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Concordances? - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/2/18 7:02

Are there specific concordances you use? I enjoy using crudens but for the last while I have been reading the NIV version which doesn't align perfectly with that concordance that was geared towards KJV users. Is there a comparable NIV concordance? When online I usually just search on www.biblegateway.com :-P

Re: Concordances? - posted by philologos (), on: 2004/2/18 7:24

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Strongs has every Hebrew and Greek word number coded. It is much easier to do this with a translation that leans towards a literal equivalence (eg KJV, NASV) than with one which leans towards dynamic equivalence (eg GNB, NIV). When you have identified the 'number' you can then use other tools (paper and electronic) to find every use of the original Hebrew or Greek word. This is very helpful in getting a feel for the way the Bible used that concept. In the days before PCs I used to spend hours doing this by hand! You can know do the same kind of research in seconds (and forget it just as quickly ;-)

I have found the studylight helps very useful when online. I don't know how they compare with biblegateway.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/2/18 8:38

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Yea I have used Strongs quite abit.. I would just love to have the NIV text with strong numbers on top.. I am also just abit worried about the quality of NIV concordances available right now. I personally enjoy using books to study the bible most ly. I am on the computer so much its nice to do somethings the slow, old-fashioned way :-P

Re: - posted by InigoMontoya (), on: 2004/12/3 11:57

Could you give a brief summary of the distinctions between Crudens, Youngs, and Strongs Concordances?

Thanks :)

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2004/12/3 14:18

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Both Strongs and Youngs are exhaustive concordances, meaning they have every English word. Crudens has most you will ever want.

- a) Youngs Exhaustive Concordance
 - 1) the most popular full concordance
- b) Strongs
 - 1) my own personal choice
 - 2) 3 books in 1
 - a> full concordance
 - b> Hebrew lexicon (dictionary)

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c> Greek lexicon (dictionary)

3) Baker Bible House have made it even more useful

a> they have used Strong's numbers to link with very powerful bible study tools

b> see "Lexicons" below

c) Wigram's Englishman's Hebrew Chaldee Concordance of the Old Testament

1) published by Baker Book house

2) number coded to Strong's Concordance

a> you can now use a full Hebrew concordance without knowing a word of Hebrew!

d) Wigram's Englishman's Greek Concordance of the New Testament

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2. Lexicons (very technical dictionaries)

a) Gesenius' Hebrew Chaldee Lexicon to the Old Testament

b) Thayer's Greek Lexicon to the New Testament

1) be careful! Thayer was a unitarian who thought the Spirit was only a force

c) these are powerful tools, but some knowledge of Greek & Hebrew is needed

d) Baker Book House have made them more accessible by number coding them to Strong's Concordance. Larry Pierce's On Line Computer Bible & the Seedmaster Programme both use the Strong's links.

e) see notes on The Greek-English Interlinear above to explain how they can be used

It is Strong's number system that is used with all Computer Bible programmes for the KJV.

Re: - posted by InigoMontoya (), on: 2004/12/3 16:20

Thank you my friend! :)

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2004/12/3 17:08

Strong's and Young's do the same job. It may be that Young's has some advantages. But if so, and I don't think so, it's a little like VHS and Betamax. VHS has the market, and in many ways so does Strong's. The number linked books by Baker and then the consistent use of Strong's numbers used in electronic concordances has really swept the market.

Re: - posted by Svineklev, on: 2005/1/6 22:08

For those who want a concordance for the NIV, there is an Exhaustive Concordance (Goodrick and Kohlenberger) published by Zondervan which is quite good and easy to use.

If you need help finding a particular word form, analytical lexicons can be valuable.

As for lexicons themselves, I like Bauer-Arndt-Gingrich-Danker (B-A-G-D) for Greek...and Brown-Driver-Briggs (B-D-B) for Hebrew (but if anyone wants to buy me the newly translated Koehler-Baumgartner, I will by no means complain).

