Unlocking the Mystery: Introduction to Bible Study
Bible Study Tools

A Word of Caution

It is better to read a section and meditate on it before jumping immediately to a tool discussed in this class. Let your understanding come from the Holy Spirit aided by man's tools, not be dictated by men.

2 Peter 1:20

Concordance

A concordance is used to find words or phrases in the Bible.

Best known: *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*.

Topical Bibles

Topical Bibles list verses by topic.

Best known: *Nave's Topical Bible*.

Dictionaries

The Bible often uses terms that are not in common usage, and which are therefore not included in standard dictionaries. Bible dictionaries help fill this gap.

Maps

Maps help the user understand the relationships and distances between places mentioned in the Bible.

Commentaries

A commentary provides a discussion of terms, people, and places, and offers interpretation for passages of scripture, normally organized in the same sequence as the Bible.

Chronological Bibles

Chronological Bibles put everything in chronological order. This can help in understanding the context of a passage.

Computer Software

Computer Bible study software may include lookup by word or reference, side-by-side display of several translations, commentaries, maps, original language study tools, etc.

e-Sword from e-sword.net. Free, but missing some popular Bibles.

Word Search from wordsearchbible.com.

Logos Bible Software from logos.com.

Numerous additional sources can be found by searching for "Bible software" in a search engine.

Internet Resources

www.biblegateway.com

www.studylight.org

bible.crosswalk.com

audiobible.com

olivetree.com for mobile devices.