

Module 7: Commentaries and other Study tools

Online Bible Study Tools

Online Bible Resources/Maps/Art
Work/Hymns

Commentaries

Encyclopedias

Module 7: Commentaries

READ AND MEDITATE ON COMMENTARIES OF YOUR CHOICE

READ ANY COMMENTARIES THAT ARE PERTINENT TO PASSAGE-- COMMENTARIES ARE READ LAST AND NOT FIRST--ALLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT TO TEACH YOU THE LESSON HE WANTS YOU TO LEARN. IF YOUR CLASS USES A QUARTERLY, LEAVE THIS TO LAST BECAUSE AGAIN YOU WANT TO HAVE HOLY SPIRIT'S INPUT NOT THE CURRICULUM WRITERS.

Module 7: Commentaries

Safe sites for many online commentaries:

<http://net.bible.org> (Dr. Constable's + online access to over 15, 000 articles relating to passages)

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/commentaries> (several from which to choose)

<http://studylight.org/com> (several from which to choose)

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/commentaries> (several from which to choose)

Module 7: Articles/Sermons

Read the articles and/or sermons on <http://net.bible.org> that relate to your passage

Three ways to find articles on bible.org:

1. Go to www.bible.org
2. Put in search box passage
3. Click on topics and/or book
4. Look up author and review passages taught
5. Find articles in different languages by choosing the language tab

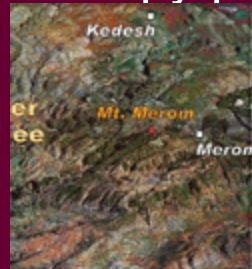
Module 7: Maps

Follow the travel of your study passage on maps

<http://classic.net.bible.org/map.php>

You can download map

You can copy portions of a map into your work by right clicking on the section and then copy/paste into your document



Move mouse across map to find locations or

hover over a location and find scripture that refers to that location as well as the location itself

Module 7: Online Bible Study Tools

There are many online Bible Study tools which offer many differing ideas; tools; helps; commentaries etc.

The next few slides will explain each with its positives and negatives – there are 4 comparisons for you to consider

Module 7: Online Bible Study Tool

<http://net.bible.org>

Positives:

“one stop shopping” all information on one page, move from tab to the next to locate information

Can locate all 15,000 articles both on bible.org & web with one click

Offers Strong’s/dictionary/articles easily located with a double click on a word

Has Dictionary available

Has choice of 5 different Daily Bible Reading plans

Has tutorials

NO pop up ads; is totally **FREE** to user

Has footnotes which explains translator choices/reasons

Tutorials on home page of bible.org “infomercials”

Extensive Google updated Maps on previous version –see tab at lower center page

Other notes:

To get to maps must use previous version tab at bottom

Coming soon: iPhone and iPad apps (now linked to apps store but coming soon from bible.org)

Module 7: Online Bible Study Tool: www.BibleStudyTools.com

Positives:

- 30+ Bible Translations
- Several online commentaries
- Three encyclopedias
- 5 dictionaries
- Parallel comparisons
- Interlinear Bible

Negatives

- Annoying pop up ads seeking your choice of a newsletter/updates and special offers
- Must move back to home page to do next step in discovery OR set up computer screen with new tabs for each new step
- Busy page
- No footnotes
- No tutorials that are easily locatable
- No maps available

Module 7: Online Bible Study Tool: www.biblegateway.com

Positives:

- Simple choices
- Reading plans
- Keyword search
- Passage lookup
- Audio Bibles
- Devotionals
- Newsletters
- Tabs remain static
- Available in Spanish with a click of the mouse

Negatives:

- Annoying Ads for free e-books, healthcare, blogs, new books which change with each new step you choose and are always present in large print in middle of page
- Busy page
- No footnotes,
- Return to home page for next step in discovery
- No tutorials that are easy locatable
- No maps available

Module 7: Online Bible Study Tool: <http://studylight.org>

Positives

Multi-lingual (English, Arabic, Spanish)

Study Resources choices remain static

8 different Bible Reading Plans with one pre-ordered plan by email

Devotionals

Several commentaries, dictionaries, encyclopedias, OT/NT Greek; OT Hebrew Lexicons; Historical articles; sermon essentials;

Negatives:

Pop up ad when opens, distracting ads on sidebar

Extremely busy page with ads both on main page and on right sidebar, images, sponsors links,

Questionable as to how to locate an entire passage at once

No footnotes which explain words etc,

Note: software error for reading an entire chapter

Page is challenging to navigate from one area to another

No tutorials which are easily locatable

Maps are located on a recommended external site, some are downloadable but most are from Zondervan Bible Atlas available from Amazon

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<http://www.blueletterbible.org>

Positives:

Was one of first tools online

All search criteria on left sidebar static

Has a wealth of material: commentaries, study tools, images and maps; devotionals;

No ads to distract; does seek donations to keep ad free

Easily navigable

Offers several versions

Detailed Search Criteria

Help tab shows tutorials and other related helps

Has FAQ's

Only one to offer plan of salvation

iPhone and iPad links

Negatives

1. Due to a lack of donors ads will be appearing to offset the cost