

Searching the Scriptures: Ideas and Computer Resources

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The scriptures and modern prophets encourage us to search and study the scriptures.

- Search the scriptures. (John 5:39; Alma 33:1)
GR search, explore, examine, investigate
- They ... searched the scriptures daily (or *diligently*). (Acts 17:11; Jacob 7:23; Alma 17:2)
- Search the prophets. (3 Ne. 23:5)
- Search the prophecies of Isaiah. (Morm. 8:23; 3 Ne 20:11; 23:1)

At the time these commandments were given, people did not have personal copies of the scriptures. Priests and scribes read and explained scriptures to the people like Nephi and Jacob did.

Today we have printed personal scriptures with Study Helps. We also have computerized scriptures that make it easy to search the scriptures. For some young people, “search the scriptures” may mean Google the scriptures.

- Computers are useless; they can only give you answers.¹
- Questions are places in your mind where answers fit. ... If you haven’t asked the question, the answer has nowhere to go. It hits your mind and bounces right off.²

Computers do not tell us what to questions to ask, but they help us find answers to questions. Like the *Urim and Thummim* and the *white stone* (D&C 130:10), computers are not very useful without questions. “*Ask not and ye shall not receive.*” Every computer search has an implied question. *The value of our searches depends on what we search for and what we do when we find it.*

A person who does not read good books has no advantage over one who can’t read them.

Computer program features suggest questions

Being aware of the capabilities of different programs can suggest types of questions and help you select the best tool for a question. In the examples below, WordCruncher comments apply also to LDS View (a version of WordCruncher for LDS scripture study). Item 22 below lists some [free WordCruncher eBooks](#).

1. What documents contain these words? (Document search)

See a list of documents in some order. (Document retrieval)

Google shows results in a PageRank order based on a formula for measuring the relative importance of documents.³ Others show documents with the most search hits.

At [scriptures.lds.org](#) search for *charity*. If you are sorting by *relevance*, the first result is Moroni 7:46, one of two verses with 3 hits in chapters containing 9 hits.

WordCruncher. The Library Search shows how many times words occur in each book, and the Frequency Distribution helps one find parts of a book (e.g., chapter) that contain search words.

Select and see a document, web page, or chapter.

For internet searches (e.g., [scriptures.lds.org](#)), books are usually split into chapters for searching and viewing.

2. How often are words used in a text? (Word counts)

When you search for words, the computer usually shows you how many times the words occur in the scriptures or in parts of the scriptures.

WordCruncher. The WordWheel shows how many times each word appears in a Word list like Scripture Text. The Frequency Distribution shows which parts of a book (e.g., chapter) contain search words. See [appendix A](#) for more advanced information.

3. Where are words used in a text? (Word or text search)

This question comes up if you are studying a topic or word, or if you are trying to find a verse and remember some words in it.

Printed scriptures. The Study Helps include the Topical Guide and Indexes. These show verses containing words (e.g., *ball*) related to the topic (e.g., *Liahona*). To save space, they do not include (a) every word, or (b) every verse containing each word.

WordCruncher. You can find every place words occur in the scriptures, headings, or topics listed in the Guide to the Scriptures. The “[Getting Started Tutorial](#)” shows how to do simple and complex searches.

4. Where is a verse? (Verse search)

In a class you may be invited to turn to a chapter and verse. You may also want to check wording or context of a footnote or quote that includes the reference.

WordCruncher. To see verses mentioned in footnotes, click on the link. You can also select or type a reference (e.g., 1 Ne. 3:7) to jump to that verse.

5. How can search results be organized? (Pattern searches)

Elder Russell M. Nelson looked up every reference to *truth* as he was preparing a 1985 talk called “Truth and More.” Elder David A. Bednar looked up all references to *gathering* and looked for patterns (e.g., types of gathering).

The screenshot shows a search results window titled "Search Results" with a search term of "truth". It lists three results from the Old Testament:

- [1] Old Testament | Genesis 24:27: Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his ^bmercy and his **truth**: I *being* in the way, the LORD ^cled me to the house of my master's brethren.
- [2] Old Testament | Genesis 32:10: ^dI am not worthy of the least of all the ^bmercies, and of all the **truth**, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands.
- [3] Old Testament | Genesis 42:16: be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether *there be any* **truth** in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye are spies.

WordCruncher. You can easily look up all forms of a word. You can copy part or all of the entire list and paste it into a word processor so you can organize the results as you wish.

6. Where are words used the most? (Frequency Distribution)

The screenshot shows two frequency distribution tables for the word "truth".

