

Searching ATLA Religion with ATLASerials

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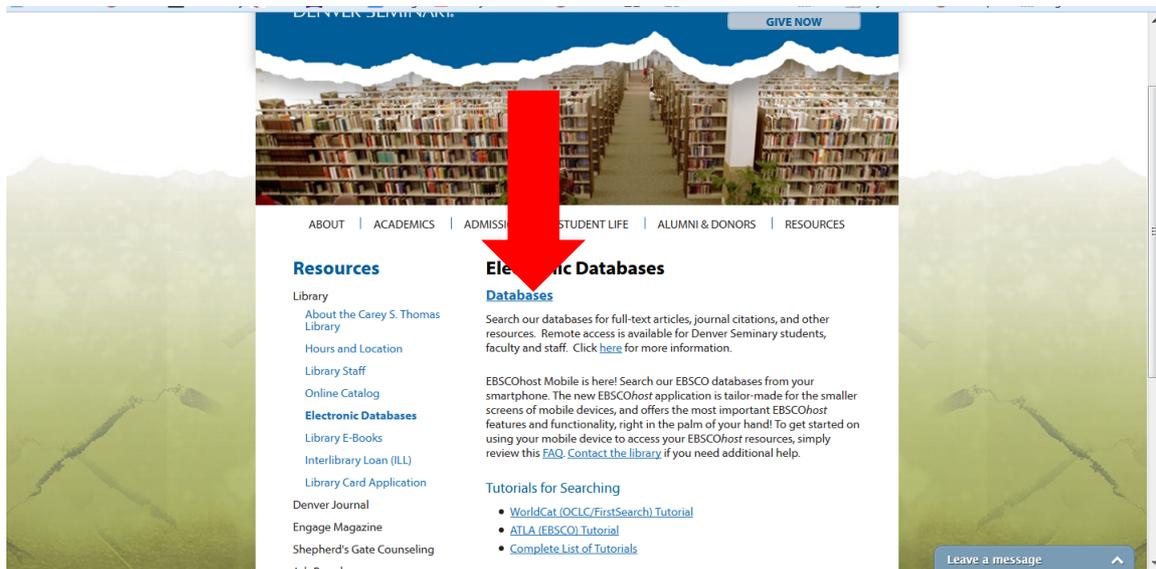
Searching ATLA Religion with ATLASerials

ATLA Religion with ATLASerials, or ATLA, is a comprehensive database that spans over 50 years. It is used to find and access journal articles, book reviews, and essays.

Searching using ATLA

To Access ATLA:

1. Click on **Library** on the Seminary's homepage and then click on the **Electronic Databases** link, and then click on Databases:



2. Click on the **ATLA Religion with ATLASerials Link**

Databases

The following databases are available for searching in the library. Most are available online; some are on CD-ROMs. If you desire off campus access and are a member of the Seminary community or a graduate of Denver Seminary, [contact](#) the Reference Librarian. (Note: Denver Seminary students, faculty and staff may request articles that are not available online through interlibrary loan. Please use the [ILL request form](#).)

IMPORTANT UPDATE: If you search our databases remotely, please note that some of the databases have recently switched from the FirstSearch platform to the EBSCOhost platform. Authentication usernames and passwords correspond to each specific platform so EBSCOhost authentication must now be used for databases that were previously on the FirstSearch platform. Please [contact](#) [contact](#) the Reference Librarian if you need assistance.

Electronic Databases

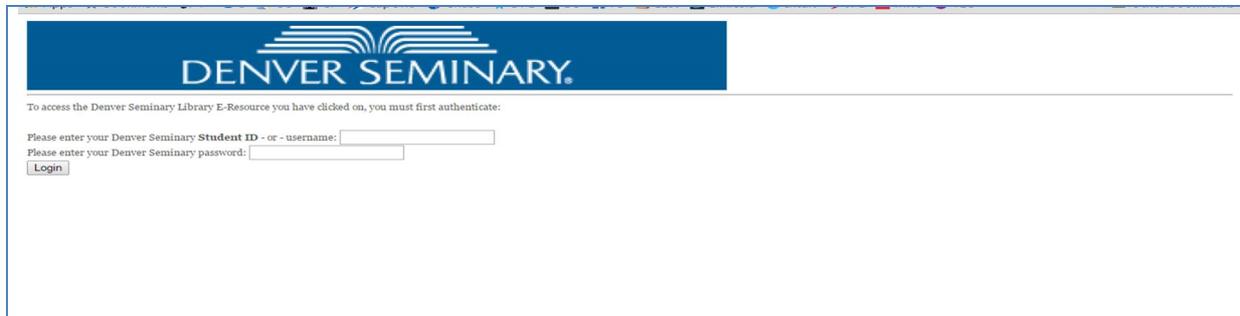
[Academic Search Premier](#)

Provides full text for more than 2,460 scholarly publications covering academic areas of study including social sciences, humanities, education, computer sciences, engineering, language and linguistics, arts & literature, medical sciences, and ethnic studies. This database is updated on a daily basis. Part of the EBSCOhost package

[ATLA Religion with ATLASerials](#)

*ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials combines the premier index to journal articles, book reviews, and collections of essays in all fields of religion with ATLA's online collection of major religion and theology journals. The ATLA Religion

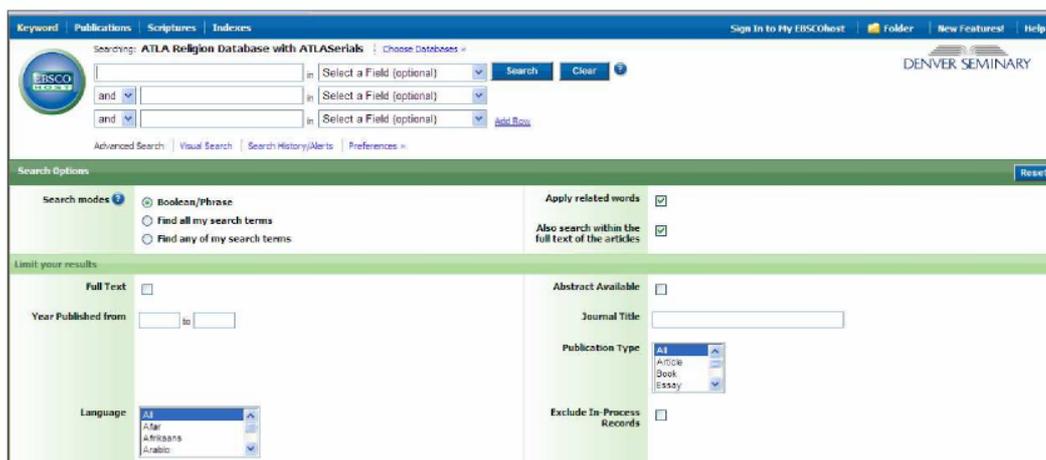
After clicking on the database from the Database page, you will be presented with the following screen to authenticate your access to the content:



Students must enter their student ID in the username field. Faculty and staff will enter their Windows login name in the username field. Students will enter the password associated with their my.densem account in the password field. Faculty & staff will enter the password associated with the Windows login in the password field.

