Advanced Searching

ATLA
This tutorial will:

• What the ATLA database is and what it searches
• How to perform Scripture searches
The ATLA database is produced by the American Theological Library Association.

- It indexes journal articles, books, and book chapters.
- Generally, the material covered is the sort of material found in seminary libraries.
- Topics include theology, Biblical studies, Biblical archaeology, and church history.
- Books and articles may be in languages other than English.
The unique search feature of ATLA is Scripture searching (otherwise it functions like other EBSCOhost databases)

- To perform a Scripture search, click Scriptures

![Scripture Searches](image-url)
You will then see a listing of the books of the Bible. Click on the book name to search articles that deal with this book. Click on Expand to narrow your search. You will then see a list of chapters.
Clicking on Genesis’ expand button gives us a list of verses. Click on the chapter number to search articles that deal with this chapter. Click on Expand to narrow your search. You will then see a list of verses.
Clicking on Genesis chapter one’s expand button gives us Clicking on Verse 1 will perform the search.
Clicking on Verse 1 gives books and articles on Genesis 1:1.
You may also perform a Scripture search from within the detailed view of the article.

- Click the title to get to the detailed view.

Click here to perform a search for articles on Genesis 1:1-11.
Clicking on Genesis 1:1-11 gives us:

1. **Ben Sira and the giants of the land: a note on Ben Sir**
   By: Goff, Matthew. *Source: Journal of Biblical Literature, 129 no. 4 W*
   Subjects: Bible, Ecclesiastes --Criticism, Textual Bible, Genesis 1-11; Giants in the Bible; Peer reviewed
   Database: ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials

2. **Cain and Abel In early Christian memory: a case study**
   New
   By: Thatcher, Tom. *Source: Catholic Biblical Quarterly, 72 no. 4 O 20.*
   Subjects: Lohr, Joel N.; Cain (Biblical character); Abel (Biblical character); Bible. Old Testament. Versions, Greek, Septuagint; Bible. Genesis 1-1 reviewed
   Database: ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials
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