Table 1: Old Testament

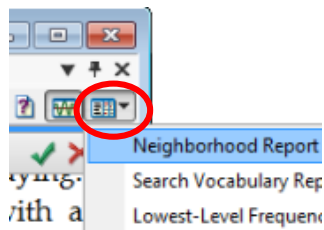
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Old Testament	118	-6.1	
New Testament	119	7.4	
Book of Mormon	79	-1.3	
Doctrine and Covenants	82	5.9	
Pearl of Great Price	14	1.4	

Table 2: New Testament

Table of contents	Actual	≈Rating	≈Actual/Expected
New Testament	119	7.4	
Matthew	3	-1.7	
Mark	3	-0.8	
Luke	5	-1.2	
John	27	7.6	

7. What words are found near search words? (Neighborhood)

WordCruncher. After a word search, you can see a Neighborhood Report. The top part shows the words before and after the search word. The bottom part shows words found near the search word. The better “friends” are highlighted. Click on a column heading to sort.



Rank	Citation	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	Hit	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5
1	B of M Mosiah 4:15	walk	in	the	ways	of	truth	and	soberness	ye	will	teach
2	D&C 18:21	of	Christ	and	speak	the	truth	in	soberness	And	as	many
3	NT Acts 26:25	speak	forth	the	words	of	truth	and	soberness	For	the	king
4	B of M Alma 42:31	way	declare	the	word	with	truth	and	soberness	that	thou	mayest

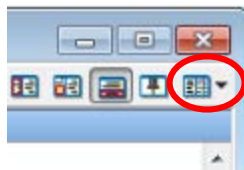
Word	Word List	Rating	Sample	Total
soberness	Scripture Text	10.00	5	10
knowledge	Scripture Text	10.00	28	361
mercy	Scripture Text	10.00	22	384
Spirit	Scripture Text	9.33	24	511
grace	Scripture Text	9.17	15	213
acknowledging	Scripture Text	8.63	2	3
plainness	Scripture Text	8.54	4	17
Mercy	Scripture Text	7.79	2	4

8. What were the actual search words?

When you search using “All Forms” or wildcards (e.g., *ing), you can see the actual search words by selecting Search Vocabulary Report from the menu with the Neighborhood Report (see above).

9. Which phrases are repeated? (Phrase Compare Report)

WordCruncher. While looking at a text window, you can select the Phrase Compare Report. This shows repeated phrases in the different books, the same book, or in parts of a book. Click on a column heading to sort.



Num.	Freq.[1]	Fre...	Phrase	Freq./M.[1]	Fre...	Len.
1	2		"a bible we have got a"	7.1		6
2	6		"a broken heart and a contrite"	21.2		6
3	2		"a change wrought upon their bodies"	7.1		6
4	3		"a child of the devil for"	10.6		6
5	2		"a commandment i give unto you"	7.1		6
6	2		"a covenant that they would not"	7.1		6

Num.	Freq.[1]	Fre...	Phrase	Freq./M.[1]	Fre...	Len.
1	1,042		"and it came to pass that"	3,677.4		6
2	216		"it came to pass that the"	762.3		6
3	153		"it came to pass that when"	540.0		6

10. How are words used in scripture? (Search for contexts)

Words change meanings over time. For example, when the Bible was translated about 400 years ago, *gay* meant beautiful, fine, or cheerful. About 1950 *gay* began to refer to same-sex attraction or behavior. Many common words (e.g., flatter, offend, men) have different meanings now. President Benson’s talk on *pride* showed the importance of learning the meaning of words “as contained in the scriptures” regardless of how the words are used now.

Ezra Taft Benson: In the scriptures there is no such thing as righteous pride—it is always considered a sin. Therefore, no matter how the world uses the term, we must understand how God uses the term so we can understand the language of holy writ and profit thereby. (“Beware of Pride,” *Ensign*, May 1989)

11. What are the meanings of a word? (Meaning Search)

Google: type *define flatter* to search for the definition. This will usually find modern meanings, not old meanings.

Webster’s 1844. If you have downloaded this *WordCruncher* book, you can click on an English word to see the meaning in the dictionary window. This dictionary is basically the same as the 1828 dictionary, but with more technical words. Webster’s often gave Bible examples for word meanings.

(*Shorter Oxford English Dictionary (OED or SOED)*): This dictionary shows the historical meanings of words. It is very helpful when studying the scriptures and related books with meanings from A.D. 1500–1850.