For word studies I find great benefit in Kittel's (Theological Dictionary of the New Testament) and the corresponding Böttger and Ringgren's (Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament).

--Eric

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Yes I have much good report in regards to the theological word study by kittles. There is quite abit of greek word usage but with patience any lay person could definetly benefit from this resource. I am looking forward to getting into more of st udying the word of God verse by verse, chapter by chapter. I still find crudens concordance one of the best! and easy to use.

"Next to the Bible, I would advise you to get Cruden's Concordance!" -D.L. Moody

Its funny though in our age.. we can reap the benefits of technology and allow ourselves to be spoon fed the hard work o f scholars and other bible theologians. I think there is something worth while for us getting our feet wet with a concordan ce and bible doing hours of word study's, we can never spend too much time in the word of God.. the old saints like torre y, moody, etc lived in it.

Re: - posted by KeithLaMothe, on: 2005/1/6 23:26

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Is K-B synonmous with L. Holladay? We used Holladay in that intermediate Hebrew course; are there multiple version s?

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/1/7 4:13

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The only advantage I can think of must have been portability!

Another great portable was The Treasury of Scripture Knowledge. Not a concorodance but a massive 'central column r eference'. Widely available electronically with all Bible Software, but if the best commentary is the Bible this must be on e the best commentaries ever. In the days before laptops this, and a compact Strongs Concordance, were my regular tr avelling companions. It is amazing how often a difficult verse would open like a flower having checked the cross-referen ces.

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/1/7 4:25

Although it is a Lexicon rather than a concordance the Scott Liddell Lexicon at Peseus is a valuable tool. You need a littl e Greek but not too much. I use it by finding the word in the Greek Text (the text is Westcott & Hort... shame!). Doubl e clicking the word will give you the option of the intermediate Scott and Liddell or the full one.

If you really want to be thorough you can find translations of many of the classical Greek texts on the Perseus site too. S o you can see the word 'in situ'.

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Re: - posted by Svineklev, on: 2005/2/2 18:13

Keith--

The Holladay is based on K-B's work but much shortened (400 pages vs. 2200 pages).

--Eric

Re: Strong's - posted by BeYeDoers (), on: 2006/10/12 17:12

I'm looking for a good Strong's Concordance. There are several out there, but I was wondering if anybody had a preference and why?

There's:

Strongest Strong's put out by Zondervan with editing by Kohlenberger and Swanson

The New Strong's Expanded out by Nelson with editing by Kohlenberger

New Strong's Classic by Nelson apparently not with contributions from Kohlenberger

And of course the original, as well as numerous others from other publishers.

I am also looking for a decent KJV Dictionary to help with some of the more archaic words.

Any thoughts would be much appreciated.

grace and peace

Re: Concordances? - posted by TrueWitness, on: 2006/10/12 17:33

I found this concordance online for the NIV Bible:

<http://www.ibs.org/niv/wordsearch.php>

I'm not sure if it is exhaustive, but it's decent.

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2006/10/12 17:51

Well, last year my wife got me The New Strong's Expanded Exhausted Concordance, Red-Letter Edition (what a mouthful!) This is the one with the Kohlenberger contributions. It also includes the best of Vine's Topical. I've really benefited from this huge concordance. Before this, I was using a small paperback Crudens. And, actually, I never had a problem with Crudens! My wife just decided to buy me the Strong's on my birthday. This thing is simply massive, gargantuan...I get lost in it, really. I do like that the words of Christ are in red and that all the Messianic prophecies are listed. It's really a great book. It even has a list of all the prayers in the Bible, a breakdown of the Jewish feasts, the Jewish calendar, all the Mosaic Law broken down into categories, and a very thorough harmony of the four gospels, with all the illustrations and teachings of Christ.

(edit) The only drawback I see is with the binding. The glue is poor and inadequate for its proportion. I have to gingerly handle the book. The spine has begun to disattach itself from the cover. Otherwise, great tool!

Hope this helps!

Bro. Paul