THEO 202
Introduction to Biblical Studies
Library Workshop

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Plan

- Library: its website and services
- Finding biblical commentaries
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The library catalogue
Critical commentaries in the catalogue

- Critical commentaries
  - Anchor Bible commentaries
  - Word biblical commentaries
- Dictionaries
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➢ Use the relevant subject headings
Reading a catalogue record

Subject Heading: Bible, Ruth — Commentaries
Library catalogue - Search tips

- Advanced search (for more options)
- Subject headings (controlled vocabulary that works as tags)
- Boolean operators (And, Or, Not)
- Truncation *
  Example:
  relig*: religious, religion, religions, religiosity, religieux, religare
- Quotation marks for a specific string of words
  (ex. “Marriage at Cana”)
Finding biblical commentaries
- using the ATLA database
Articles - Database Searching

What is a Database?
Finding databases
ATLA database

[Image of ATLA database interface]
Search Results: 1 - 30 of 986

1. The Role of ‘an Audience’ in Isaac’s Blessing in Genesis 27
   By: Han, Jin H. Source: Perspectives in Religious Studies, 42 no 1 Spr 2015, p 5-10. Publication Type: Article
   Subjects: Isaac; Biblical patriarch; Bible; Genesis 25-36; Bible: Genesis -- Criticism, Literary; Audiences; Blessing and cursing in the Bible; Performance Theory; Peer reviewed
   Periodical: PDF Full Text (174.4KB)

2. Die Josefs- und die Exodus-Geschichte: Ihre vorpriesterliche weisheitstheologische Verbindung
   Subjects: Bible; Genesis 37-50; Bible: Genesis -- Criticism, Rедакtion; Bible; Pentateuch -- Theology; Wisdom -- Biblical teaching; Fear of God; Peer reviewed
   Periodical: PDF Full Text (5.2MB)

3. Two translations of HSS V 67 and their significance for Genesis 16,21, and 30
   By: Lee, Kerry. Source: Journal of Biblical Literature, 134 no 1 2015, p 59-83. Publication Type: Article
   Subjects: Genesis 16-21; Bible: Genesis 12-25; Bible: Genesis 25-35; Bible: Old Testament; Critical edition;
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Citing and bibliographies
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How to cite...

- Access is Restricted to Concordia Users

**RefWorks**

RefWorks is a Web-based tool that facilitates the management and organization of your bibliographic references while simplifying the process of preparing a bibliography.

- Watch the video - Featuring RefWorks

**Formatting citations in databases**

Some database providers, such as EBSCO and ProQuest, allow you to format references using a particular style (ex. APA, Chicago, MLA, etc.) and email or print these formatted references.

**Note:** Always review the citations formatted by the database. Compare results with style guidelines listed on this guide for the exact formatting and punctuation.

**APA style**

- APA Style Guide - guidelines and examples prepared by Concordia Libraries
- Citing Business Databases in APA Format - guidelines and examples prepared by Concordia Libraries
- APA style guide to electronic references
- APA Style Website from the APA (American Psychological Association)
- APA Formatting and Style Guide (Purdue University Online Writing Lab)
- MLA Style (Murdoch University)
- How to set up a running head APA style in MS Word - prepared by Concordia Libraries

**MLA style**
Additional Help

- Research takes time, try different strategies.
- Don’t hesitate to ask for help.
- Ask a librarian service:
  https://library.concordia.ca/help/questions/
Questions?
Thank you for having me in your class!

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