Strong’s Hebrew and Greek dictionaries. With the *English Parallel Bible* in *WordCruncher*, you can see Hebrew and Greek words written with English letters and how they were translated in the King James Bible. You can double-click on a word to see every place the word occurs. You can also click on a Hebrew or Greek word to see a brief definition and how it was translated in the Bible. See the LDS View “[Getting Started Tutorial](#)” for more.

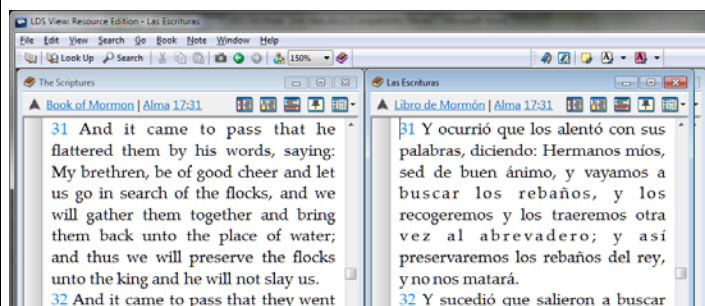
12. How else could this be translated?

A BYU New Testament instructor required his students to read each assignment in the King James Bible (KJV) and at least one other translation. Differences in translation suggestions questions and improve understanding. For example,

- Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with ... wanton eyes, walking and mincing [as] they go, and making a tinkling with their feet: (KJV Isa 3:16)
- The women of Zion are haughty, walking along ..., flirting with their eyes, strutting along with swaying hips, with ornaments jingling on their ankles. (NIV Isa 3:16)

At www.blueletterbible.org you can see more than 10 English Bible translations. The Old Testament translations are usually based on the same Hebrew original as the KJV, but the New Testament translations are often based on a Greek text that is about 80% the same as the Greek text used for the KJV.

WordCruncher. You can open the LDS Scriptures in about 30 languages. Currently Spanish is the only language with an LDS Bible. If you open the scriptures in two or more languages, you can look up a verse in one language and the other language windows will automatically synchronize or show the same verse (unless you pin a window). This facilitates comparisons. For example, when you see *LORD* or *host of heaven* in the English Bible, you will see *Jehová* or *ejército [army] del cielo* in Spanish.



13. What are “opposition” words with contrasting meanings?

“It must needs be, that there is an opposition in all things” (2 Ne 2:11). A friend applied this to language by saying you don’t know what a word means unless you know what it does not mean. One meaning of *opposition* is “placing one thing in contrast with another” (SOED). Perception requires contrast. One cannot notice a polar bear in snow storm, or white letters on white background. A thesaurus suggests words with similar or opposite meanings.

What is the opposite of _____? For example, what is the opposite of *faith* in Christ? *Doubt, fear, disobedience?* The scriptures often suggest word pairs (e.g., hard heart/broken heart, pride/humility, friend/enemy, love/hate, bitter/sweet, light/dark).

Merism is a rhetorical term for a pair of contrasting words (such as near and far, young and old, rich and poor, high and low, good and evil, heavens and the earth, light and darkness) used to express totality or completeness. It is like referring to the two ends of a continuum (e.g., A to Z, alpha and omega) to describe everything in between of the two ends.

The Lord ... inviteth ... all to come unto him ... black and white, bond and free, male and female; ... Jew and Gentile. (2 Ne 26:33)

Definition: What is and is not meant? For example, as you look at the colors below and move your eyes from left to right or from bottom to top, where does *blue* begin and end?



14. What verses contain more of these words?

For language learning, it may be useful to look of the most frequent 50 words and to find verses with many of these words. You might also look up all words ending in *ing*.

WordCruncher. You can sort the WordWheel by frequency, add a *Normal text* filter, and search for the top 50 words (e.g., the, and). While looking at the Search Results window, you can select *Lowest-Level Frequency Distribution Report*. You can click on the “Hits” or “Unique” column header to sort the list. When you select one of the verses, you will see that verse with top 50 words highlighted in the window below. For example, “And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.” (Jer 32:38) consists entirely of 11 out of the 50 top words.

Frequency	Words
93,582	the
76,348	and
52,166	of
23,227	to
22,284	that
19,008	in
14,767	unto
14,737	he
14,638	i
14,600	shall

Selected reference	Words	Frequency	Words	Frequency
D&C 132:7	74	26	153	17.0%
P of GP Moses 5:	29	26	41	63.4%
D&C 124:60	38	25	70	35.7%

Selected reference: Pearl of Great Price | Moses 5:25

25 And it shall be said in time to come—That these abominations were had from Cain; for he rejected the greater counsel which was had from God; and this is a cursing which I will put upon thee, except thou repent.

