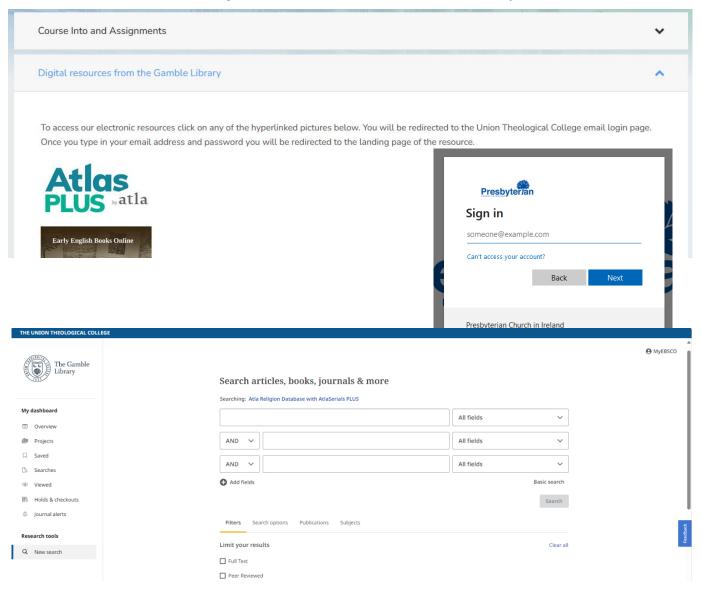


Searching Atla for journal articles

Gamble Library

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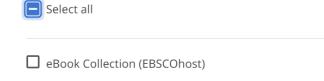
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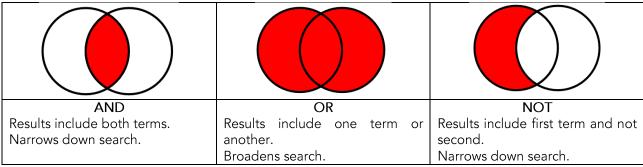
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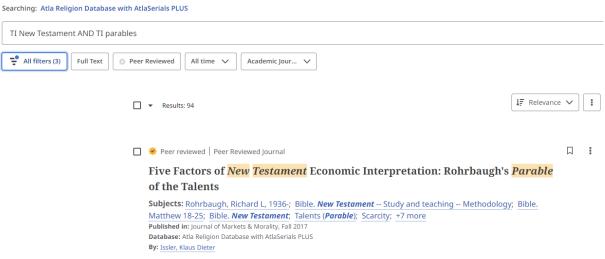




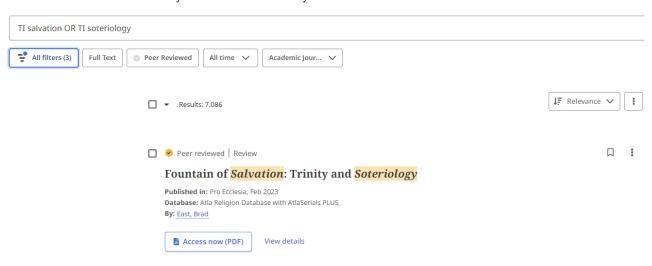
How you link your keywords in searches using AND, OR, NOT is really important.



AND between keywords and phrases will give results which include both terms or phrases. This narrows down the search and you should get fewer results.



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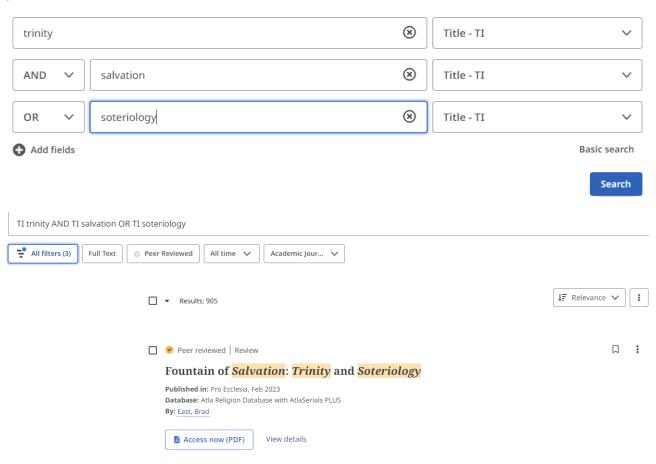