After clicking the login button, you will be at the screen of the chosen electronic resource (if the authentication information is correct.)

3. The following search screen appears:



This screen allows the following search options to be used:

- a. Single or multiple criteria to be used to search the database
- b. The search results can be limited to reduce the number of items found in the search results

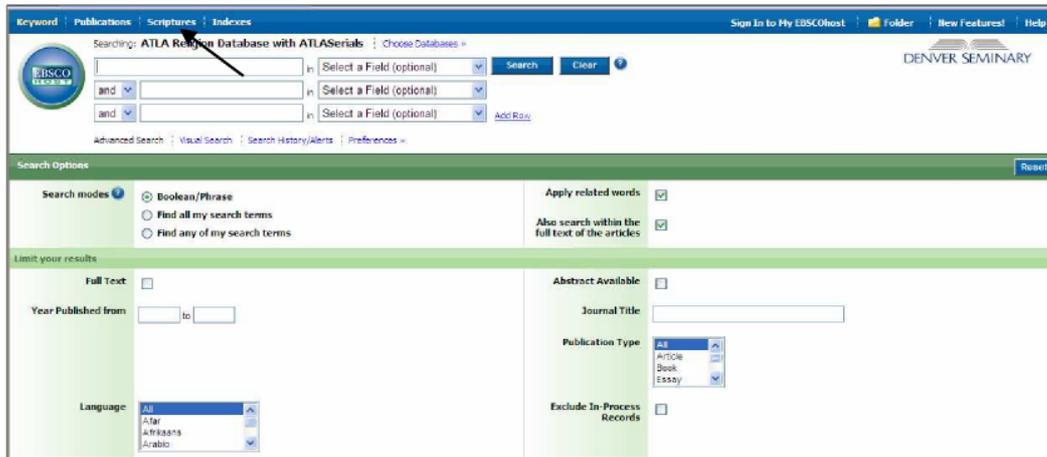
To Conduct an ATLA Search

ATLA can be used to search for

- a. Individual criteria, such as searching for a specific author, subject, title or scripture reference
- b. Multiple criteria, such as searching for an author and title

This example will focus on a scripture reference

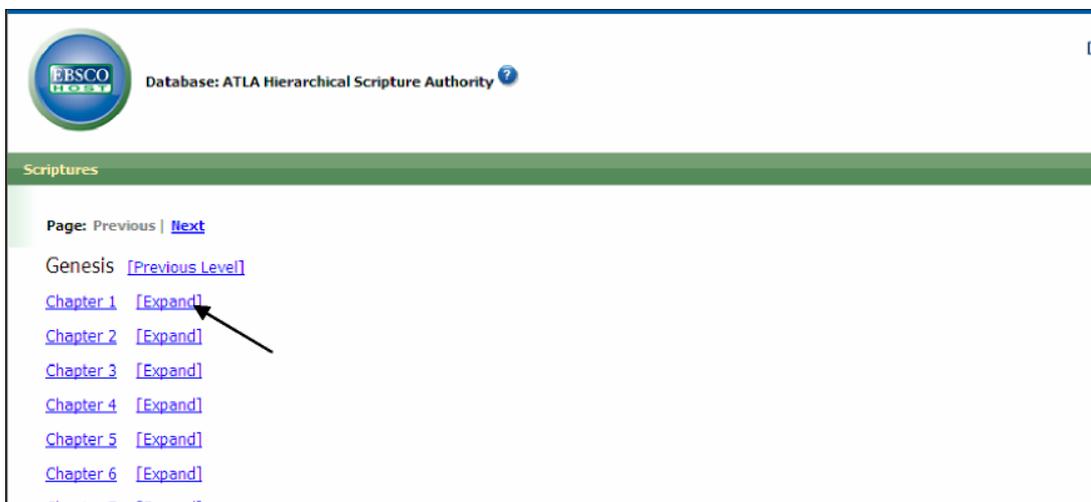
1. Choose Scripture from the links across the top of the page.



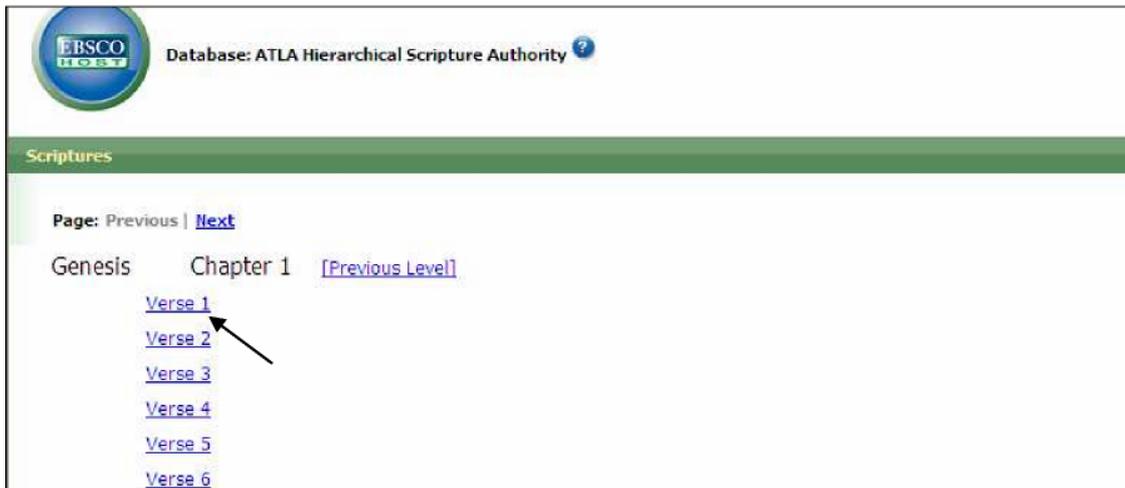
2. The search results will be displayed as below