15. Where has this verse been quoted or cited?

Before computerized scriptures were widely available, *Most Quoted Scriptures* (Kay Briggs, 1981) was a reference guide to over 1,000 LDS scriptures referred to in talks by General Authorities. With a computer, it is easy to find many other scriptures instead of relying on the most quoted scriptures.

At <http://scriptures.byu.edu> you can look up any verse of scripture and see where it was cited by speakers (a) in LDS General Conference (1942 to present), (b) in the *Journal of Discourses* (1839–1886), and (c) in *Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*. The year, conference, volume, page, and initials identify the source and speaker. You can click on one to see the text.

- Alma 17:2-3** (13–A,69,TSM) (08–O,98,WDO) (01–A,75,JBW) (96–A,75,WML) (92–O,81,JEJ) (92–O,81,JEJ) (90–O,24,RKD) (90–O,27,HM) (89–A,23,REP) (86–A,63,TSM) (79–O,16,MGR) (75–O,26,MDH) (73–A,28,BRM) (69–O,94,TSM) (67–O,17,RLS) (61–A,34,HBL) (51–O,124,DLS) (191,JS)
- Alma 17:2-9** (16:57a,OP)
- Alma 17:3** (09–A,48,RMN) (92–O,83,AAL) (62–A,68,TBI) (148,JS) (155,JS)
- Alma 17:4** (288,JS)
- Alma 17:5** (02–A,32,RRS) (92–O,83,AAL) (89–A,23,REP) (32,JS)

At <http://corpus.byu.edu/gc> you can search General Conference talks (1850–now) and see word frequencies and charts for each decade. This helps identify when words were being emphasized. For example, *grace* is mentioned more frequently in the last 30 years. You can click on a decade to see the words in context.

16. What is the context of a verse?

Computers make it easy to search for a verse containing a word or words. They also make it easy to take words out of context. Sometimes this is fun.

- First car accident: “They ... ran upon him with one accord” (Acts 7:57).
- First smoker: “She lighted off the camel” (Gen 24:64).

Sometimes words are taken out of context to change the meaning for political or financial gain. For example, political opponents quoted only the underlined words from a Mitt Romney speech in 2012: “I’m in this race because I care about Americans. I’m not concerned about the very poor. We have a safety net there. If it needs repair, I’ll fix it.”⁴ A movie ad quoted only the underlined words from a movie review: “The credit sequence, with its jumpy frames and near-subliminal flashes of psychoparaphernalia, is a small masterpiece of dementia.”⁵

When we find a verse, computers make it easy to see verses before and after. This helps us understand the meaning of a verse. For example: “by grace are ye saved through faith ... not of works” (Eph 2:8–9). When one looks up Paul’s other references to *faith* and *works*, it is clear that he is referring to “faith in Jesus Christ” and “the works of the law” of Moses (e.g., circumcision, dietary rules, Sabbath rules). Paul argued against Jewish Christians who said Gentile Christians needed to keep the law of Moses as taught by the rabbis (see Acts 15; Gal. 2). However, when James said “faith without works is dead” (James 2:20), he was referring to “good deeds” like feeding the hungry, not to the works of the law of Moses. Paul also teaches people to do good, not “the works of the flesh.” (Gal 5:13–26)

About 1400 years later, Martin Luther quoted Paul’s teachings on faith and works as he argued against the seven sacraments (works) that the Catholic church said were necessary for salvation. He and many other protestants accepted only two: baptism, sacrament.

17. What is omitted or not written?

What priesthood office is not mentioned? Computers can help us find possible priesthood titles and where they occur. But we have to notice the absence of titles. What title(s) is missing?

The high priest and elder ... have a right to officiate in all these offices [elder, priest, teacher, deacon] ... when there are no higher authorities present. (D&C 107:10–12)

Perhaps, this omission was considered before all stake quorums of the seventy were discontinued in 1986.

What types of food or drink are not in the Word of Wisdom?

It is interesting (a) to identify various types of plants, animals, foods, and drinks mentioned in Bible and modern literature, and (b) to see which ones are not mentioned in the Word of Wisdom.

18. What do pronouns refer to?

Pronouns like *he*, *she*, *they*, *these*, or *those* commonly refer to a noun or noun phrase used earlier. Plural pronouns refer to plural nouns. Feminine pronouns refer to feminine nouns. Sometimes it is clear what a pronoun refers to. In the verse below, *they* clearly does not refer to the singular nouns *man* or *Lord*.

