

# Guidelines for Citing the Bible

# User Guide

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## APA

### *In-Text:*

Identify the reference and the version used in the first text citation. (APA Publication Manual 6.18)

**In-Text:** In Isa. 7:14 (New King James Version) the prophet predicted that the Messiah would be born of a virgin. This is fulfilled in Matt. 1:23.

### *Reference List:*

Reference entries are not required for citing the Bible. It is not necessary to provide the URL or access date when accessing an electronic copy of the Bible.

## Chicago/Turabian

### *Footnotes/Endnotes:*

Spell out the names of books of the Bible unless they include chapter(s) and verse(s). (Chicago Manual 8.113, 15.48-49; Turabian Manual 17.5.2, 24.6)

**Text:** The book of Revelation was written by John to the churches of Asia Minor.<sup>1</sup>

**Notes:** 1. Rev. 2:1-3:33

Use Arabic numerals for chapters, verses, and numbered books. (Chicago Manual 9.30, 17.247; Turabian Manual 17.5.2, 24.6)

**Text:** According to 2 Chronicles, Solomon began to build the temple during the fourth year of his reign.<sup>2</sup>

**Notes:** 2. 2 Chron. 3:2

Identify the version used in the first citation. (Chicago Manual 17.248; Turabian Manual 17.5.2; 24.6)

**Notes:** 1. John 5:39-40 (New International Version) OR 1. John 5:39-40 (NIV)

2. Gen. 12:1

**Note:** Cedarville University Bible, History and Music faculty require footnotes (bottom of the page) or endnotes (end of the paper) instead of in-text citations. Check with your professor to learn his or her preference.

### *Bibliographies:*

References to the Bible usually appear in notes rather than in bibliographies. (Chicago Manual 17.5.2, 17.5.247; Turabian Manual 17.5.2) Since the Bible is not cited in bibliographies, it is not necessary to provide the URL or access date when accessing it electronically.

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## MLA

### ***In-Text:***

Books of the Bible are often abbreviated when cited. (MLA Handbook 6.4.8)

***In-Text:*** The future temple is described by the prophet Ezekiel (New International Version, Ezek. 40-48).

Use a period, instead of a colon, between the chapter and verse(s). (MLA Handbook 6.4.8)

***In-Text:*** According to I Tim. 1.7, no Christian should fear.

Include the name of the version of the Bible used for the first citation only. (MLA Handbook 6.4.8)

***In-Text:*** "...I am come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (New International Version, John 10.10). "Do not let your hearts be troubled." (John 14.1)

Underline editions, but not versions, of the Bible. (MLA Handbook 3.6.5)

***In-Text:*** There is no comparison between the The Interlinear Bible and the New International Version since the former is an edition, and the latter is a version.

### ***Works Cited: Print Resources***

***Works Cited:*** Holy Bible: New International Version. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1978.

Treat editions in the Works Cited list like any other book. (MLA Handbook 6.4.8)

***Works Cited:*** The New Jerusalem Bible. Henry Wansbrough, gen. ed. New York: Doubleday, 1985.

### ***Works Cited: Electronic Resources***

#### *Internet*

After the citation, include the date it was accessed and Internet address. (MLA Handbook 5.9.1)

***Works Cited:*** Peterson, Eugene H. The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language. Colorado Springs: NavPress, 2002, 21 Oct. 2008 <<http://www.biblegateway.com/>>.

#### *Bible Software/CD-ROM (e.g. Logos, Bible Works, PC Study Bible, QuickVerse)*

After the citation, add the title of the CD-ROM, "CD-ROM," the name of the vendor (if relevant), and the electronic publication date. (MLA Handbook 5.9.5.b)

***Works Cited:*** Holy Bible: New Living Translation. Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House, 1996. Nelson's Ultimate Bible Reference Library, CD-ROM. Thomas Nelson, Inc. 2008.

***Works Cited:*** Holy Bible: New International Version. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1978. Logos Bible Software. Vers.3. CD-ROM. Libronix, 2000-2006.