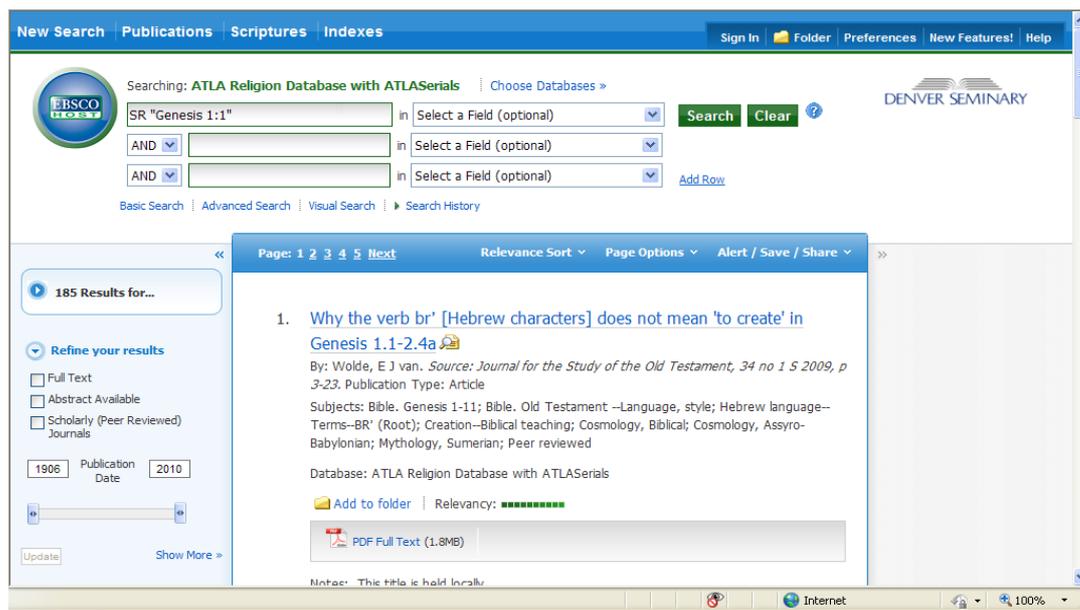
3. Choose the book of the Bible you will search and click on expand.



- Choose the chapter of the book you will search and click on expand. Then click on the verse.



- The search results will then display:



6. Each entry that provides a full text PDF document will display the following information:

The screenshot shows a search result for a PDF document. Callout boxes identify the following elements:

- Publication Title:** 1. [Why the verb br' \[Hebrew characters\] does not mean 'to create' in Genesis 1.1-2.4a](#)
- Author:** By: Wolde, E J van.
- Publication Type:** Article
- Publication Source:** *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament*, 34 no 1 S 2009, p 3-23.
- PDF Full Text Availability:** PDF Full Text (1.8MB)

Other visible text includes: Subjects: Bible. Genesis 1-11; Bible. Old Testament --Language, style; Hebrew language--Biblical teaching; Creation--Biblical teaching; Cosmology, Biblical; Cosmology, Assyro-Babylonian; Mythology, Sumerian; Peer reviewed. Database: ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials. Add to folder, Relevancy: ██████████

7. Each entry that provides a link to request an inter-library loan will provide the following information:

The screenshot shows a search result for an inter-library loan request. Callout boxes identify the following elements:

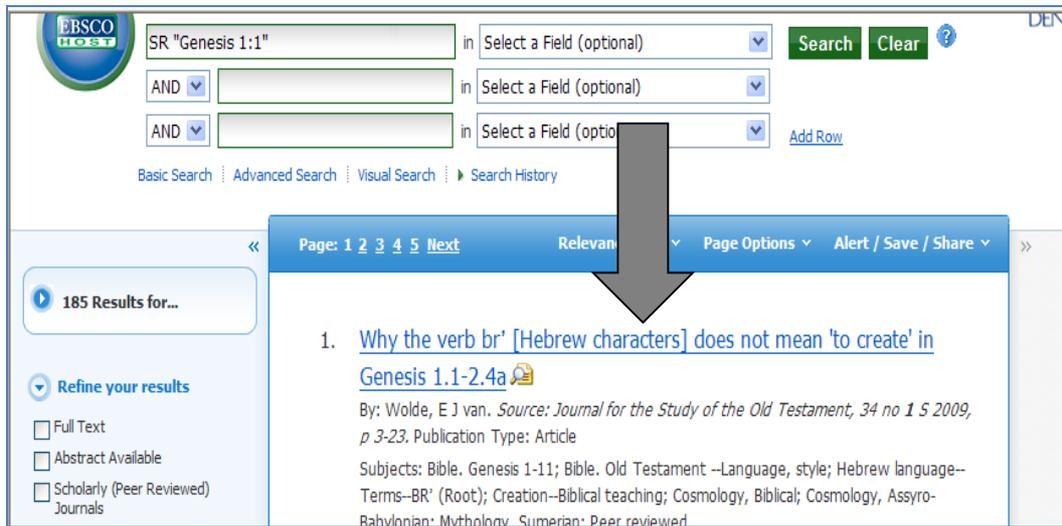
- Publication Title:** 5. [Another view \[Genesis 1:1-6:8\]](#)
- Publication Type:** Essay
- Publication Source:** *Torah*, p 27-28. *New York : Women of Reform Judaism ; URJ Pr*, 2008
- Interlibrary Loan Request:** Request this item through interlibrary loan. 'Please check the online catalog before ordering interlibrary loans'
- Note:** Notes: This title is not held locally. Fill out a request to order a copy of this item through interlibrary loan. A new window will open

Other visible text includes: Subjects: Bible. Genesis 1-11; Women in the Bible. Database: ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials. Add to folder, Relevancy: ██████████

A Word About Using Citations

A new feature of ATLA Religion with ATLASerials, and with other databases within the new EBSCO platform, is the ability to print, email, and save citation references. ATLA has the capability to create a citation reference for the publication in a number of prescribed formats, such as APA or Turabian. To view the citation before printing or - mailing it:

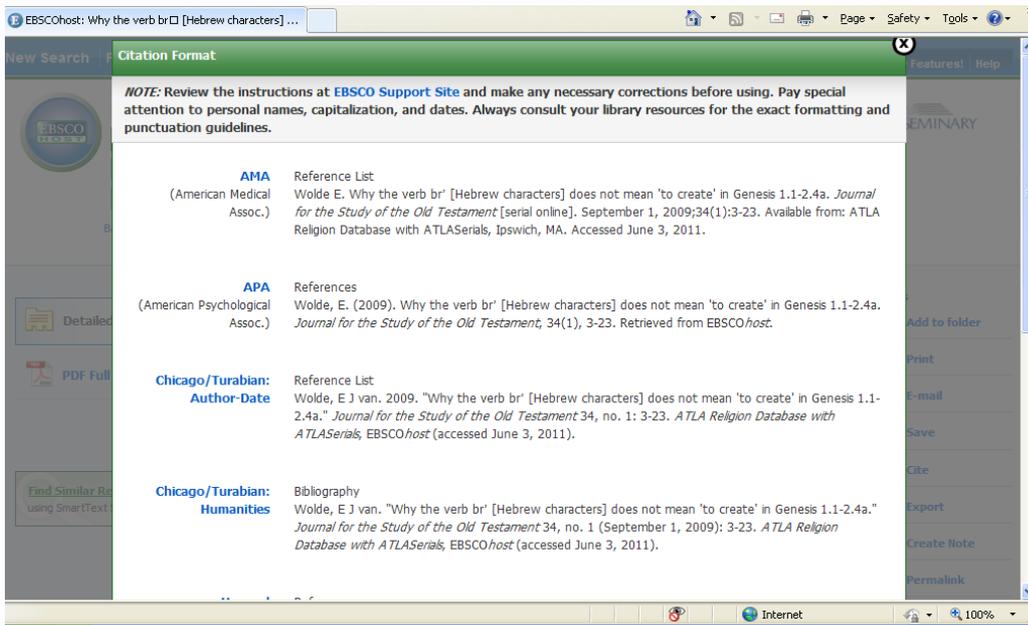
1. Click on the publication title in the search result list:



2. The following screen appears:

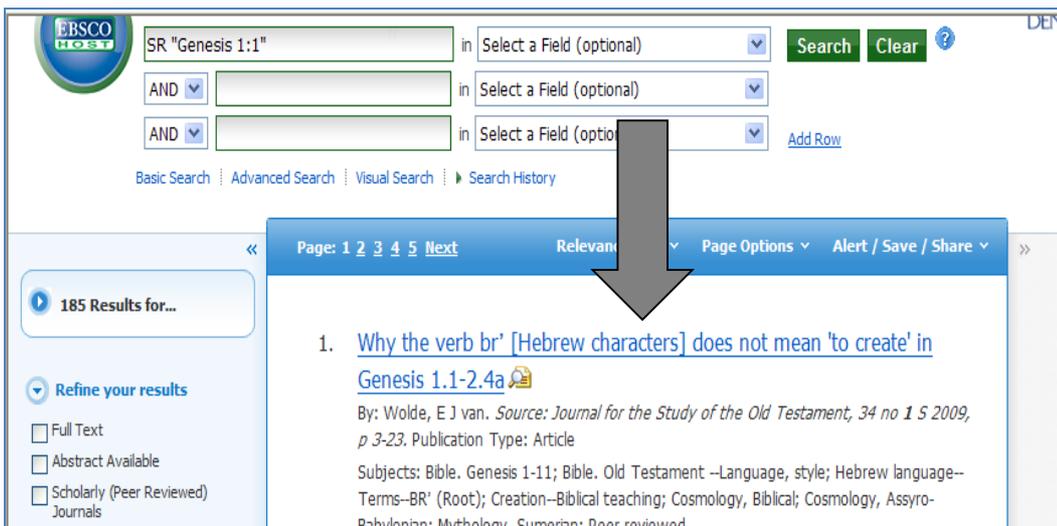


The screen momentarily will go gray and the Citation Format window will appear. It will show the citation for the publication in several forms. This can be used to help you decide which format you want to print or e-mail the citation.