Yea, flesh also of beasts and of the fowls of the air, I, the Lord, have ordained for the use of man with thanksgiving; nevertheless *they* are to be used sparingly; (D&C 89:12)

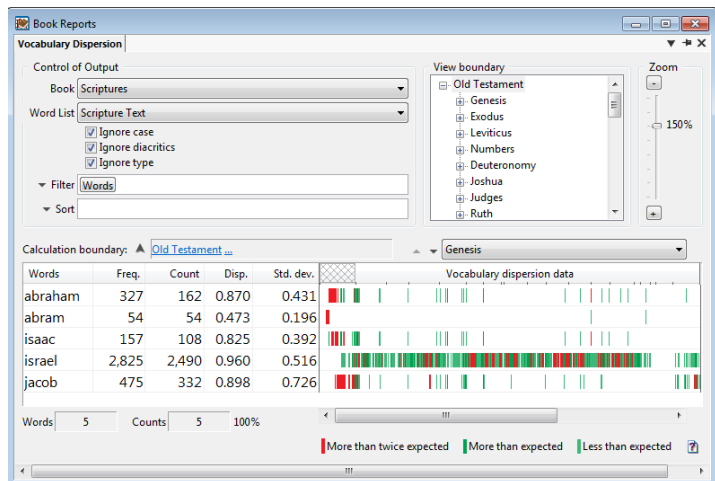
Sometimes it unclear what a pronoun refers to.

All grain is ordained for the use of man and of beasts, to be the staff of life, not only for man but for the beasts of the field, and the fowls of heaven, and all wild animals that run or creep on the earth; And *these* hath God made for the use of man only in times of famine and excess of hunger. (D&C 89:14–15)

Does *these* refer to all four underlined words or phrases? Vegans and vegetarians may assume *these* refers to *beasts*, *fowls*, and *wild animals*. For them, *sparingly* means “only in times of famine or excess of hunger.” Others may assume *these* refers only to *wild animals* which the Jews considered *unclean*, and that *beasts* and *fowls* earlier were to be *used sparingly*, not just *in times of famine*.

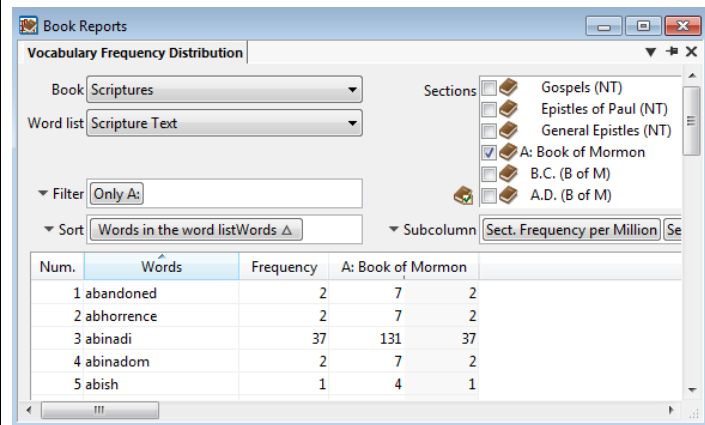
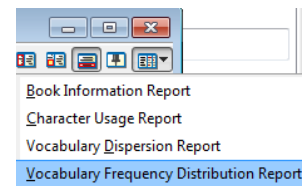
19. Where do words appear in the scriptures?

In the top right corner of the scripture window, (a) select the Vocabulary Dispersion Report, (b) add a word filter to see only Abram, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Israel, and (c) set the “Calculation boundary” to Old Testament.

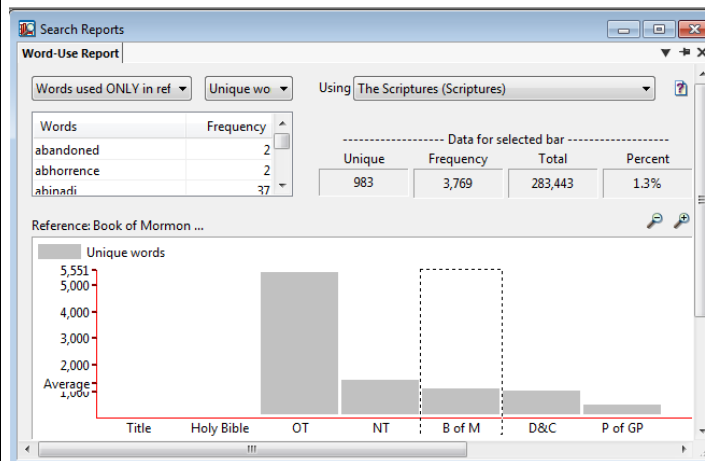
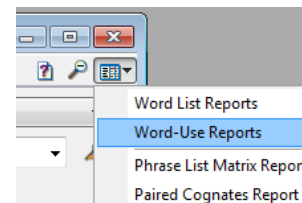


