

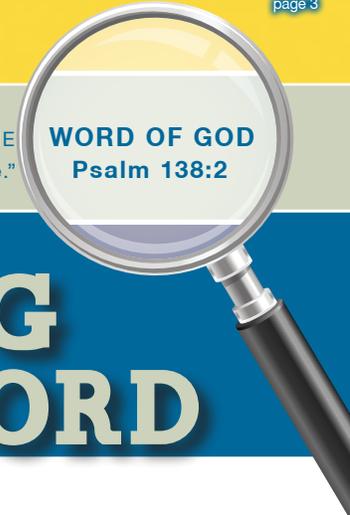


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A NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO MAGNIFYING THE  
"For You have magnified Your Word above all Your Name."

WORD OF GOD  
Psalm 138:2



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# MAGNIFYING GOD'S WORD

## Hitting the Mark

An example of one of Kimberly's projects

<sup>1</sup>It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

<sup>2</sup>But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings,

<sup>3</sup>partly by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations,

and

<sup>4</sup>partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated.

<sup>5</sup>For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one.

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

Earlier this year, we announced the release of our newest Bible study tool, ScriptureMark. Since then the response has been overwhelming, and we have been so encouraged. We have always appreciated the passion Blue Letter Bible users have for studying God's Word. Through ScriptureMark, we get to see this in action! ScriptureMark was birthed out of a vision to help you discover the truths of God's Word by marking up selected passages of Scripture, and

based upon what we have seen, our users are doing just that! Kimberly told us, "I love the ability to shift Scripture into an outline making the writers' point clearer to me. Also, the ability to quickly mark repeated words or phrases in specific colors makes it easier to find themes, all without lugging colored pens and pencils, making it a perfect study device for working anywhere." One of our users named Thomas wrote in and told us how ScriptureMark has not only

opened up a new and effective way to exegete and teach Scripture, but has encouraged him to spend more time digging into God's Word for his personal study and life.

Another ScriptureMark user shared with us about a handicap he has developed in his dominant writing hand. He has always loved studying on his own and teaching Bible studies, but because of the lack of function in his left hand

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**TO START USING SCRIPTUREMARK RIGHT NOW, PLEASE VISIT: [BLB.ORG/SMARK](http://BLB.ORG/SMARK)**

For all the details, answers to frequently asked questions and a brief three minute video introduction, go to: [ScriptureMark.org](http://ScriptureMark.org)



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# Hitting the Mark

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Psalms 42:5 (ESV)

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation

Psalms 62:8 (ESV)

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah

Psalms 63:3-4 (ESV)

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Psalms 59:16 (ESV)

But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.

An example of one of Thomas's projects

he was unable to study the way he was used to. One night as he was sitting at his desk, frustrated with his situation, he asked the Lord for help and was prompted to look up Romans 12:1-2 on BLB. It was then that he came across ScriptureMark. Using ScriptureMark along with another software program that allows him to dictate his actions, he is able to take notes and study the Bible inductively as he always has. He sees how despite the trials he faces, the Lord continues to provide ways for him to study Scripture more effectively.

As a staff, we praise God that we get to see many people using ScriptureMark to *Study the Written Word to know the Living Word*. When we grasp the depths of what God has done, is doing, and will do, as seen throughout the pages of Scripture, one can't help but stand in awe and love Him more. That is our desire for providing the ScriptureMark tool to our users.

## STAFF TIP: The Power of the LexiConc



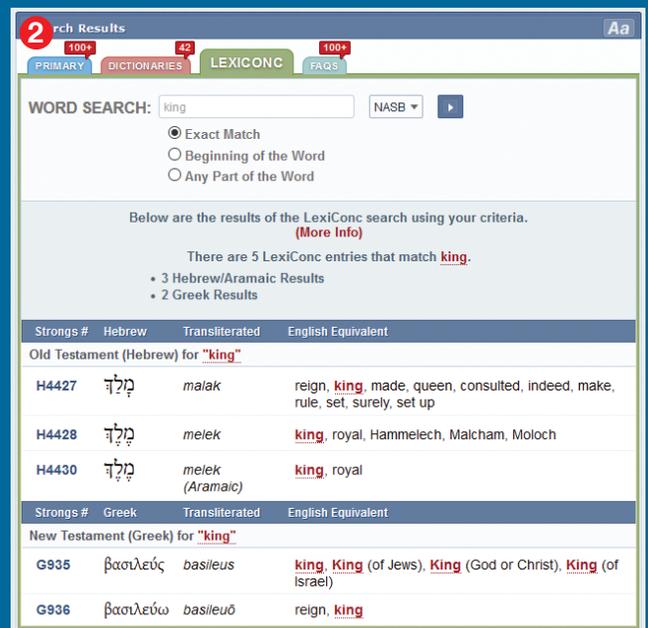
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BLB's LexiConc (a combination of 'lexicon' and 'concordance') is a word search tool that will allow you to search for occurrences of an English word *within* BLB's Hebrew and Greek Lexical aids. One of the greatest benefits of using the LexiConc is its ability to show you how similar words are translated and defined in the Bible.

For example, I may want to find all instances where the English word 'king' is translated from the Hebrew and Greek text. (1) Begin at our website, start by either clicking on or hovering over the 'Search' menu item at the top, look for the LEXICONC search box (you may have to scroll down if you are on our search page). Type in your word and click the arrow (or <Enter> key on your keyboard).

(2) The search result will display a list of every occurrence of the word 'king' including other words it is a part of. Searching for 'king' will also return 'kingdom' and 'talking' since 'king' is included within those words.

