

Bible Reference Sources in MLA Style

Introduction

This short guide shows how to cite some of the most-used and popular Bible reference sources in our collection; we included a sample from each source.

About MLA Style

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Special Notes

- In MLA style, use a simplified form of the publisher's name. Omit any articles (*A, An, The*), any business abbreviations (*Co., Inc.*), words that mean publisher (*Books, House, Press*). If the publisher's name is a person's name (such as William B. Eerdmans), include only the last name (*Eerdmans*). If the publisher has two names (*Simon and Schuster*), only include the first name (*Simon*). For university press, use the abbreviation UP (*Yale UP*).
- Do not include the state after a city name.
- MLA rules indicate that editors of books should be included if it's the first edition of a reference book. Most of ours are, so include that information.
- It is important to indicate whether the information was found in print or online.
- If an encyclopedia has multiple volumes, include the volume number. If entries are not arranged alphabetically, include page numbers as well.
- For online reference sources, include the database name of where you retrieved the information (such as Gale Virtual Reference Library) and when you accessed it.

Source	Cite as a...	Bibliography
Anchor Bible Dictionary	Reference source	King, Philip J. "Jerusalem." <i>The Anchor Bible Dictionary</i> . Ed. David Noel Freedman. Vol. 3. New York: Doubleday, 1992. Print.
Ancient Texts for the Study of the Hebrew Bible	Book	Sparks, Kenton L. <i>Ancient Texts for the Study of the Hebrew Bible</i> . Peabody: Hendrickson, 2005. Print.
Apocryphal New Testament	Book	Elliott, J.K. <i>The Apocryphal New Testament</i> . New York: Oxford, 1993. Print.
Bible	Religious work	<i>The New Oxford Annotated Bible with the Apocrypha</i> . Ed. Bruce M. Metzger and Roland E. Murphy. New York: Oxford UP, 1994. Print. New Revised Standard Vers. <i>NIV Study Bible</i> . Ed. Kenneth L. Barker. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2002. Print. New International Vers.
Brill's New Pauly Encyclopaedia of the Ancient World	Reference source	Albani, Maria Grazia. "Leonides." <i>Brill's New Pauly Encyclopaedia of the Ancient World: Antiquity</i> . Ed. Hubert Cancik and Hemuth Schneider. Vol. 7. Leiden: Brill, 2005. Print.
Civilizations of the Ancient Near East	Reference source	Stol, Marten. "Private Life in Ancient Mesopotamia." <i>Civilizations of the Ancient Near East</i> . Ed. Jack M. Sasson. Vol. 1. New York: Scribner's Sons, 1995. 485-501. Print.
NOTE: This is not arranged alphabetically, so be sure to include the volume number.		
Encyclopaedia Judaica	Reference source (online)	Jacobs, Louis, et al. "Passover." <i>Encyclopaedia Judaica</i> . Ed. Michael Berenbaum and Fred Skolnik. 2nd ed. Vol. 15. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2007. <i>Gale Virtual Reference Library</i> . Web. 24 Feb. 2011.

Encyclopedia of Religion	Reference source (online)	Hellwig, Monika K. "Sacrament: Christian Sacraments." <i>Encyclopedia of Religion</i> . Ed. Lindsay Jones. 2nd ed. Vol. 12. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2005. <i>Gale Virtual Reference Library</i> . Web. 27 Oct. 2011.
International Standard Bible Encyclopedia	Reference source	Lasor, W. S. "Sennacherib." <i>The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia</i> . Ed. Geoffrey W. Bromiley. Vol. 4. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1988. Print.
New Catholic Encyclopedia	Reference source (online)	Sylvester, R.S., and R.J. Schoeck. "More, Sir Thomas, St." <i>New Catholic Encyclopedia</i> . 2nd ed. Vol. 9. Detroit: Gale, 2003. <i>Gale Virtual Reference Library</i> . Web. 4 June 2011.
New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible	Reference source	Patrick, Dale. "Law in the OT." <i>The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible</i> . Ed. Katharine Doob Sakenfeld. Vol. 3. Nashville: Abingdon, 2008. Print.
Oxford Companion to the Bible	Reference source (online)	Buchanan, George Wesley. "Leprosy." <i>The Oxford Companion to the Bible</i> . Ed. Bruce M. Metzger and Michael D. Coogan. Oxford UP, 1993. <i>Oxford Reference Online</i> . Web. 1 Nov. 2010.
Sacred Bridge	Book	Rainey, Anson F., and R. Steven Notley. <i>The Sacred Bridge</i> . Jerusalem: Carta, 2006. Print.
Strong's Expanded Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible	Reference source	Strong, James. "Offering." <i>Strong's Expanded Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible</i> . Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2009. Print.