20. What words occur only in the Book of Mormon?

In the top right corner of the scripture window, (a) select the Vocabulary Frequency Distribution Report, (b) select Book of Mormon section, (c) select the filter “Only in Section A,” and (d) click on the Recompute button.



For a similar graphical report, (a) select “Word-Use Reports” from the top right corner of the Search Window, (b) select “Words used ONLY in reference,” and (c) click on the “B of M” bar in the chart to see the words in the top left window. To zoom in, double-click on the “B of M” bar.



21. Other WordCruncher reports and features

The Search window, Search Results window, and text windows like the Scripture text window all have report buttons in the top right corner. Reports may have filters and sort options (e.g., click on a column heading). If you have questions about a report, you can press the F1 key or select Contents... from the Help menu.

22. Other computer resources

LDS View Scriptures

LDS View is a version of WordCruncher that includes the LDS Scriptures in about 30 languages. If you are interested in the scriptures as well as other LDS Gospel Library materials (see below) you can use WordCruncher or LDS.org.

WordCruncher eBooks

After you download WordCruncher at www.wordcruncher.com, you can download various eBooks. Webster's 1844 dictionary can be a helpful resource for scripture study. The following is a brief list of free eBooks that can help one better understand the scriptures. When you go to the WordCruncher Bookstore, you will see a brief description of these and other eBooks.

LDS Gospel Library

- *The Scriptures* in about 30 languages.
- General Conference Addresses
- *Teachings of Presidents of the Church* manuals
- Institute Student Manuals: Old Testament to Pearl of Great Price

WordCruncher Library

LDS Authors

- Bradford, Gerald. *Uncovering the Original Text of the Book of Mormon*
- Faulconer, James E. *Scripture Study: Tools and Suggestions*
- Parry, Donald W. *Harmonizing Isaiah*
- ———, ed. *Echoes and Evidences of the Book of Mormon*
- Ricks, Stephen D., ed. *King Benjamin's Speech*
- Reynolds, Noel B., ed. *Early Christians in Disarray*
- ———. *Book of Mormon Authorship*
- Smith, Joseph. *Documentary History of the Church*
- Sorenson, John L. *Mormon's Map*
- Thorne, Melvin J. *Pressing Forward with the Book of Mormon*
- Welch, John W. *Illuminating the Sermon at the Temple ...*

Non-LDS Authors

- Edersheim, Alfred. *The Temple*
- ———. *Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah*
- ———. *Sketches of Jewish Social Life*
- Farrar, Frederic W. *Life of Christ*
- Freeman, James M. *Handbook of Bible Manners and Customs*
- Ginzberg, Louis. *Legends of the Jews*
- Hatch, Edwin. *Influence of Greek Philosophy and Usages upon the Christian Church*
- Josephus (Jewish historian, AD 37–100), *Writings of Josephus*
- Mountford, Lydia. *Writings of Lydia Mountford* [Includes two books about the Bible from a Middle Eastern perspective.]
- Schaff, Philip, ed. *Creeds of Christendom*
- Webster, Noah. *Dictionary of the English Language* (1844)

Church internet resources

At www.lds.org you can find many resources by clicking on the Resources button near the top right. You can also go directly to these resources: scriptures.lds.org, mobile.lds.org, institute.lds.org, seminary.lds.org, manuals.lds.org, magazines.lds.org, lds.org/media-library

BYU internet resources

mi.byu.edu is the Maxwell Institute website. It has online versions of many books they have published including those published under the name of F.A.R.M.S. (e.g., Hugh Nibley's writings). Many of these books are also available as WordCruncher eBooks (see brief list above). You can download some of these books as a PDF (e.g., [Donald Parry, Poetic Parallelisms in the Book of Mormon](#), [Donald Parry, Visualizing Isaiah](#)).

scriptures.byu.edu lets you see and read where scripture verses were cited in general conference talks (1942–present), in *Journal of Discourses* (1839–86), and in *Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*. See [examples in item 15 above](#).

speeches.byu.edu lets you read, watch, or listen to BYU devotionals and firesides given by Church leaders, BYU presidents and professors, and distinguished campus visitors.

rsc.byu.edu is the Religious Studies Center's website that provides online access to their publications.

edl.byu.edu/webster lets you use a browser to access Webster's 1844 dictionary. This dictionary is also a WordCruncher eBook.

byustudies.byu.edu provides access to scholarly articles on topics of LDS interest that have been published in *BYU Studies*.

