

# Online Bible Study Tools

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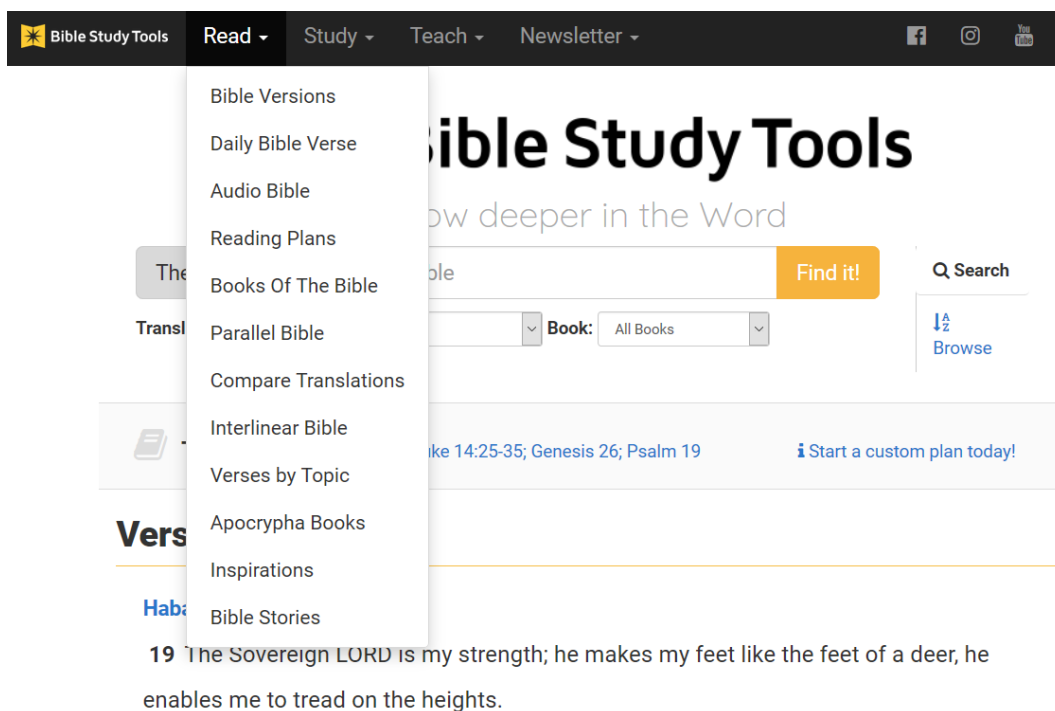
We are so blessed to have access to such comprehensive resources that it is easier than ever to comply with 2 Timothy 2:15 *'Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth'*.

Here are the 5 free online Bible-study sites that I consult most frequently. The only major flaw common to all of them is that they feature only public domain commentaries. However, many of the old commentaries are very good although they tend to be weighted towards Reformed theology.

All 5 resources offer similar facilities but their user interfaces, layouts, and ease of use differ.

## 1. [www.biblestudytools.com](http://www.biblestudytools.com)

At first glance, this site seems unimpressive, but don't be fooled. Just click on the tabs at the top and the site reveals its depth and range. I could not find either an android or iPhone app for this resource.



## 2. [www.Studylight.org](http://www.Studylight.org)

This resource has a lot to offer, ranging from 107 commentaries and 27 dictionaries, through original language tools, to devotionals and reading plans.

The screenshot shows the Studylight.org homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a menu icon, the text "Hi," a "Color Scheme" dropdown, a "Not a member? Click here" link, and a "Sign in" button. Below this is a large banner with the Studylight.org logo and a "Like" button. A navigation menu contains links for "BIBLE STUDY TOOLS," "ORIGINAL LANGUAGE TOOLS," "HISTORICAL WRITINGS," "PASTORAL RESOURCES," "PERSONAL RESOURCES," and "SITE INFO." A sub-header reads "Finding the new version too difficult to understand? Go to [classic.studylight.org/](http://classic.studylight.org/)".

