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WORD OF GOD Psalm 138:2

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ScriptureMark: A Digital Markup Bible Study Resource Like No Other

Our motto here at Blue Letter Bible is: *Study the written Word to know the Living Word*. This motto really encapsulates our passion to provide you with vast Bible study resources and content. New in 2019, we are excited to announce a digital markup Bible study resource like no other.

This resource was birthed out of a vision to help you discover the truths of God's Word by marking up selected passages of Scripture. The team imagined highlight and underline tools, arrows and shapes, sticky notes, freehand drawing, images, and more.



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They wanted to include indenting tools for block diagramming and layer options for customizable viewability. BLB envisioned a resource that would not only enrich your personal study, but that would be used to help others delve into the depths of Scripture.

This vision has now come into fruition through BLB's newest resource—ScriptureMark!

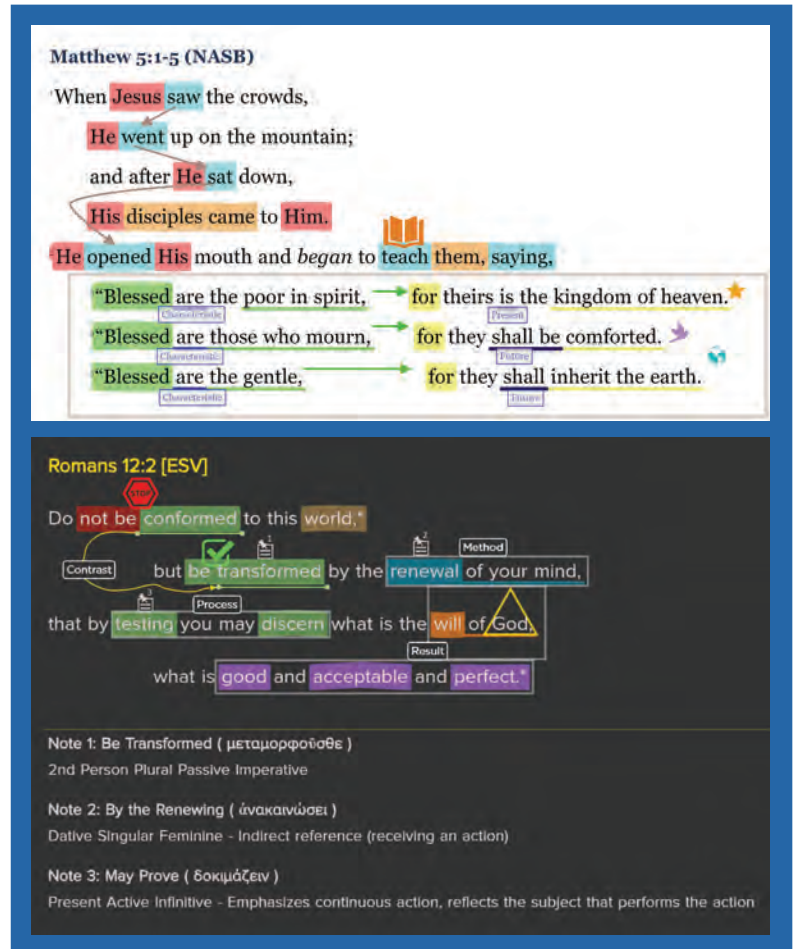
ScriptureMark helps you to slow down and appreciate the depth of truth in every verse of God's living Word, making your study:

- Interactive, engaging, enlightening, and fun
- Useful as a teaching aid for individuals and groups
- Effective for visualizing, understanding, and memorizing God's Word

Right now, we are beta-testing ScriptureMark for a period of time. During this beta-testing period, you will have access to all of the study tools and features offered. We trust that ScriptureMark will be a wonderful addition to your study. We also want our users to know that your use of ScriptureMark will help us to further refine, develop, and improve the resource. So please head over to ScriptureMark and take a test drive today!

For more information and a video introducing ScriptureMark, please visit ScriptureMark.org.