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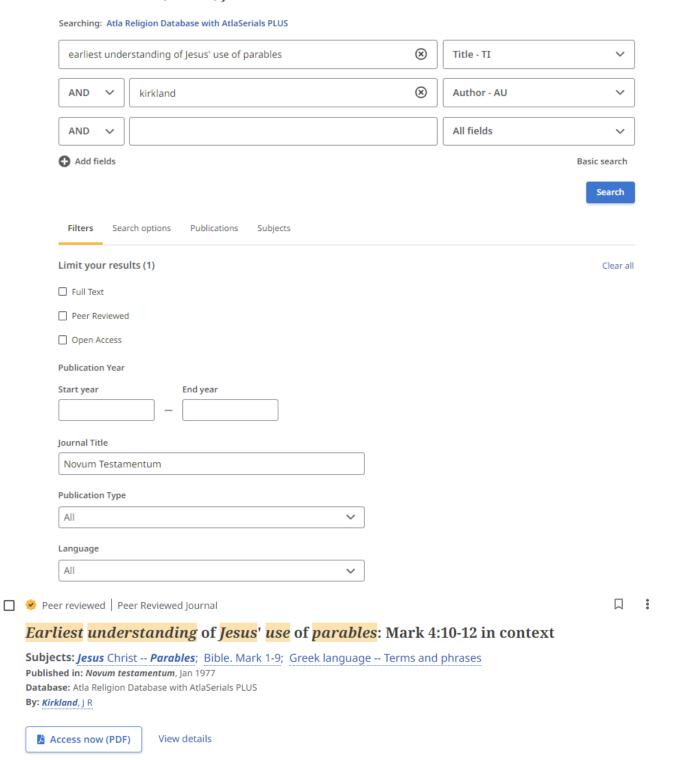




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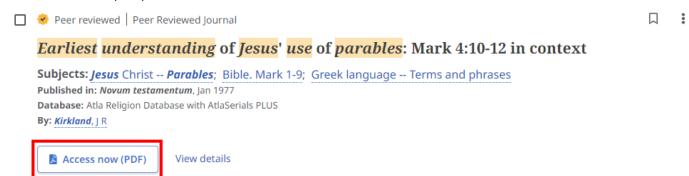




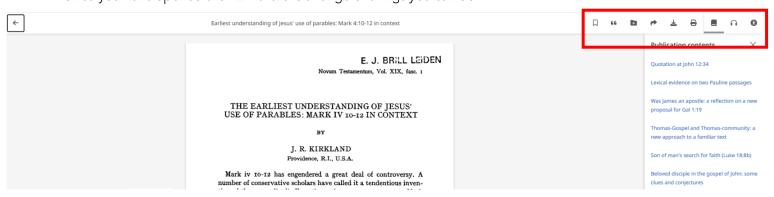
Search tips: stop words are common words which the computer has been programmed to ignore, such as: the, of, or, been, however, so, and. Leave these out when searching. The search engine is not case sensitive so it does not matter if you use capital letters or not.

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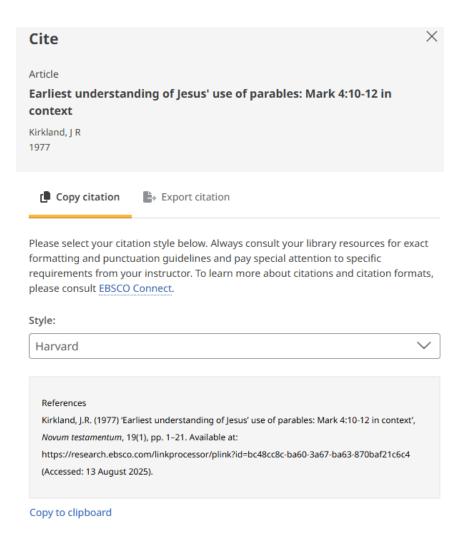
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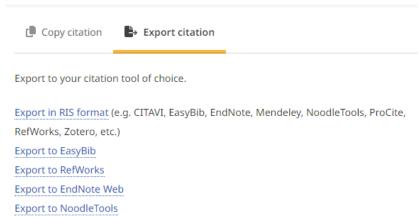


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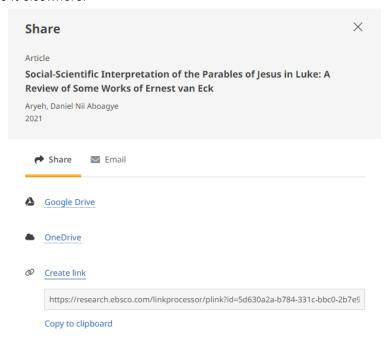
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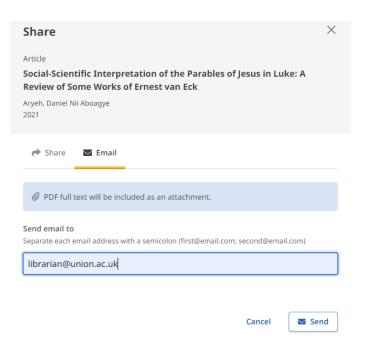


