



Bible Software Update

There is Bible Software available today for every level of Christian seeking to aid his or her Bible Study. I'd like to present 2 High End and 2 Free Programs.

1. Accordance Bible Software

This is a program designed for Bible Scholars. If you are of the more scholarly cast, and want to work with the Raw texts of the Bible, this is the Premier Bible Software. If you wish to work heavily with Biblical Languages you will appreciate the Lightning-Speed and the multiple tagged languages. I'm presently preparing for an upcoming "Live Translation," & am loving the simultaneous display of the Greek LXX, Hebrew, Aramaic, Syriac, and Latin. All are tagged, which

means that as I run my cursor over any word of any text, it provides all definitions and parsing in an area below. This saves valuable time.

See this at accordancebible.com for a download that will allow you to take this program for a spin.

2. Logos Bible Software

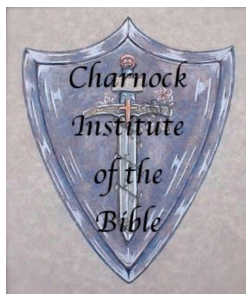
Logos is popular and if you like lots of English books scanned into the program for reading they are tops. A definite slower program, with fewer tagged Languages available than Accordance. If you get to Washington you might want to see if you can get a tour of their facility. It is interesting! See them at logos.com

3. Online Bible & E-Sword

These are free Bible Software program available to download;

THINGS NEW... THINGS OLD...

We are working on Syriac Language for a possible offering this summer. Syriac is the language of the Peshitta; the first full Bible Translation made shortly after the Apostle John died. This translation was made by Jewish Christians; and it is the first Translation containing both the Old and the New Testaments. The value is simply that it is the first Interpretation offered in the context of a Jewish Translation; and yes, Jewish Christians are still of the



Jewish! The Peshitta is required for the MASTER'S DEGREE IN EARLY JEWISH INTERPRETATION at CIB. This degree also requires the ability to read the Greek Septuagint, Aramaic Targums, Latin Vulgate, etc. It is also the basis for the "Live Translation" coming by summer. You will be able to watch or listen (or both) as the Hebrew and Greek Bible are read live and translated live. Then the interpretation of early Translations will be presented.

White Stone Missions

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Our needs were fully met this last year for each and every project we were involved in. "Thank YOU God!" In fact, we are moving in a direction that we believe to be:

1. Better Quality than what we have been able to do before.
2. Much more inexpensive.

Quality often means more cost. However, when the Disciples walked with Jesus, it didn't cost them much to get the finest education available on the planet! A few miles down the road with Jesus is of greater value than all the libraries and professors of all the Bible Colleges and Seminaries in the world. We have designed a Discipleship Program which costs pennies and is Jesus-Dependent for success. Bible Mastery is its focus and it can be used Independently or in a Church Discipleship Program. We use it at my own Church! Less Is More if it is quality!

A New Translation is Beginning Soon! Please pray for its possible publication and use on the Mission Field. Don't miss the Grand Adventure: Read Your Bible. Jesus will meet you there!



and definitely worth your time. They will provide a little bit of Scholarly Bible Study in the Languages, but mostly they shine in notes and commentaries. If you have no formal Bible Training, then these are for you. Very powerful for what they are; though not as powerful or polished as Software you can purchase. There are also other items you can purchase and unlock if you wish to upgrade your studies to access more Translations and other items.

Don't think that because these are free that they are not worth your time. That's far from the truth. In fact, most will never use the thousands of books available on the high end Software; you will probably never exhaust what is available on the Free Software! Don't waste money for an item that you simply will not use.

CONCLUSION

Accordance Bible Software is for Scholars, Professors, those who need to work directly with the RAW TEXTS of Scripture and its surrounding Languages. For those needing to or able to handle a more professional approach.

Logos Bible Software is for Scholars, Professors, etc. who don't have a bent or need for Broad Linguistic studies in the RAW TEXTS of the Bible; but like lots of Books in their Library.

Online Bible & E-Sword

These are for most! Unless you need the power of the above Bible Software Programs, I recommend you stay away from them and put your money in your pocket. However, if want something that allows you to do powerful studies in English and add more as you believe you need it, then both Accordance and Logos will suit you just fine. Both have large amounts of English Texts that will allow you to add and add and add until you cannot read it all.

There are others:

BibleWorks, Crosswire
OliveTree, BibleAnalyzer
TheWord, YouVersion

One More Item!

Nehemiah Bible Software has been purchased by a friend of mine and is actually a good software for most Pastors. It provides the basics of Scholarly Pastoral Needs without the upper end studies which really are the domain of Linguistic Scholars. It provides basics in Hebrew and Greek studies, which is all most Pastors will ever get to. When this will be available again is unknown. Let's hope in the not too distant future. See them at: facebook.com/nehemiahbiblesoftware/

Online Biblical Studies

The amount of Biblical Studies materials available online is staggering! You

actually need no Bible Software if you have the internet available. Literally hundreds-of-thousands of texts are available. The problem is screening them to decide which ones are the best and most profitable to read; and which are a waste of time. After all, Solomon wrote, "Of the writing of books there is NO END." More, may in fact mean Less if you are wasting your time.

If you have never read the Bible through, you are not a serious Bible student anyway, and so all that I have written is actually a waste of time for you. To read commentaries and studies on a book you have never read is the height of silliness and foolishness. So START with READING the BIBLE itself. Four or five chapters a day will get you through it in a year.

Blessings to you all and your prayers are coveted beyond measure.

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