Other internet resources

www.ldsgospeldoctrine.net: This has links to several websites with free notes or handouts created by a variety of Gospel Doctrine instructors to help with discussions of the scriptures.

www.blueletterbible.org: This has 16 English Bible translations. Differences in translations suggest questions or improve understanding of old English words.

www.fairmormon.org gives faithful answers to critical questions.

Book of Mormon Geography

The Church has no official position on the location of Book of Mormon lands. Three proposals are: Mesoamerica (Mexico and Guatemala), the U.S. Heartland or Great Lakes (East of the Mississippi), and Baja California. To find other proposals, search online for *Book of Mormon geography*.

- *Mesoamerica*: fairmormon.org, bmaf.org, poulsenll.org
- *Heartland*: ancientamerican.com, firmllds.org
- *Baja*: achoiceiland.com

Jewish Traditions and Customs

jewishencyclopedia.com contains the 12 volume Jewish Encyclopedia published between 1901 and 1906. It provides a Jewish perspective about people and events in the Old Testament.

donna-connections.blogspot.com is a blog by an LDS author and speaker that includes interesting insights based on the language and culture of the Bible.

Ancient and Modern Temples

templestudy.com is an LDS website about ancient and modern temples.

templeinstitute.org is a Jewish website about the Jewish temples. It includes art, photos, and video to help one visualize and understand ancient temple worship.

An interesting article describes old Catholic traditions and rituals. This helps to understand and appreciate restored temple worship.

- Marcus von Wellnitz, "The Catholic Liturgy and the Mormon Temple," *BYU Studies* 21:1 (1981), <http://byustudies.byu.edu/showtitle.aspx?title=5448>

Appendix A: Word Counts

Frequency Distribution: At the bottom of each search you can see the total number of words in each section (e.g., Old Testament) of the text. This “Total” count includes all *normal* words in all Word Lists (e.g., Scripture, Preface, Headings). It does not count punctuation, verse numbers, subwords, or tagwords. If you cannot see the “Total” column, right-click on a column heading and select Total.

The screenshot shows a Bible search interface. At the top, there is a text window displaying verses 15 and 16 from Genesis 3:16. Below the text is a table of contents for the Old Testament. The table has three columns: 'Table of contents', 'Actual', and 'Total'. The 'Old Testam' row is highlighted in blue.

Table of contents	Actual	Total
Old Testam	3,256	637,703
New Testam	552	188,259
Book of Mo	1,108	283,349
Doctrine an	621	133,173
Pearl of Gre	93	29,626

Word Counts for a Word list

Search for all words in a Word list (e.g., Scripture Text): Type an asterisk in the Find box and press Enter to see the Frequency Distribution. This type of search gets the same results for a Word list regardless of which search options (e.g., All Forms) are selected. However, it also includes all “words” (e.g., punctuation marks, subwords, and tagwords) that are in the WordWheel. Therefore, in the Frequency Distribution, you will see that the Actual column is greater than the Total column.

The screenshot shows the Search dialog box. The 'Find' box contains an asterisk (*). The 'Word list' is set to 'Scripture Text'. The search options include 'All Forms', 'Ignore Case', 'Ignore Type', and 'Ignore Diacritics'.

Search for all “normal” words in a Word list: To omit punctuation marks or other “words” from your search, add a Word-Type filter and put a check by “Normal text.” If you have version 7.1.56 or later of WordCruncher/LDS View, adding this filter will shut off the *All Forms* and *Ignore Type* search options. If you now search for all words (“*”), the Actual column will be less than the Total column which includes prefaces and headings. [The Actual and Total column are the same when you search “All text” for “Normal words.”]

The screenshot shows the Search dialog box with the 'Word-Type' filter menu open. The menu options are: 'Words', 'Frequency', 'Word-Type' (highlighted), 'Alphanumeric or Punctuation', and 'Delete Filters'. The search options include 'All Forms', 'Ignore Case', 'Ignore Type', and 'Ignore Diacritics'.