The result set displays a word count and is organized by Hebrew/Aramaic (OT) and Greek (NT) and the result data includes Strong's numbers, original language words and its transliteration. For greater precision in your search result, try narrowing down your LexiConc search scope to one of the following 3 types – 'Exact Match', 'Beginning of the Word' or 'Any Part of the Word'.



## New Content / Announcements



### New Content from Don Stewart – 25 Signs We Are Near the End

In this new audio series by Don Stewart, *25 Signs We Are Near the End*, Don Stewart examines what the Bible has to say about the events that are to come or have occurred. In this easy-to-understand audio series, Don lays out 25 key signs of what Scripture says will take place at the “time of the end”—all pointing to a God who exists, who knows the future, and who is in control of the future. [QR](#)



### Blue Letter Bible Receives ECFA Accreditation!

On March 8, Blue Letter Bible received its accreditation from from the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). This is a major milestone for BLB in seeking to follow a model of **biblical accountability** and **stewardship**.

Dan Busby, president of ECFA, shared, “We are pleased to accredit a ministry committed to equip people with powerful tools to read, study,

and rightly divide the written Word of God, the Holy Bible.”

ECFA, founded in 1979, provides accreditation to leading Christian nonprofit organizations that faithfully demonstrate compliance with the ECFA Standards pertaining to financial accountability, fundraising and board governance.

ECFA-accredited ministries are accepted based upon seven Standards including—

- Doctrinal Issues
- Governance
- Financial Oversight
- Use of Resources and Compliance with Laws
- Transparency
- Compensation-Setting and Related-Party Transactions
- Stewardship of Charitable Gifts.

For more information about ECFA, visit [ECFA.org](http://ECFA.org).

To view important information for our donors, visit our Information for Donors page at [BLB.org/donorinfo](http://BLB.org/donorinfo). [QR](#)



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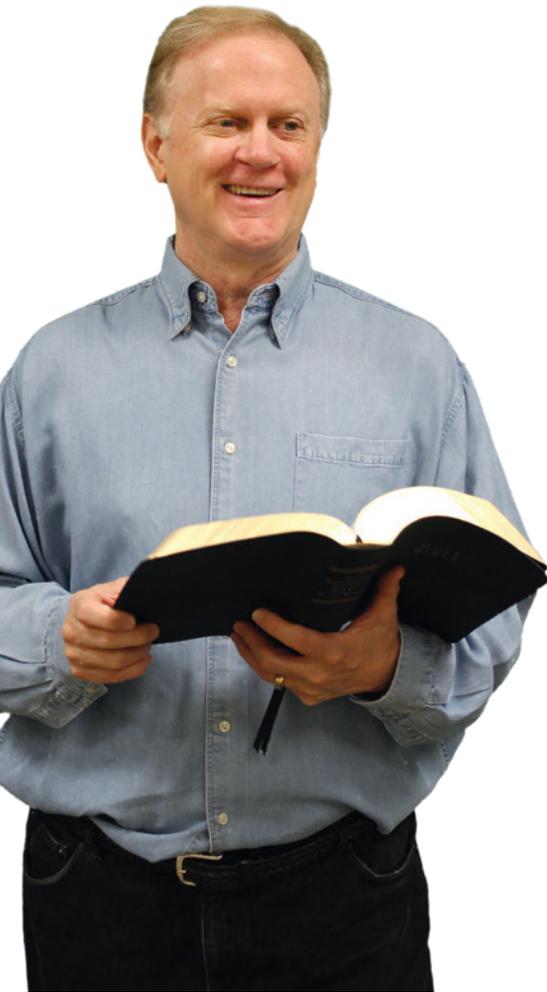
Blue Letter Bible is pleased to announce our new partnership with SermonAudio. SermonAudio offers a vast library of audio sermons from teachers who hold to a theologically conservative, Bible-believing, and Christ-honoring perspective, including over 1.5 million sermons from 30,000+ speakers. We have partnered with SermonAudio to make these

sermons available freely and immediately to BLB users through our website and apps. Teachers include John MacArthur, Alistair Begg, A.W. Tozer, and more. Simply open the “Commentaries” tab in our study tools section of our Bible passages, and view the teachers now available from SermonAudio. [QR](#)



# GOD'S WORD IS **ALIVE** & **ACTIVE**

## The Importance of Studying Scripture



At Blue Letter Bible we often emphasize the importance of studying God's Word. As believers, we should long to study Scripture and grow our understanding of what God is showing us through His Word.

Especially today, where the pull of conforming to the world is so strong, God's Word provides us with a firm foundation of truth amidst the groundless and ever-changing beliefs of our culture. We worship and follow an infinite God. On the other side of this earthly life, we will have an eternity to get to know Him. Until then, the careful, consistent and diligent study of His Word helps us know the nature and attributes of God and His plan for all believers in this life.

We are excited about the recent release of BLB's new study tool, ScriptureMark. In just a short time since its release we already have thousands of people actively

using this unique new tool to study His Word.

Our new partnership with Sermon Audio (SermonAudio.com) opens the door to 1.5 million audio messages from over 30,000 speakers which can be streamed or downloaded so you can listen while you are getting ready, driving to work, cooking dinner or even just folding laundry. Many of the messages also have transcripts in PDF format. We pray you will take full advantage of Sermon Audio's vast and growing library in order to edify yourself.

These tools and resources are for you. Our hope is that through them you get excited to be in the Word, that God is magnified in your heart, and that He is glorified through your life.

**Jim Milligan**  
President/CEO

## User Testimony

Hi, I am a 25 year-old student of the Word and I greatly appreciate your gift of the Blue Letter Bible app and website. So much has gone into these programs and they are so easy to use. Not only are they accessible but they've made deep scripture searching available for someone like me who has limited resources and a small education. — *Austin*

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