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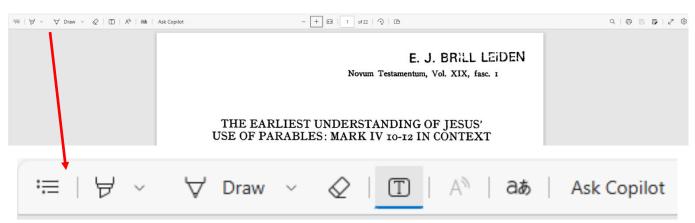


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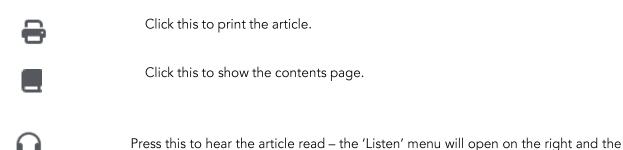


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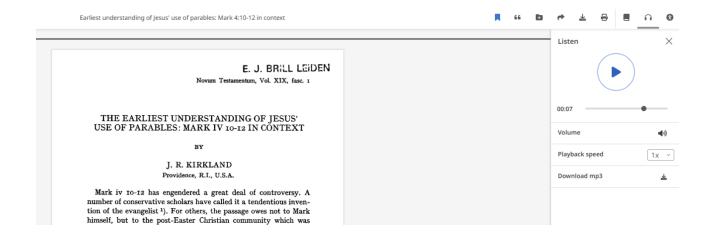
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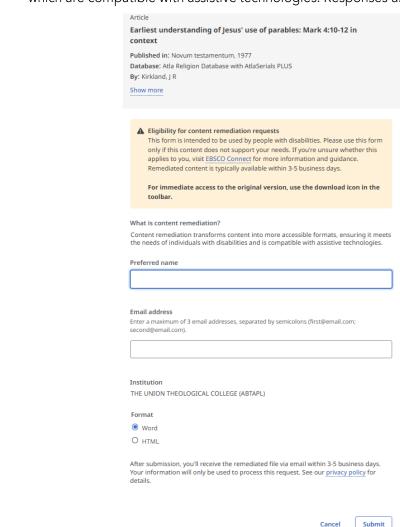
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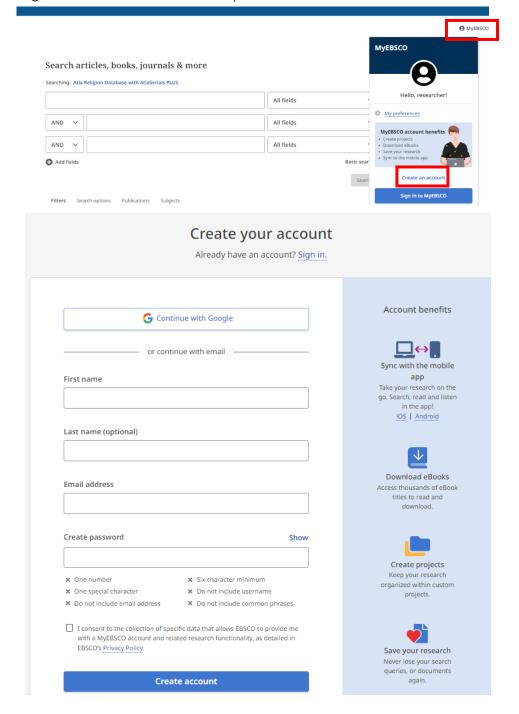
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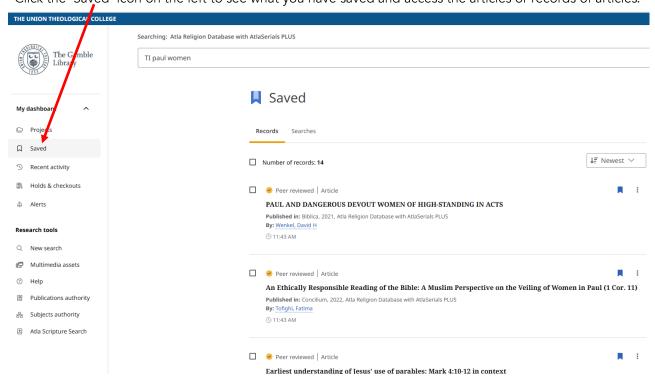




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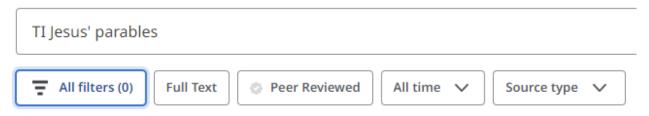




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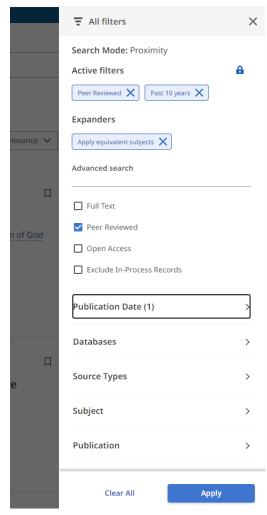
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You should see the number of results decrease.

