 59:13 rd. הוֹגָה (I) הוֹגָה).

Der. הוֹגָה, הוֹגֵה.

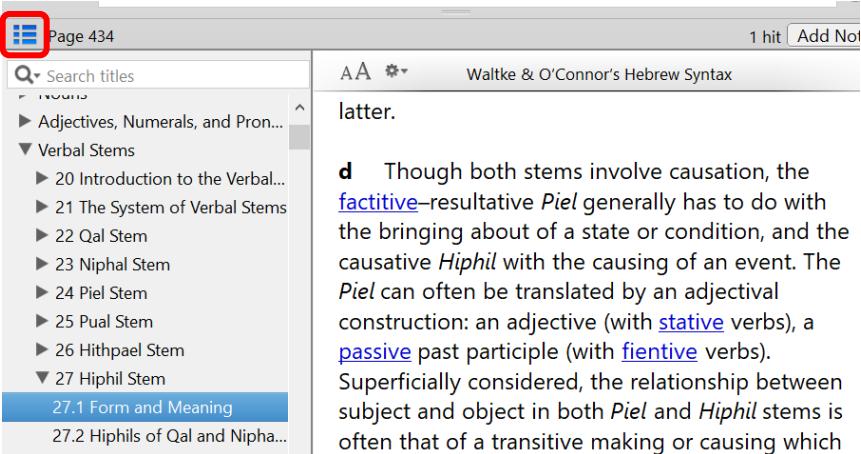
Note that the definitions for the Piel stem and the Hiphil stem are virtually identical.

Consulting Walke and O'Connor's *Biblical Hebrew Syntax* can help you find useful syntactical information (i.e., information about how words and phrases are combined to convey meaning) that can help you draw out the possible significance of the fact that the Hiphil stem of הוֹנִיחַ is used in Lam 1:12.


You can find Walke and O'Connor's *Biblical Hebrew Syntax* by opening the Accordance Library:

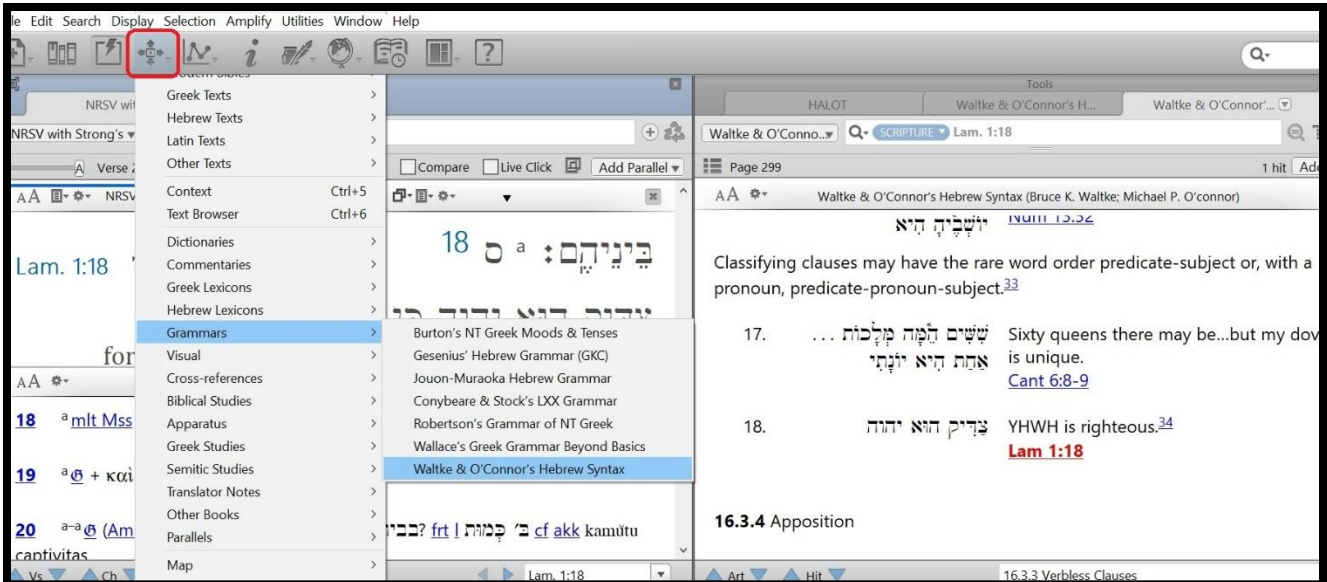


You can find relevant information by opening the Table of Contents:



You can also find information pertaining to your passage by using the **Amplify** function.

The Amplify function  allows you to look up information in another source (text or tool). For example, click on Lam 1:18, open the **Amplify** menu, and choose **Grammars – Waltke & O'Connor Hebrew Syntax** to see if this verse is referenced in that grammar



³⁴ The predicate is so positioned as to yield the initial *š* required for the acrostic.

