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| **MLA Style** | **Parenthetical Citations:** The first time you reference a version of the Bible, in the in-text citations, give the name of the edition (*italicized*), followed by a comma and the abbreviated book (see back of handout), chapter, and verse. Use a period, not a colon, between the chapter and verse: John 3.16.<br><br>Ezekiel saw "what seemed to be four living creatures" (*New Jerusalem Bible*, Ezek. 1.5-10).<br><br>If future references come from the same version of the Bible, include only the abbreviated book, chapter, and verse in the parenthetical citation: "For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land" (Deut. 8.7).<br><br>**Works Cited Page:** Include the name of the Bible (italicized) , the editor (if given), and publication information:<br><br>*The Student Bible*. Ed. Phillip Yancey. New York: Zondervan, 1996. Print. |
| **APA Style** | **Parenthetical Citations:** The first time you reference a version of the Bible, give the book (abbreviated), chapter, and verse, followed by the name of the edition (not italicized) in the in-text citation.<br><br>**Quote:** "He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm" (Prov. 13:20 New International Version).<br><br>**Paraphrase:** In Proverbs 13:20 (New International Version), the Bible encourages us to spend time with wise people to become wiser.<br><br>If future references come from the same version of the Bible, include only the abbreviated book, chapter, and verse in the parenthetical citation: "It was majestic in beauty, with its spreading boughs, for its roots went down to abundant waters" (Ezek. 31:7).<br><br>**Reference List:** Do not include biblical references on the reference page unless required by your professor. |
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# Abbreviations for Books of the Bible

## MLA Style

| HB/OT | Judg. | 2 Chron. | Eccles. | Hos. | Hab. | NT | 1 Cor. | 2 Thess. | 1 Pet. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gen. | Ruth | Ezra | Song of Sol. | Joel | Zeph. | Matt. | 2 Cor. | 1 Tim. | 2 Pet. |
| Exod. | 1 Sam. | Neh. | Isa. | Amos | Hag. | Mark | Gal. | 2 Tim. | 1 John |
| Lev. | 2 Sam. | Esth. | Jer. | Obad. | Zech. | Luke | Eph. | Tit. | 2 John |
| Num. | 1 Kings | Job | Lam. | Jon. | Mal. | John | Phil. | Philem. | 3 John |
| Deut. | 2 Kings | Ps. | Ezek. | Mic. |  | Acts | Col. | Heb. | Jude |
| Josh. | 1 Chron. | Prov. | Dan. | Nah. |  | Rom. | 1 Thess. | Jas. | Rev. |

## APA Style

| HB/OT | Judg. | 2 Chron. | Eccles. | Hos. | Hab. | NT | 1 Cor. | 2 Thess. | 1 Pet. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gen. | Ruth | Ezra | Song Sol. | Joel | Zeph. | Matt. | 2 Cor. | 1 Tim. | 2 Pet. |
| Exod. | 1 Sam. | Neh. | Isa. | Amos | Hag. | Mark | Gal. | 2 Tim. | 1 John |
| Lev. | 2 Sam. | Esth. | Jer. | Obad. | Zech. | Luke | Eph. | Tit. | 2 John |
| Num. | 1 Kings | Job | Lam. | Jon. | Mal. | John | Phil. | Philem. | 3 John |
| Deut. | 2 Kings | Ps. | Ezek. | Mic. |  | Acts | Col. | Heb. | Jude |
| Josh. | 1 Chron. | Prov. | Dan. | Nah. |  | Rom. | 1 Thess. | Jas. | Rev. |

## Chicago/ Turabian

| HB/OT | Judg. | 2 Chron. | Eccles. | Hosea | Hab. | NT | 1 Cor. | 2 Thess. | 1 Pet. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gen. | Ruth | Ezra | Song of Sol. | Joel | Zeph. | Matt. | 2 Cor. | 1 Tim. | 2 Pet. |
| Exod. | 1 Sam. | Neh. | Isa. | Amos | Hag. | Mark | Gal. | 2 Tim. | 1 John |
| Lev. | 2 Sam. | Esther | Jer. | Obad. | Zech. | Luke | Eph. | Titus | 2 John |
| Num. | 1 Kings | Job | Lam. | Jon. | Mal. | John | Phil. | Philem. | 3 John |
| Deut. | 2 Kings | Ps. | Ezek. | Mic. |  | Acts | Col. | Heb. | Jude |
| Josh. | 1 Chron. | Prov. | Dan. | Nah. |  | Rom. | 1 Thess. | James | Rev. |

## SBL Style
Society of Biblical Literature

| HB/OT | Judg | 2 Chr | Eccl | Hos | Hab | NT | 1 Cor | 2 Thess | 1 Pet |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gen | Ruth | Ezra | Song | Joel | Zeph | Matt | 2 Cor | 1 Tim | 2 Pet |
| Exod | 1 Sam | Neh | Isa | Amos | Hag | Mark | Gal | 2 Tim | 1 John |
| Lev | 2 Sam. | Esth | Jer | Obad | Zech | Luke | Eph | Titus | 2 John |
| Num | 1 Kgs | Job | Lam | Jonah | Mal | John | Phil | Phlm | 3 John |
| Deut | 2 Kgs | Ps/Pss | Ezek | Mic |  | Acts | Col | Heb | Jude |
| Josh | 1 Chr | Prov | Dan | Nah |  | Rom | 1 Thess | Jas | Rev |