Search strategies

- Think about **keywords** and **related items** linked to the topic you are looking for information on. Plan **your searches** and **keep brief notes** on your searches to avoid time-wasting repetition. Use a **thesaurus or dictionary** to help.
- Think about how the terms can be linked together within the search using AND, OR, NOT.
- Use related terms, as required, when searching. If you get too few results you may need to widen the search by using a broader term. For example, if you search for 'Philemon' and get very few results, you could search for 'Pauline Epistle,' which will hopefully return more results. If your search returns too many results, which are often irrelevant, you may need to narrow it down by using a narrower term. For example, if you searched for 'heresy' and got too many results, try searching again for 'Arianism' and you will get fewer, more relevant results. A thesaurus, either in hardcopy or online, should help with identifying related terms and synonyms.
- Search for synonyms, e.g. death, deceased, passing, etc.
- Alternative spellings, such as, honor/honour, neighbor/neighbour, can be searched for using the wildcard #. For example, col#r, will find, color and colour.



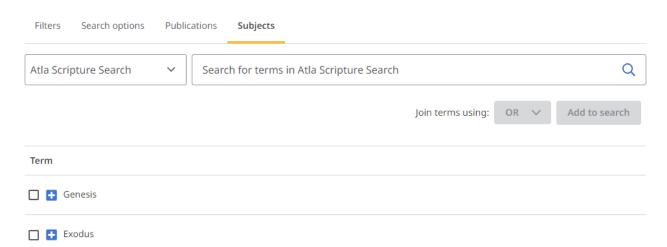


- Variations in root words, prefixes, suffixes and plurals. For example, lead, mislead, leadership, leading, leader, leaders. Wildcards and truncation can be used if you want to find all words related to the root word. This is when you use a symbol to replace letters at the end of, or in words. In ATLA Databases? is used to replace each unknown character. For example, m?n finds references to man and men. Truncation is performed using * to replace several consecutive characters. For example, lead* would search for lead, leader, leaders, leadership, leading etc. Please note that wildcards and truncation cannot be combined for a single term in a search, e.g. p#ediatric* would be the same as a search for p* and would not be very useful. The symbol * can be used to match an unknown word in a phrase e.g. midsummer * dream.
