

Bible Reference Sources in Chicago 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 Chicago Style

We have a Chicago Style Guide available for your use. The guide is available online at <http://library.nwciowa.edu>; click the Citing, Writing & Research link, then click Citing Sources. There are also copies behind the circulation desk in Ramaker Library.

About NoodleTools

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Special Notes

- The publisher should be included exactly as it's written on the title page. You can omit the beginning *The*; for example, write "University of Pittsburgh Press" rather than "The University of Pittsburgh Press." You can also omit all business abbreviations such as *Co.*, *Corp.*, *Inc.*, etc.
- The publication city should include the two-letter abbreviation for the state **if** the city is not well-known. Major cities such as Chicago, New York, Detroit and the like do not need state information.
- While you can include information on editors or translators, it is not necessary to do so. However, if there is no individual author, you must include the editor. (*Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture* requires an editor.)
- Bibles should be included in your footnotes or endnotes, but do not include them in the bibliography.
- If the articles in an encyclopedia are in alphabetical order, it is not necessary to include the volume number; if they are arranged thematically, you must include the volume number.
- For online reference sources, include the database name of where you retrieved the information (such as Gale Virtual Reference Library). The URLs for these sources are often long and cumbersome, plus they are not always stable; it's better to include the database name than the URL.

Source	Cite as a...	Footnote/Endnote	Bibliography
Anchor Bible Dictionary	Reference source	1. Philip J. King, "Jerusalem," in <i>The Anchor Bible Dictionary</i> (New York: Doubleday, 1992), 747-750.	King, Philip J. "Jerusalem." In <i>The Anchor Bible Dictionary</i> . New York: Doubleday, 1992.
Ancient Texts for the Study of the Hebrew Bible	Book	1. Kenton L. Sparks, <i>Ancient Texts for the Study of the Hebrew Bible</i> (Peabody, MA: Henrickson Publishers, 2005), 84.	Sparks, Kenton L. <i>Ancient Texts for the Study of the Hebrew Bible</i> . Peabody, MA: Henrickson Publishers, 2005.
Apocryphal New Testament	Book	1. J.K. Elliott, <i>The Apocryphal New Testament</i> (New York: Oxford, 1993), 115.	Elliott, J.K. <i>The Apocryphal New Testament</i> . New York: Oxford, 1993.
Bible	Religious work	1. Isa. 40:31 (New International Version (NIV)).	--
NOTE: Cite in notes only, not in bibliography. Include translation information in parentheses. You can abbreviate the book, as shown here.			
Brill's New Pauly Encyclopaedia of the Ancient World	Reference source	1. Maria Grazia Albani, "Leonides," in <i>Brill's New Pauly Encyclopaedia of the Ancient World: Antiquity</i> (Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill, 2005), 402-403.	Albani, Maria Grazia. "Leonides." In <i>Brill's New Pauly Encyclopaedia of the Ancient World: Antiquity</i> . Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill, 2005.
Civilizations of the Ancient Near East	Reference source	1. Marten Stol, "Private Life in Ancient Mesopotamia," in <i>Civilizations of the Ancient Near East</i> (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1995), 1:489.	Stol, Marten. "Private Life in Ancient Mesopotamia." In <i>Civilizations of the Ancient Near East</i> . Vol. 1. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1995.
NOTE: This is not arranged alphabetically, so be sure to include the volume number.			

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Encyclopaedia Judaica	Reference source (online)	1. Louis Jacobs et al., "Passover," in <i>Encyclopaedia Judaica</i> , 2nd ed. (Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2007), 681-682, Gale Virtual Reference Library.	Jacobs, Louis, Ernst Kutsch, Rela M. Geffen, and Abram Kanof. "Passover." In <i>Encyclopaedia Judaica</i> , 2nd ed. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2007. Gale Virtual Reference Library.
Encyclopedia of Religion	Reference source (online)	1. Monika K. Hellwig, "Sacrament: Christian Sacraments," in <i>Encyclopedia of Religion</i> , 2nd ed. (Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2005), 7960-7962, Gale Virtual Reference Library.	Hellwig, Monika K. "Sacrament: Christian Sacraments." In <i>Encyclopedia of Religion</i> , 2nd ed. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2005. Gale Virtual Reference Library.
International Standard Bible Encyclopedia	Reference source	1. W. S. Lasor, "Sennacherib," in <i>The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia</i> (Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1988), 395.	Lasor, W. S. "Sennacherib." In <i>The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia</i> . Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1988.
New Catholic Encyclopedia	Reference source (online)	1. R.S. Sylvester and R.J. Schoeck, "More, Sir Thomas, St." in <i>New Catholic Encyclopedia</i> , 2nd ed. (Detroit: Gale, 2003), 887-893. Gale Virtual Reference Library.	Sylvester, R.S., and R.J. Schoeck. "More, Sir Thomas, St." In <i>New Catholic Encyclopedia</i> , 2nd ed. Detroit: Gale, 2003. Gale Virtual Reference Library.
New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible	Reference source	1. Dale Patrick, "Law in the OT," in <i>The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible</i> (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2006), 604.	Patrick, Dale. "Law in the OT." In <i>The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible</i> . Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2006.

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Oxford Companion to the Bible	Reference source (online)	1. George Wesley Buchanan, "Leprosy," in <i>Oxford Companion to the Bible</i> (New York: Oxford University Press, 1993), Oxford Reference Online.	Buchanan, George Wesley. "Leprosy." In <i>Oxford Companion to the Bible</i> . New York: Oxford University Press, 1993. Oxford Reference Online.
NOTE: Many online sources include page numbers, but not all. This one does not, so omit the numbers in the footnote/endnote.			
Sacred Bridge	Book or Reference source	1. Anson F. Rainey and R. Steven Notley, <i>The Sacred Bridge</i> (Jerusalem: Carta, 2006), 51.	Rainey, Anson F., and R. Steven Notley. <i>The Sacred Bridge</i> . Jerusalem: Carta, 2006.
Strong's Expanded Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible	Reference source	1. James Strong, <i>Strong's Expanded Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible</i> (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2009), s.v. "offering."	Strong, James. <i>Strong's Expanded Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible</i> . Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2009.