

## Research Guide: Bible Biographies

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First, search in multivolume Bible encyclopedias or dictionaries for the Bible character(s) that is/are the subject(s) of your research. By selecting a multivolume set of a single volume work, should provide more information about your subject(s). Look for your subject under BS440 or refBS440.

Second, look for individual Bible biographies or collected Bible biographies. If a Bible character is mentioned much in the Bible, you may be able to locate whole Bible biographies on such characters. E.g. Moses, David, Jesus Christ, Paul the Apostle. If Bible characters are mentioned not so much in the Bible, you may find them in collected Bible biographies or through a Who's Who in the Bible. E.g. Abigail, Lot, Nahum. Search BS570-580 or ref570-575.

Third, use an exhaustive Bible concordance to make sure that you have access to all of the times that your study character(s) is/are mentioned. Exhaustive NIV, NASB and King James or Authorized Version Bible concordances can be located under (ref)BS425. Strong's, Young's or Cruden's concordances provide access to the King James Version of the Bible.

Fourth, look for further Bible biographical information by browsing Bible commentaries for your Bible character(s). For commentaries in monograph form from Genesis to Revelation search BS1233-BS2825. For sets of commentaries, search (ref)BS491. For Old Testament commentary sets, search (ref)BS1151.

Fifth, from hardcopy periodicals, search hardcopy indexes, such as *Christian Periodical Index* (1956-); *Guide to Social Science & Religion in Periodical Literature* (1978-2007); *Religion Index One* (RIO), 1949-2003; *Religion Index Two* (RIT), 1960-1999. Search by biographical subjects. E.g. Abraham (Biblical patriarch); Ruth (Biblical figure); Moses (Biblical leader). For other subjects from specific books of the Bible, search, for examples: Bible. O.T. Genesis; Bible. O.T. Ruth; Bible. N.T. Timothy.

Sixth, search Logos Bible Software from the dedicated workstation on the upper level of the Library or, if you own the software, search on your own computer. Search by keyword subjects.

Seventh, search in electronic indexes, such as *Guide to Social Science & Religion in Periodical Literature* (1978-2007) through the National Periodical Library. See the Librarian for user name and password. Then search by biographical subjects. E.g. Abraham (Biblical patriarch); Ruth (Biblical figure); Moses (Biblical leader). For other subjects from specific books of the Bible, search, for examples: Bible. O.T. Genesis; Bible. O.T. Ruth; Bible. N.T. Timothy.

Eighth, search in electronic periodicals. In EBSCOHost, search.epnet.com. (Ask Library Staff for name and password). Click on the following boxes: ATLA Index; Religion & Philosophy Articles; and, ATLA Serials. Continue by searching by keyword subjects.

Lastly, go to the Library web site: <http://www.summitpacific.net>  
Look in the Web Resources under the appropriate subject and look at the appropriate websites for your topic.