Using FirstSearch *Effectively*

Introduction

Biblical and Theological resources are easily found by searching ATLA Religion database. Using the Advanced Search option, select ATLA Religion.

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Basic "Keyword" Search

Searching for "covenant" produces 3,028 hits. Adding an additional keyword of "Old Testament" or "New Testament" produces 321 hits and 187 hits respectively.

Note: The more specific the search, the better the results will be.

Icons of Interest

1. The "Full Text" Article Icon

View Full Text on remote site (ATLA)

2. The "Limit" Icon allows selection of specific document types

Limit A results total of 363 hits can be limited to show on journal articles.

Limit Your Results by **Document Type**

- ☐ Article   271
- ☐ Essay   90
- ☐ Book   2

3. The "Sort" Icon can provide the most recent publications

Sort If you want to find journal articles from the past 10 years, use this option.

Note: Sorting by "Year" and "Descending" will list most recent publications *first*.

4. The "E-mail" Icon can be used to forward bibliographic information to your account for later use

Remember: (1) Check the box significant of items,

    E-mail   (2) and select to send only your "marked records,"

Send: **Records 1 - 10**

               Marked Records: 4

    and (3) enter your e-mail address.

To e-mail address:

The Power of Hyperlinks

Each "Detailed Record" of bibliographic information will contain hyperlinks. These links can provide powerful refinement of your search for the exact information you're seeking.

Title Subject: Bible (OT) Hosea.
                     Bible (NT) Romans 9-11.
                     Bible (NT) -- Quotations from Old Testament.

Scripture Reference Searches

Searching for specific Bible texts can be tricky. Note the following examples.

1. **Search for:** | Genesis 3 15 | Scripture Citation |

2. Searching for 1 Corinthians 1:3

Search for: | Corinthians 1st 1 3 | Scripture Citation |

3. Searching for 2 Corinthians 1:3

Search for: | Corinthians 2nd 1 3 | Scripture Citation |

4. Searching for any resource on an entire chapter – 2 Corinthians 1.

Search for: | Corinthians 2nd 1 | Scripture Citation |