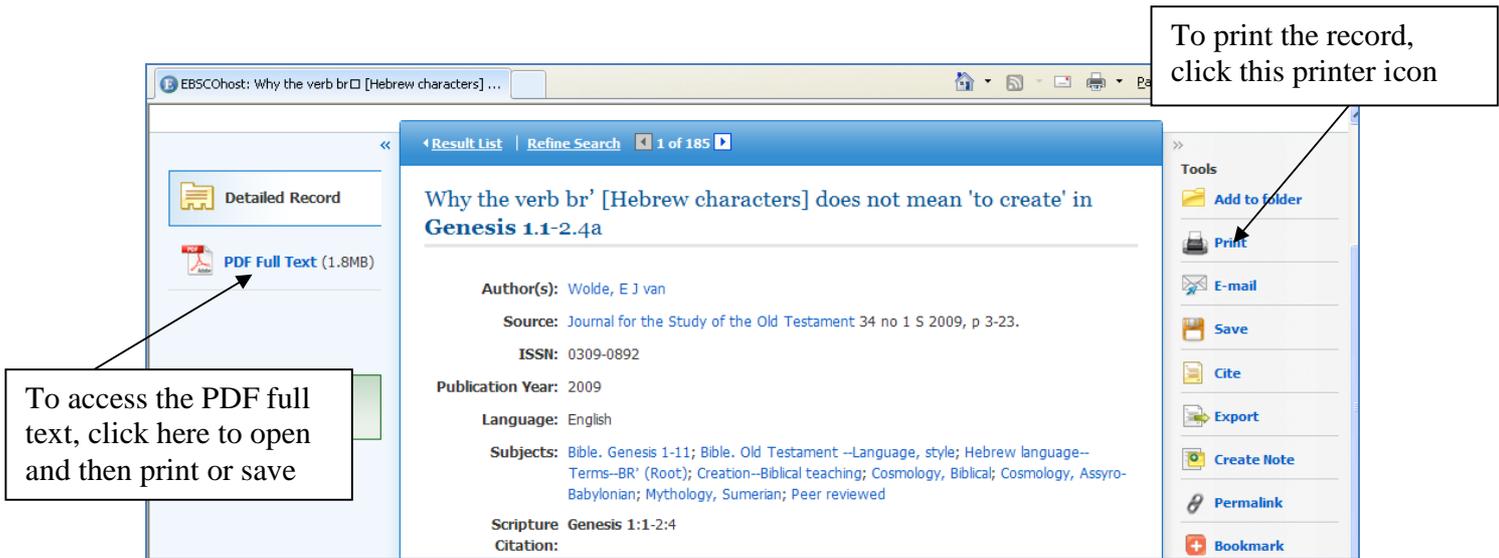


Printing Your ATLA Religion Search Results

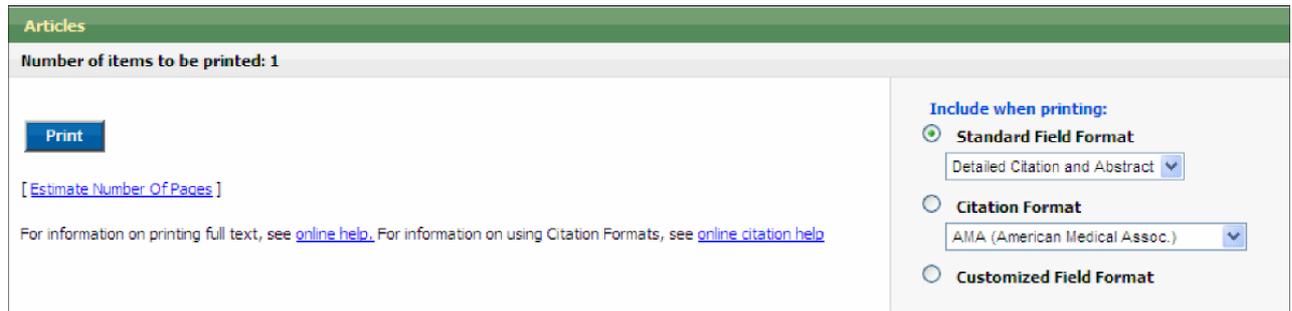
1. Click on the Publication Title:



The following window will appear: Click on the printer icon in the Tools sidebar to print the detailed bibliographic record.

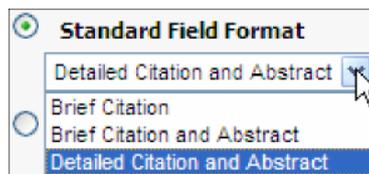


2. The following screen appears -

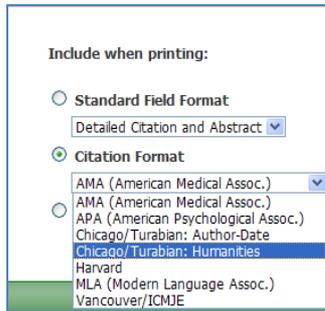


3. Select the type of format you wish to print:

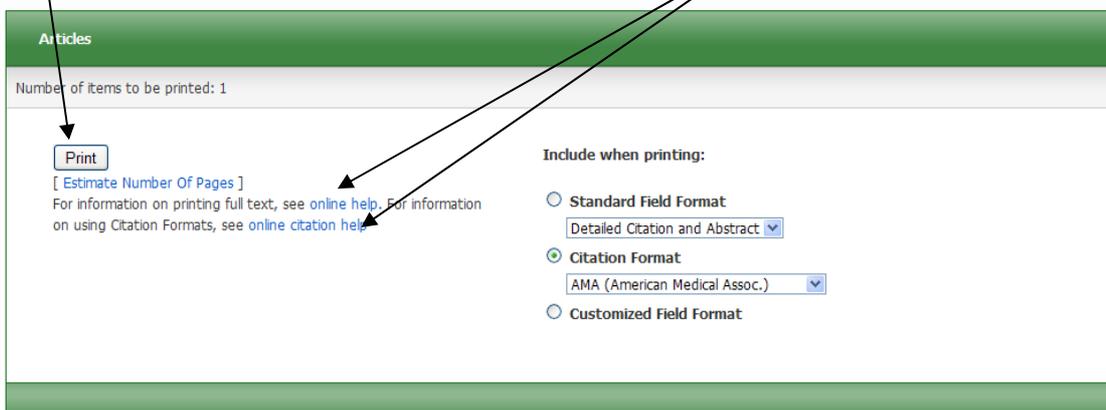
The Standard Field Format prints the standard bibliography information for the publication source. Click in the circle for Standard Field Format and then on the dropdown arrow to select a format option:



The Citation Format gives you the option to print out the appropriate bibliography information in the correct format. Click in the circle for Citation Format and then on the dropdown arrow to select a format option