The screenshot shows the Word-Type Filter dialog box. The 'Select type desired' section has the following options:

- Normal text (a phrase treated as if it were one word)
- Group word G (a phrase treated as if it were one word)
- Ruby text RT (alternative representation of a word)
- Subword S (between word punctuation, commentary, and so on)
- Tagword T (a word attached to another word)

 The 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons are at the bottom right.

Search for all words in part of a book (e.g., Alma): Set the bounds (e.g., Table of Contents). Type an asterisk in the Find box and press Enter to see the Frequency Distribution. This type of search gets the same results for a Word list regardless of which search options (e.g., All Forms) are selected. However, it also includes all “words” (e.g., punctuation marks, subwords, and tagwords) that are in the WordWheel. Therefore, in the Frequency Distribution, you will see that the Actual column is greater than the Total column.

The screenshot shows the Search dialog box with the 'Section Bounds' dropdown menu open. The menu options are: 'Section Bounds' (highlighted), 'Table of Contents Bounds', 'Reference or Attribute Bounds', and 'Highlighter Bounds'. The search options include 'All Forms', 'Ignore Case', 'Ignore Type', and 'Ignore Diacritics'. The 'Find' box contains an asterisk (*). The 'Word list' is set to 'Scripture Text'. The search results show 1,384,313 found words.

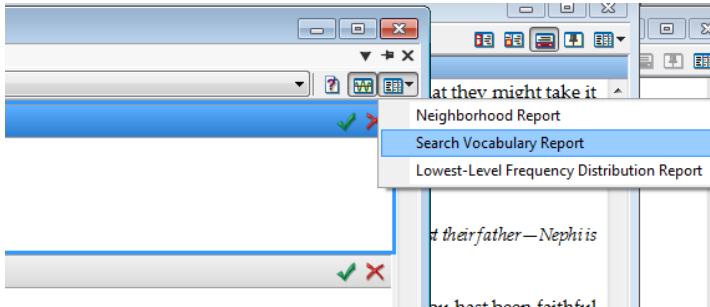
The screenshot shows the Table of Contents Bounds dialog box. The 'Books in search domain' section lists 'Scriptures'. The 'Table of contents for: Scriptures' section lists:

- Omni
- Words of Mormon
- Mosiah
- Alma (checked)
- Helaman
- 3 Nephi
- 4 Nephi

 The 'Bounds selected' section shows:

Book	Search bounds
Scriptures	Book of Mormon Alma

To find the most frequently used words in this part of the text, select the Search Vocabulary Report to see an alphabetical list of all words in the Search Results.



To sort the list by frequency, click on the Frequency column heading.

Num.	Word	Frequency
1	a	6,602
2	the	5,870
3	of	3,808
4	and	3,429
5	to	2,439
6	that	2,154
7	is	2,092
8	in	1,518
9	they	1,477
10	And	1,237
11	their	1,140

Total words: 3,449 Descending sort [Frequency]

Section Word Counts

Vocabulary Frequency Distribution Report (Book Report):
 This report can show word counts for each word in up to FOUR sections. You can also select different Word lists (e.g., Preface, Heading, Scripture). In the bottom left corner, you can check “Ignore case” or “Ignore diacritics.”

Num.	Words	Frequency	A: Book of Mormon	B: New Testament	C: Doctrine and Covenants	D: Pearl of Great Price				
1	a	11,732	2,149	-9.0	1,909	4.2	1,054	-4.9	247	-1.6
2	aaron	399	51	-4.0	4	-7.1	28	-2.1	1	-2.6
3	aaronic	6	0	-0.9	0	-0.6	4	2.6	2	1.7
4	aaronites	2	0	-0.4	0	-0.3	0	-0.2	0	0.0
5	aaron's	31	0	-2.5	1	-1.5	0	-1.6	0	-0.5
6	abaddon	1	0	-0.2	1	0.8	0	-0.1	0	0.0
7	abagtha	1	0	-0.2	0	-0.1	0	-0.1	0	0.0
8	abana	1	0	-0.2	0	-0.1	0	-0.1	0	0.0
9	abandon	7	1	0.8	0	-0.1	0	-0.1	0	0.0
10	abandon	7	1	0.8	0	-0.1	0	-0.1	0	0.0

Ignore case Ignore diacritics Words: 15,717 Calculated: 15,717 Recompute

¹ Pablo Picasso, 1881–1973; c. 1964.

² Jason Fried, “A Conversation with Innovation Guru Clayton Christensen,” <http://www.inc.com/magazine/20121001>

³ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PageRank>

⁴ Mitt Romney interview with Soledad O'Brien on CNN, Feb. 1, 2012

⁵ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fallacy_of_quoting_out_of_context