

Biblical Studies Reference Works Every Pastor Should Own
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You can purchase all of these resources at [Eisenbrauns](#)

Bible Software (choose one, my personal favorite is Accordance; texts, lexica, grammars, etc. can be unlocked/purchased within most software programs):

[Accordance](#)
[Logos](#)
[BibleWorks](#)

[Hebrew & Aramaic Bible](#), [LXX](#), & [Greek NT](#) (plus more ancient traditions if you are able to work with them)

Lexica:

Hebrew & Aramaic:

[Brown, Driver, Briggs](#)
[Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament](#)

Greek:

[BDAG](#)
[Liddell & Scott \(free pdf download via Google Books\)](#)

Reference Grammars:

Hebrew:

[GKC Hebrew Grammar \(free pdf download via Google Books\)](#)
[Williams' Hebrew Syntax](#)

Aramaic:

[A Grammar of Biblical Aramaic by Franz Rosenthal](#)

Greek:

[Blass, Debrunner & Funk](#)
[Smyth's Greek Grammar \(free pdf download via Google Books\)](#)

Textual Criticism:

Introductions:

[Text of the Old Testament](#)
[Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible](#)
[The Text of the New Testament \(Metzger & Ehrman\)](#)
[The Text of the New Testament \(Aland & Aland\)](#)

Commentaries:

[Preliminary and Interim Report on the Hebrew OT Text Project](#)
[A Textual Commentary on the Greek New Testament](#)

Dictionaries:

IVP Bible Dictionary Series:

[Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books](#)
[Dictionary of the Old Testament: Wisdom, Poetry & Writings](#)

[Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch](#)
[Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels](#)
[Dictionary of Paul and His Letters](#)
[Dictionary of the Later New Testament & Its Developments](#)
[Dictionary of New Testament Background](#)
[Dictionary of Deities and Demons in the Bible](#)

Biblical Backgrounds:

Old Testament:

[IVP Background Commentary on OT](#)
[The Context of Scripture \(3 vols\)](#)
[Ancient Near Eastern Texts Relating to the Old Testament](#)

New Testament

[IVP Background Commentary on NT](#)
[Old Testament Pseudepigrapha \(2 vols\)](#)
[Dead Sea Scrolls Study Edition](#)