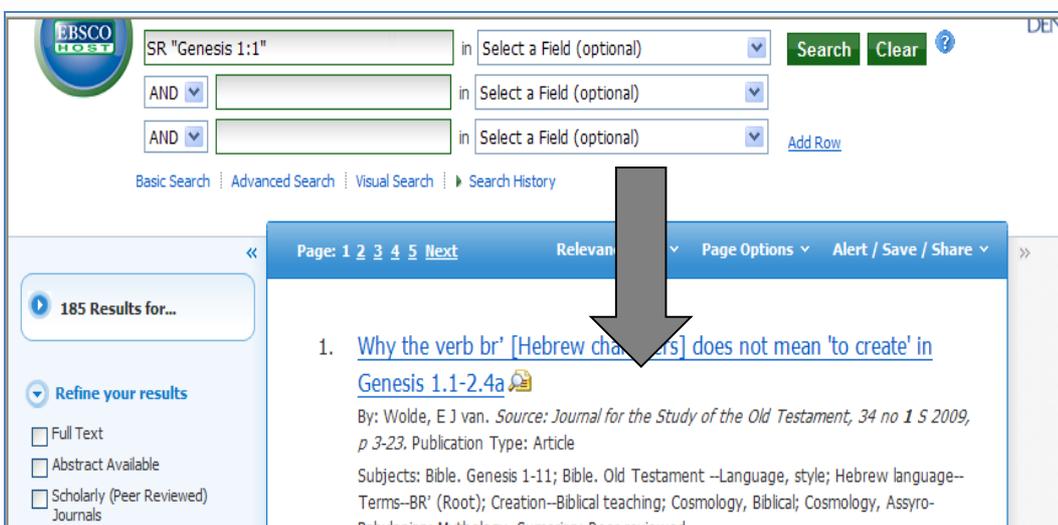


4. Click the Print button to print the entry. (Notice the additional help options)

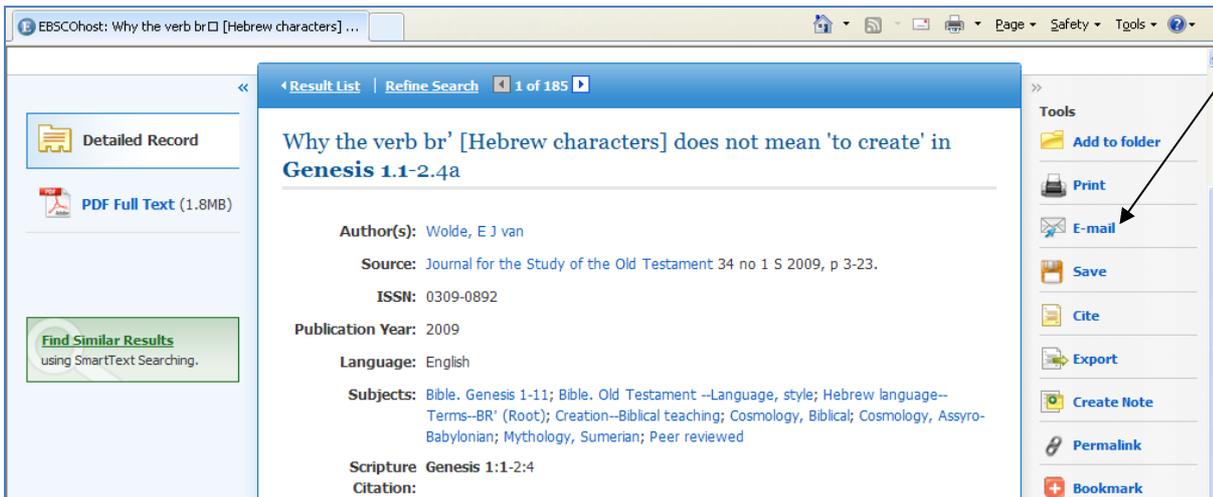


E-mailing Your ATLA Religion Search Results

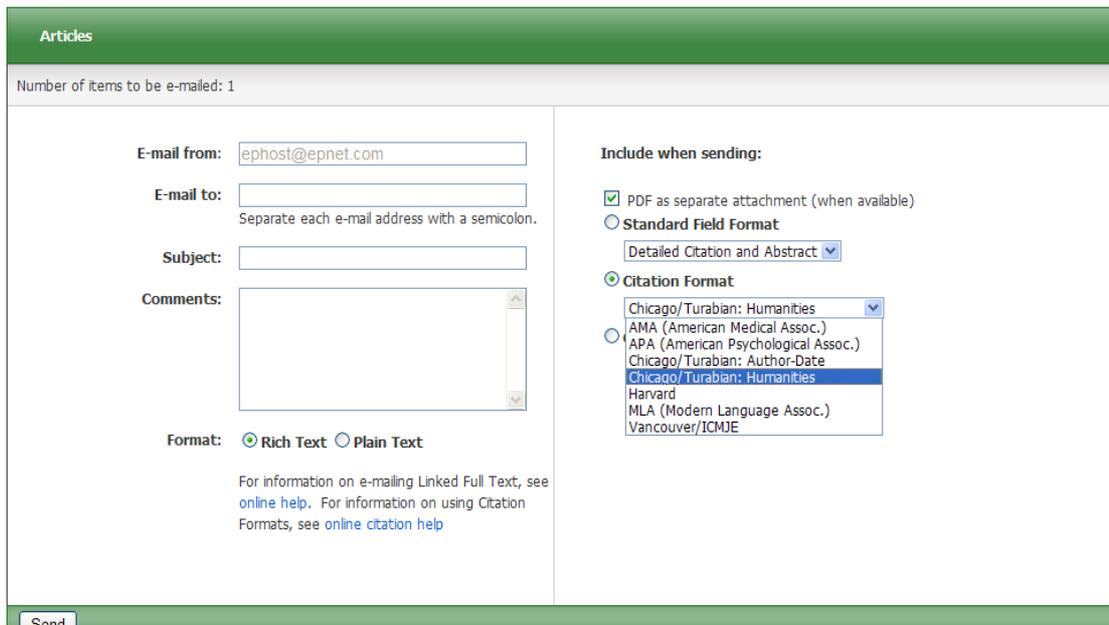
1. Click on the Publication Title:



The following screen will appear. Click on the Email icon under the Tool sidebar.



2. The following screen appears – (Note the option to include PDF full text if available)



3. Enter your e-mail address in the e-mail to box:

E-mail to:
Separate each e-mail address with a semicolon.

4. Enter a subject in the subject line:

Subject:

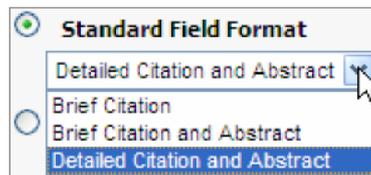
- 5. Enter comments you wish to include about the publication, if any:
- 6. Leave the PDF as separate attachment (when available) checked. This will send a copy of the article in PDF format as an attachment with the e-mail if the article is available as a PDF file:

Include when sending:

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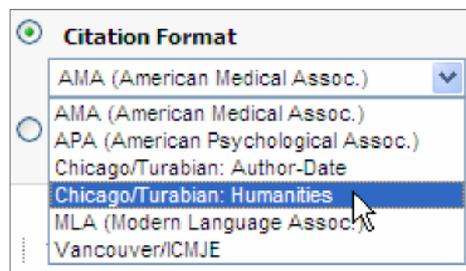
7. Select the type of format you wish to e-mail:

- a. The Standard Field Format prints the standard bibliography information for the publication source. Click in the circle for Standard Field Format and then on the dropdown arrow to select a format option:



A screenshot of a dropdown menu for the 'Standard Field Format' option. The menu is open, showing four options: 'Detailed Citation and Abstract', 'Brief Citation', 'Brief Citation and Abstract', and 'Detailed Citation and Abstract'. The top option is selected, and a mouse cursor is pointing at the dropdown arrow.

- b. The Citation Format gives you the option to print out the appropriate bibliography information in the correct format. Click in the circle for Citation Format and then on the dropdown arrow to select a format option:



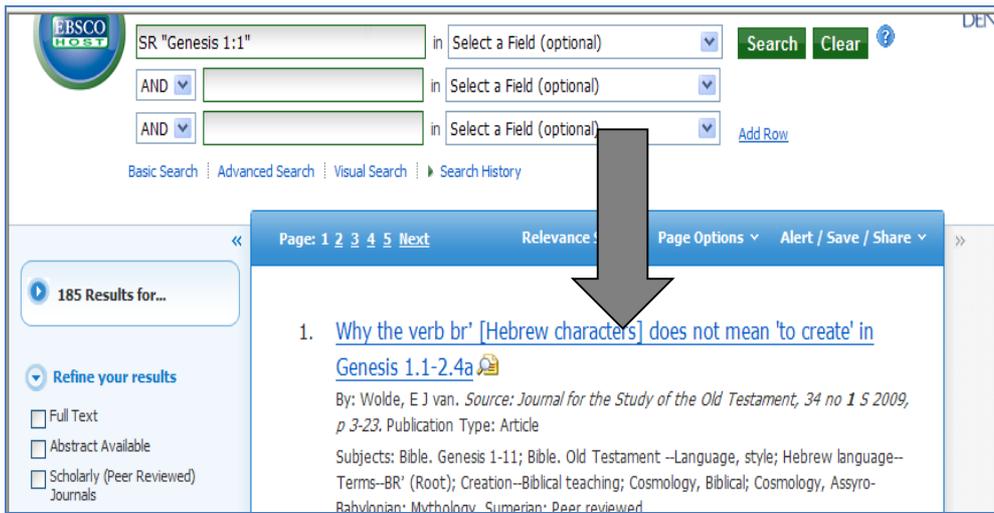
A screenshot of a dropdown menu for the 'Citation Format' option. The menu is open, showing a list of citation styles: 'AMA (American Medical Assoc.)', 'AMA (American Medical Assoc.)', 'APA (American Psychological Assoc.)', 'Chicago/Turabian: Author-Date', 'Chicago/Turabian: Humanities', 'MLA (Modern Language Assoc.)', and 'Vancouver/ICMJE'. The 'Chicago/Turabian: Humanities' option is selected, and a mouse cursor is pointing at the dropdown arrow.