To use the ScriptureMark tool, please visit BLB.org/SMARK. 



The screenshot displays two examples of the ScriptureMark tool's interface. The first example is Matthew 5:1-5 (NASB), showing a passage with various annotations such as "Characteristic" and "Process" highlighting specific words and phrases. The second example is Romans 12:2 (ESV), showing a passage with annotations like "Contrast", "Method", "Process", and "Result" highlighting different parts of the verse. Below the second example, there are three notes in Greek and English explaining the grammatical forms used in the annotations.

Matthew 5:1-5 (NASB)

When Jesus saw the crowds,
He went up on the mountain;
and after He sat down,
His disciples came to Him.
He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying,
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."
"Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth."

Romans 12:2 (ESV)

Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that by testing you may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Note 1: Be Transformed (μεταμορφώσθε)
2nd Person Plural Passive Imperative

Note 2: By the Renewing (ἀνακαίνωσει)
Dative Singular Feminine - Indirect reference (receiving an action)

Note 3: May Prove (δοκιμάζειν)
Present Active Infinitive - Emphasizes continuous action, reflects the subject that performs the action




Joshua M.

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. 

Make Your Word Studies More Precise with the New Greek Inflection Tool

Through our new Greek Inflection tool, you can now search similar forms of the same Greek word throughout the Bible. This improved search feature not only includes the New Testament Greek manuscripts, but also the Old Testament's Greek Septuagint (LXX)!

You can view this tool from any of our Lexicon pages—check out an example for *agapaō* to the right.

You can also watch our YouTube tutorial, “How to Use Our Greek Inflection Tool” to learn more about Greek inflections and how to use this tool on the BLB. You can find the video at BLB.org/GreekInflection.



New Content to Enrich Your Study Time



From Miles DeBenedictis — New Video Sermons

We are pleased to make a selection of video sermons available from Miles DeBenedictis, pastor of Cross Connection Church. Blue Letter Bible is honored to have Miles as our newest Board member, and we are certain his expository style of teaching will draw you into the rich truths of God's inspired Word. Study with Pastor Miles through the Books of Ephesians, Colossians, 1 Timothy and Titus, at BLB.org/DeBenedictus.

Encouragement from Our Donors

“Being a disabled veteran with cancer, Blue Letter Bible has allowed me to study wherever I am. It helps me to highlight and look up words I do not understand. BLB is the most complete, in-depth and accurate study tool I have ever used, I am grateful.”

“I have been considering more expensive computer programs for Bible study but BLB has everything I need and more. Thank you.”



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Hope As We Enter the New Year



Just a few weeks ago, we celebrated the start of a new year. Oftentimes during the beginning of a new year, we as a society are filled with hope at the thought of all the good things that can come in the following twelve months. However because we live in a sin-filled and fallen world, the excitement wears off and we realize that the new year might also bring significant pain and suffering. For this reason, as believers, who have repented of their sin and received Jesus Christ as Savior, we have the privilege of hoping not in the circumstances of this life, but in the glorious promises that God has made to His people in His Word.

In order to help you better understand God's Word, we are thrilled to announce the launch of our new tool, ScriptureMark. This resource was created to help you discover the truths of God's Word by marking up selected passages of Scripture. It will help you slow down and appreciate the depth of

truth in every verse of God's living Word. You can read more about ScriptureMark on the front of the newsletter.

We are also excited to bring you the Greek inflection tool, which will help you search the same or similar forms of Greek words throughout the New Testament. Also newly released on the site are video sermons from our newest member of the Board of Directors, Miles DeBenedictis.

As 2019 is well underway, our prayer for you is that God's Word would sink deep into your hearts, and take root as a bright light in this dark world. Be encouraged, knowing that our hope is not here, but in Heaven.

Jim Milligan
President/CEO

Information for Donors

We've created a new webpage with essential information such as, why there are ads on BLB, our founding and guiding principles, the size of our staff and budget, etc. Please visit [BLB.org/DonorInfo](https://www.BlueLetterBible.org/DonorInfo)

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