- When a singular word is searched for, the plural and possessive forms will also be searched. However, if the singular word is enclosed in quotation marks, *only* the singular word will be returned. For instance, Gospel will return Gospel, Gospels, Gospel's. However, "Gospel" will only return Gospel.
- When a plural term is searched for, the search engine will automatically search for the singular form of the term. If the plural is spelt differently (e.g. child, children) the search is not automatically expanded.
- Think about changes in place names over time. For instance, Myanmar, Burma
- It can be useful to search for a phrase as it makes your search more exact. A phrase is a series of words in the order entered, with no other words between. The phrase should be entered in quotation marks. For example, "Synoptic Gospels."
- To search for an article when you have more than one of the authors' names, separate them with AND. E.g. To search for a work by John Smith and Jane Jones, enter Smith AND Jones or Smith John AND Jones Jane or John Smith AND Jane Jones. The search phrase Smith Jones will not find the item: it will only retrieve items by authors named "Smith Jones" or "Jones Smith."
- Parentheses (brackets) can be used. Terms inside these are searched first.
- **Near operator** Ndigit E.g. N3 finds the words if they are within three words of one another regardless of the order they appear in Miracles N3 Jesus.
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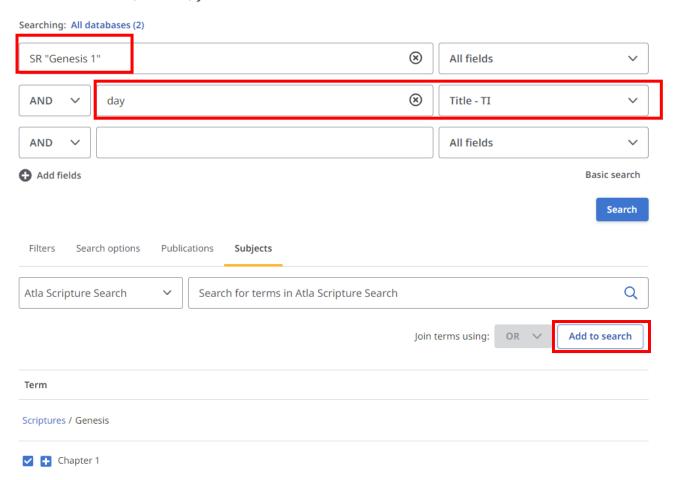
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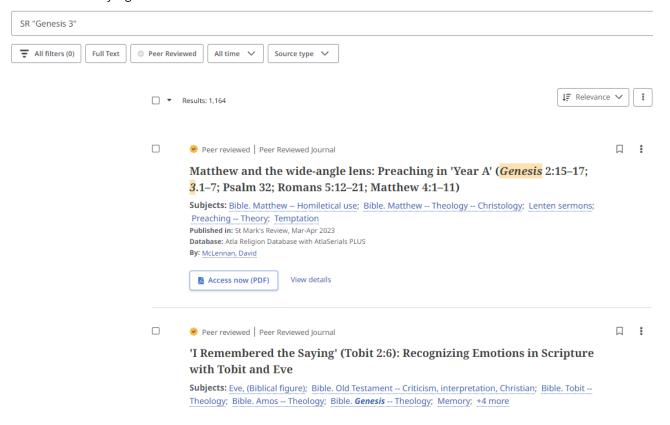
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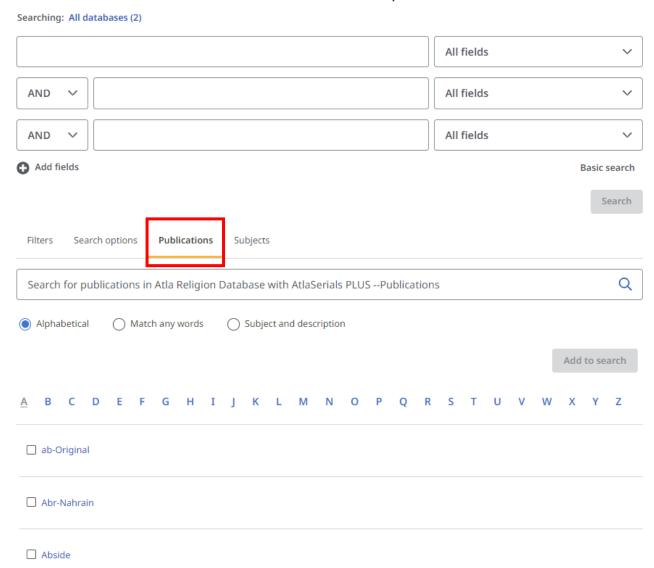
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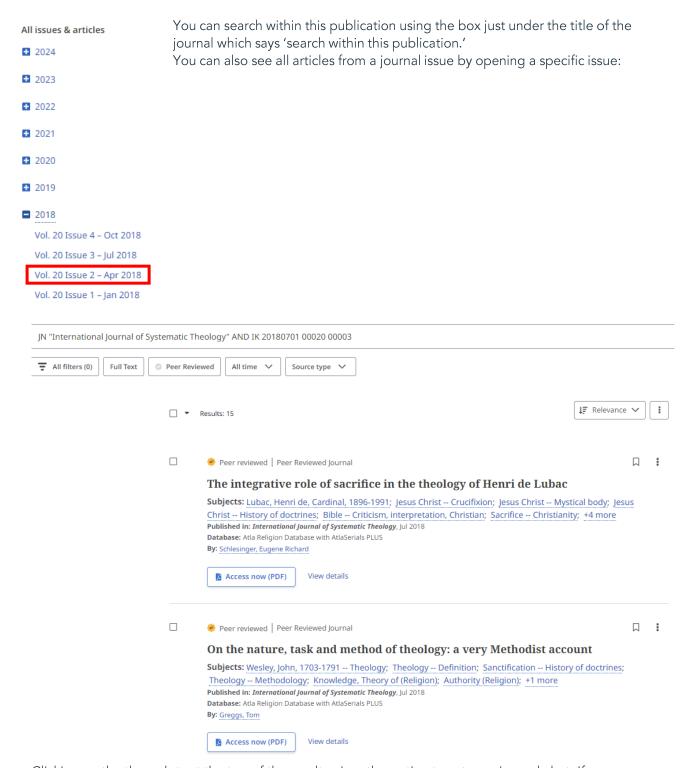
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