8. Click the Send button in the lower left hand corner to send the e-mail.

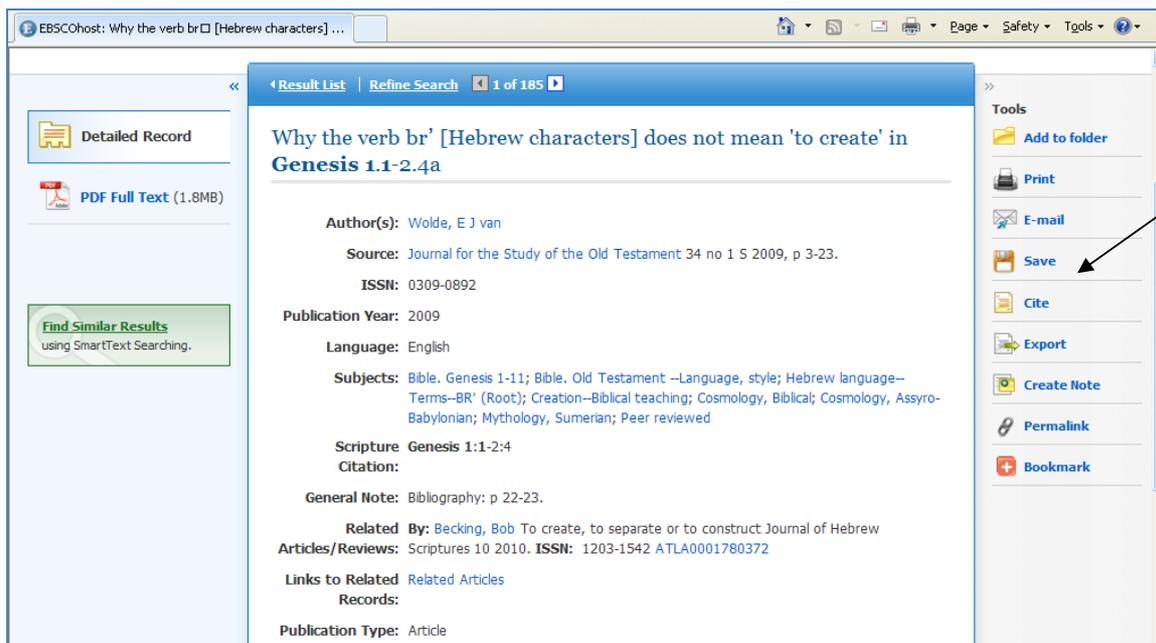


Saving Your ATLA Religion Search Results as a File

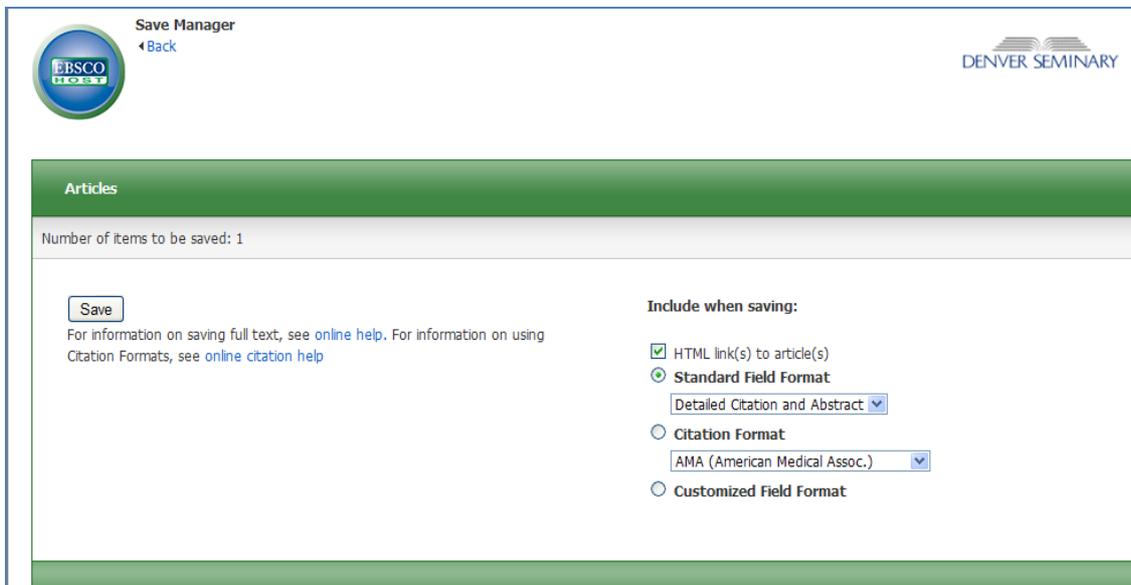
1. Click on the Publication Title:



The following window will appear. Click on the Save icon in the Tools sidebar.

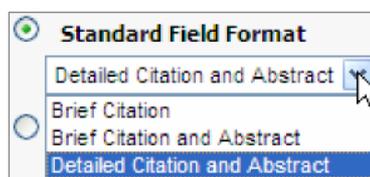


2. The following screen will appear:



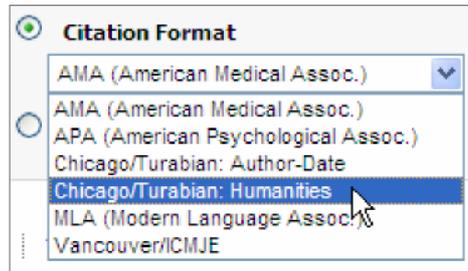
3. Leave the HTML link(s) to article(s) checked. This will maintain a permanent link to the article in the saved bibliography information and Select the type of format you wish to save as a file.

