

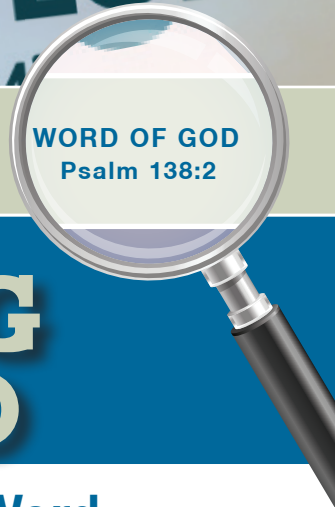


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A NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO MAGNIFYING THE
"For You have magnified Your Word above all Your Name."

WORD OF GOD
Psalm 138:2



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BLUE LETTER BIBLE MAGNIFYING GOD'S WORD

Digital Scribes – Our Reverent Handling of God's Word

Blue Letter Bible has been dedicated to continuously improving our tools. One of the major focuses has been the interlinear Greek and Hebrew data. We have added new resources, improved our definitions of parsing, and even constructed an entirely new

word to every single English word in the KJV and NASB.

The original Hebrew texts were painstakingly copied by hand, requiring extreme precision and physical endurance. If a mistake was made or discovered during the review, the scroll was buried, and the team had to start from scratch. The Word of God was given without error, and so it must be re-recorded and copied without error.

delete anything after we finish our work with the files.

With all this in mind, we needed a team of dedicated Hebrew specialists for the massive undertaking of mapping the Hebrew to the KJV and NASB. Starting in March 2021, our team of six began working tirelessly on mapping verses. After these initial mappings are completed, they are then reviewed before being implemented on the website. In December 2022, the Hebrew data team completed mapping for the entire KJV, having gone through 23,145 verses thoroughly. And as of January 2023, they have completed 63% of the verses in the NASB. Upon completion of the initial review for the KJV portion of the project, we had the chance to interview three members of our team about their experience with the project.

You can find the link to the video at blb.org/newsletterlinks.



Our ministry has always seen itself as a group of "digital scribes." At BLB, we take great care with the Word of God. In fact, we keep an extremely

inline interlinear. These updates have always been extremely well-received, so we decided to begin work on a very large project: remapping every single Hebrew

detailed spreadsheet that logs the number of verses, words, and even characters in all the versions that we offer. This is to ensure that we don't accidentally

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STAFF TIP: *Maps and Timelines*

Is anyone else as weak in ancient world geography and history as I am? And yet, I am a visual learner. Plus, God has given me a natural curiosity for picturing where events occurred and for being able to place them in the context of other historical happenings. It is so important to understand when and where things happened in Scripture, evidenced by how often the Word references the names of places. Blue Letter Bible makes that all much easier!

Did you know that BLB has maps and timelines readily available at your fingertips? So, whether I am studying 1 and 2 Kings, the ministry of Jesus, or the journeys of Paul, I can readily see where a particular event took place and other occurrences that were transpiring at the same time. It is all organized under our *Study* option on the home page of our website. From the *Study* dropdown menu, select *Bible Reference*. Then choose the *Timelines* and/or *Maps/Images* section. They are even downloadable and printable, so that you can make a hard copy or slide for yourself or share them with friends or a class. I hope that you will find these maps and timelines as helpful as I do in enriching your study time and comprehension of the Lord and His Word! 📖



New Content

[Head to BLB.org/Newsletter](https://BLB.org/Newsletter) for links to content.



Studies in Ruth, Jonah, and Habakkuk from Jon Benzinger

Please welcome our newest content provider on Blue Letter Bible—Pastor Jon Benzinger! Jon has graciously given us his messages on Ruth, Jonah, and Habakkuk to share with our users. Within his teaching, Pastor Jon focuses on promoting a high view

of God and gospel-centrality while endeavoring to clearly exegete the text. We are so blessed by this partnership and pray that God will use Pastor Jon’s messages to deepen your understanding of His Word. To start listening to Pastor Jon’s messages, head over to his author page on BLB. 📖



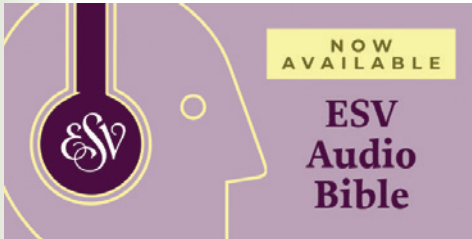
New Acts Audio Teaching Series from Pastor Tony Clark

At the beginning of last year, we welcomed Pastor Tony Clark to our library of content providers with his series through the Gospel of Luke. And now, he has graciously given us his messages on the Acts of the Apostles. The book of Acts records the beginning

of the Christian church, focusing on the first three decades of its existence.

