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STAFF TIP — Image Gallery

Looking for a timeline of the New Testament? Need a stunning picture with a verse about love on it? We have these and much more in the Blue Letter Bible image gallery.

I love the image gallery for two reasons. First, it has so much content to look through. There are maps, charts, even hand-drawn and etched works from artists. Recently, I was teaching a Sunday School class on the Tabernacle. However, finding good-quality images on the web is difficult, especially on topics like the Tabernacle. So, I went to BLB and quickly downloaded images of the Tabernacle instruments within minutes.

The second reason is that the image gallery seems to be a lesser-known tool than popular ones like the Interlinear and Commentaries. Believe it or not, charts and art can be a great way to delve deeper into the Word of God by giving you visual aids to gain a better picture and understanding of God’s Word.
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