The main content area is divided into several sections:

- General Bible Search:** A search box with the placeholder "Enter a Bible Verse, 'phrase' or Topic to start" and a "Search!" button. Below it are search examples and dropdown menus for "in: Whole Bible" and "using: New American Standard".
- Your Source for FREE Online Bible Study Tools:** A text block welcoming users to the site and describing its resources.
- Read the Bible:** A section with dropdown menus for "New American Standard", "Genesis", and "Chapter 1", followed by a "Read!" button.
- Study the Interlinear Bible:** A section with dropdown menus for "Genesis" and "Chapter 1", followed by a "Study!" button.
- Lectionary Calendar:** A box showing "Friday, January 19th, 2018" and "the Second Week after Epiphany".
- ADVERTISEMENT:** A section for "Today in Christian History" featuring the year "1804" and a quote from Henry Martyn.
- Daily Reading Plan:** A section for "Bible-in-a-Year — NIV" with specific verses: "Genesis 26; Psalm 19; Luke 14:25-35".

## 3. [www.Biblehub.com](http://www.Biblehub.com)

As with most of the Bible study resources available, this one has a somewhat old-fashioned layout and rudimentary user interface. But, once again, it has a big range of tools on offer and it also has a free Android or iPhone app. A major feature is its parallel bible that compares any verse in about twenty different translations. <http://biblehub.com/app.htm>

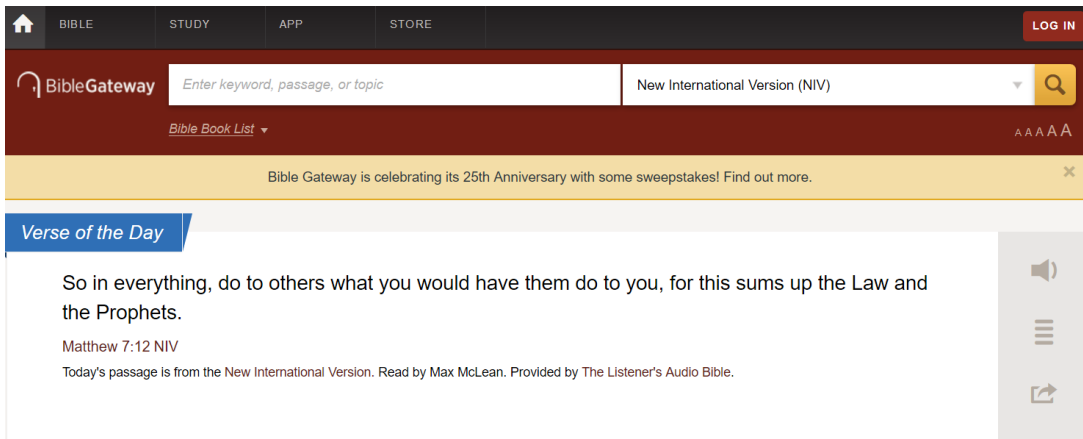
Here is a screen-shot of its display of available applications:

The screenshot shows the Bible Hub website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a "Genesis" dropdown, "1:1", "Version", "Commentary", and "Language" dropdowns. Below this is a blue header with "Bible Hub" and "Bible Study Tools". The main content area is a grid of 20 icons representing different Bible study tools:

- Apocrypha, Atlas, Bible, Commentary, Concordance, Devotions
- Dictionary, Encyclopedia, Greek, Hebrew, Interlinear, Interwoven
- Library, Measures, Multilingual, Par Gospels, Pictures, Ridg Plans
- Search, Sermons, Study Bible, Strongs, Timeline, Topical

#### 4. [www.Biblegateway.com](http://www.Biblegateway.com)

This site has an excellent search feature, and it also has audio-bible facilities, as well as android and iPhone apps.



#### 5. [www.Blueletterbible.org](http://www.Blueletterbible.org)

A major feature of this resource is its search engine for words, lexicons, and theological topics. It has a good selection of bible translations, reference works, commentaries, and so on. It also has Android and iPhone apps.

If I had to choose just one of these 5 resources I would opt for the blueletterbible. It has not been commercialised, it has great search facilities, original language tools, an excellent copy to clipboard facility, and an excellent range of bibles, commentaries, and reference tools.