These two books were written with the intention of being read together as a single account by the author, Luke. Thus, it is such a blessing to have solid preaching on these two books from Pastor Tony. To start listening to Pastor Tony’s messages, head over to his author page on Blue Letter Bible. 📖

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Blue Letter Bible Adds Narrated ESV Audio Bible

For years, Blue Letter Bible has offered audio narration of multiple different translations of the Bible. However, a notable exception to that library has been the English Standard Version (ESV). But now, we are pleased to offer the ESV audio Bible on our site. The ESV has been one of the most popular translations

on our site, and is guided by the following principles:

The English Standard Version is an “essentially literal” translation of the Bible in contemporary English. Created by a team of more than 100 leading evangelical scholars and pastors, the ESV Bible emphasizes “word-for-word” accuracy, literary excellence, and depth of meaning.

We would also like to thank Crossway Publishers for their generous provision of the ESV Audio Bible and pray that this offering would enrich your walk with Christ. To learn more about the translation, we recommend visiting the official ESV website. [QR](https://www.esv.org/)



Angel of the LORD Video Series from Jim Milligan

Last summer, our CEO and co-founder, Jim Milligan, spent three Sundays taking his church through a series on the Angel of the LORD. Throughout the Old Testament, this figure appears frequently. However, in each encounter, the Angel of Yahweh is

treated with reverence and awe above that of any other angelic being. So, His identity has been a topic of much discussion through the years.

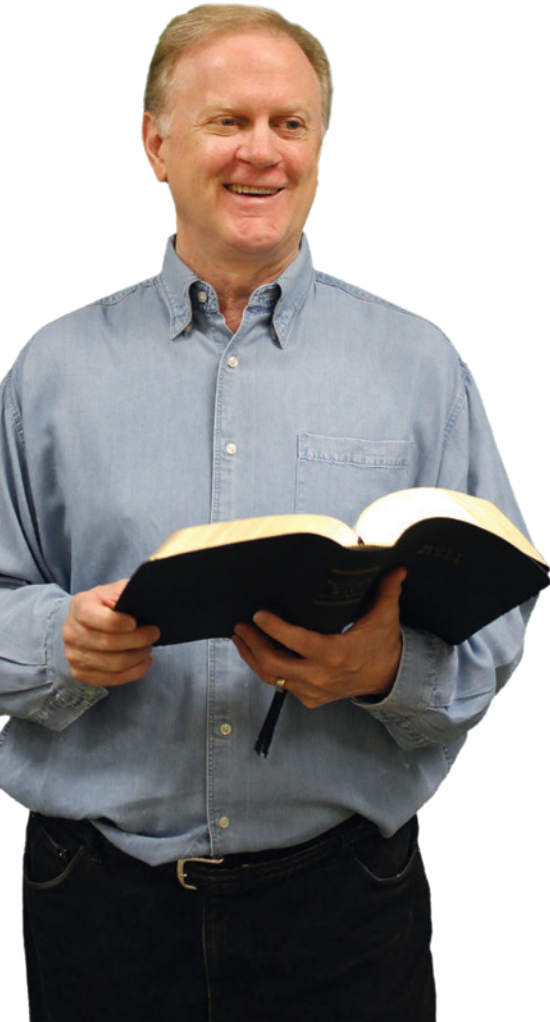
In his first message, Pastor Jim takes time to note the difference between “LORD” and “Lord” within the original language, and then dives into angelology to examine the different categories of spiritual beings. The second message focuses on the identity of the Angel of the LORD and the significance of that identity. In his third and final message, Pastor Jim focuses on the current and future purposes of the Angel of the LORD. This short series is so eye-opening and addresses a key Old Testament topic that many do not take the time to properly analyze.

To start listening, head over to the Angel of the LORD series page. If you want to hear more from Pastor Jim, you can go to his audio and video author page. [QR](#)



GOD'S WORD IS **ALIVE** & **ACTIVE**

The Sanctity of Scripture



When Frank Rabinovitch and I started Blue Letter Bible back in 1996, we could never have imagined the truly staggering number of tools and resources that would eventually be offered on the site. Included in those resources, we have over a dozen different translations of the Bible available. As discussed and shown in our cover page story, we take Scripture very seriously. It is not merely vague ideas that man interpreted into beautiful literature. It is the fully inspired, God-breathed words that the Holy Spirit gave to each of the authors.

That is why we check every single piece of data that we get. It is not because we believe that we can do better. It is not just to say that we did our due

diligence. We spend the time because every staff member truly believes in their mission as “digital scribes.” They take the Bible seriously. Not one jot or tittle will be left out. Just as we treat the Scriptures with reverence as we prepare them for the site, our prayer is that our users will also treat the Scriptures with reverence and worship as they read and study them.

Until the whole world hears,

Jim Milligan
C.E.O. and Co-Founder

User Testimony

I am physically blind, and I find the BLB app user friendly on my iPhone that uses the Apple screen reader app Voiceover that reads the text of the Bible to me. Thank you for keeping BLB accessible to the blind community. — *John S. (Las Vegas, NV)*

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