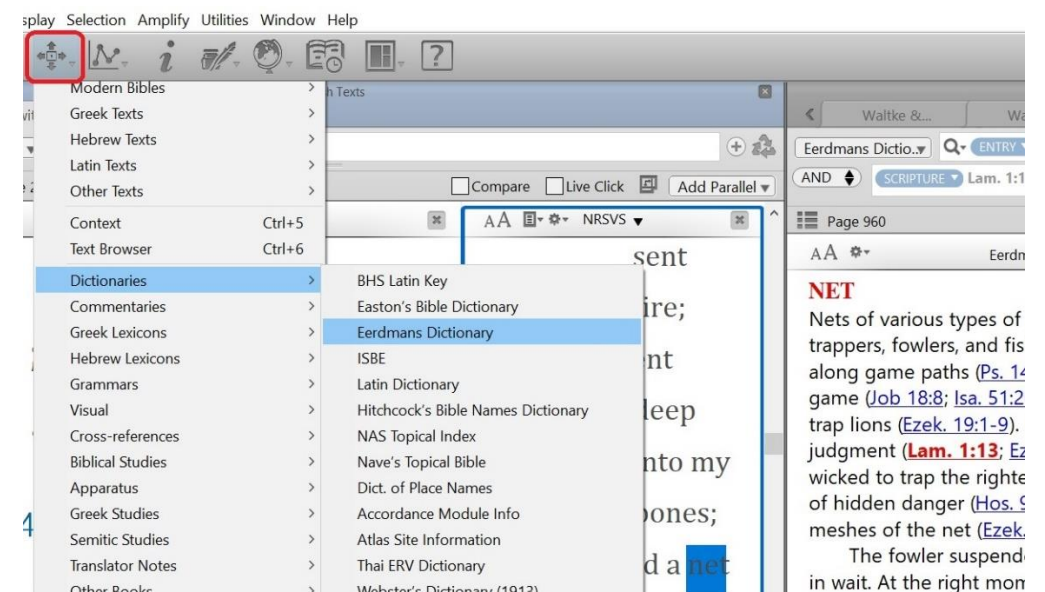
Accordance will even give you the proper citation (for this and any other tool, such as HALOT); **Right Click** in the source you are using and select **Copy As – Bibliography**:

Waltke, Bruce K. and Michael P. O'Connor, *An Introduction to Biblical Hebrew Syntax*. Accordance electronic ed. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 1990.

(3) *Historical/cultural contextual – this has three perspectives, or axes of investigation:*

a. *Context of the story/implicit narrative (of a letter or poem)*

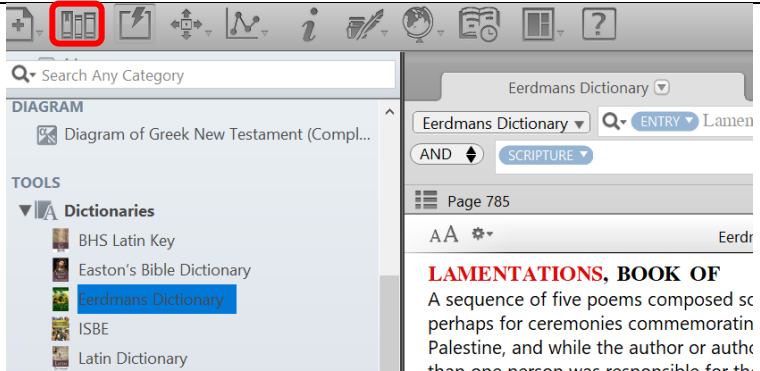
Use the **Amplify** function to look up information in another source (text or tool); for example, click on the word “net” and then select the *Eerdmans’ Dictionary* under **Dictionaries** to see an entry on ancient nets.



b. *Context of the author (if different)*

The best way to find information on a given book of the Bible, including authorship, when it was written, overview of the contents, etc. is looking up the book in a Bible dictionary, such as *Eerdmans’ Dictionary of the Bible*.


Open the Accordance Library, and find dictionaries listed under **Tools**.



c. *Context/Development/Reception of the text*

One important aspect of exegesis that Accordance makes infinitely easier is textual criticism; not only can you have multiple versions, such as the MT and LXX open in parallel,

The screenshot displays three parallel text panes in the NRSV with Strong's interface. The left pane shows the BHS-T text of Threni 1:13. The middle pane shows the LXX1 text. The right pane shows the HALOT lexicon entry for the word 'κατήγαγεν' (kathēgagen). The interface includes search bars, navigation controls, and a bottom status bar.

You can also open the critical apparatuses as parallel texts, which makes useful information about various manuscripts and sigla available in the Instant Details pane (so you can quickly and easily see what the  represents).

This screenshot shows the BHS Apparatus and LXX Rahlfs Apparatus panes. The BHS Apparatus pane displays the critical apparatus for Threni 1:13, showing various manuscript readings and sigla. The LXX Rahlfs Apparatus pane displays the critical apparatus for the LXX text. A red arrow points to the 'Vs' button in the bottom navigation bar, which opens the critical apparatuses as parallel texts.

You can also open a lexicon (so you can look up the variants noted in the critical apparatus) and the BHS Latin Key (to see what terms/abbreviations like “vel” mean).

The screenshot displays a digital Bible study interface with two main panels. The left panel is titled 'HALOT' and shows a search for the Hebrew word 'וְיָדָה' (vayyadah). The search results are displayed on 'Page 1190' and show '2 exact hits'. The text in the left panel discusses the word's usage in various biblical contexts, including references to 'Sept.', 'BHS', 'Neh 9²⁸', '2C 8¹⁰', 'Ps 110²', 'Lv 25⁵³', 'Is 14⁶', 'Ps 68²⁸', 'Jr 5³¹', 'Ps 49¹⁵', 'Lam 1¹³', 'Rudolph KAT 17/1-3:207', 'Plöger HAT 18²:133, 134', and 'MT'. The right panel is titled 'BHS Latin Key' and shows a search for the abbreviation 'vel'. The search results are displayed on 'Paragraph 775 of 810' and list various Latin terms and their meanings, such as 'vel — or Gn 1.1^a', 'venenum — poison Jer 11.19^b', 'venerunt, veniet — they have come, it will come Da', 'verba — words Lv 10.18^a', 'verbatim — literally Jos 16.10^a', 'verbatio — chastisement Hi 36.18^b', 'verboten — literally Nu 10.11^a', 'verb(um) — verb 1S 1.6^a', 'vere — verily, indeed Hi 6.13^a', 'veritas, atis — truth Ps 7.12^a', and 'vers(jo, onis) — version, translation Esr 2.48^a'.