- The Standard Field Format prints the standard bibliography information for the publication source. Click in the circle for Standard Field Format and then on the dropdown arrow to select a format option:

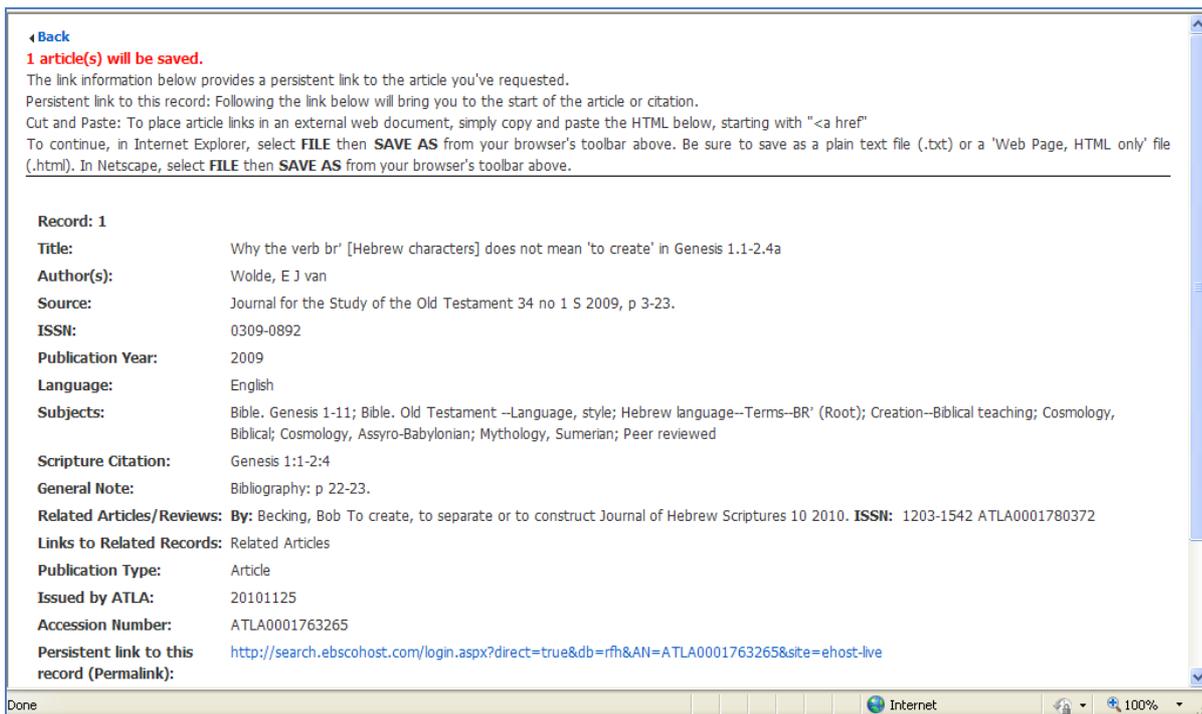


- The Citation Format gives you the option to print out the

appropriate bibliography information in the correct format. Click in the circle for Citation Format and then on the dropdown arrow to select a format option:

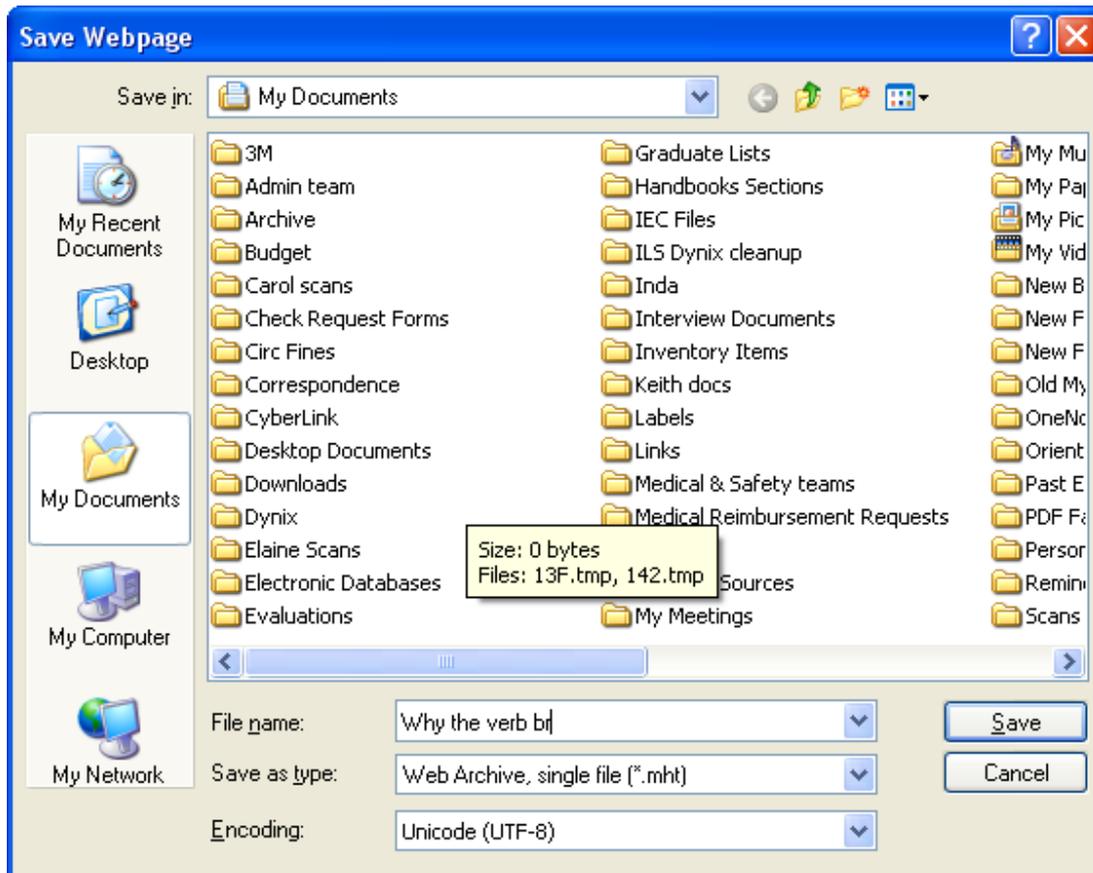


4. Click on Save. This brings up a screen which displays the information to be saved and instructions on how to save it.



- a. With the information displayed, click on **File** on the menu bar
- b. Click on **Save As** from the menu for Internet Explorer. Use **Save Page As** if using Firefox

- c. Enter the name to save the file with
- d. Select the type of file to save it as: either plain text (.txt) or Webpage, HTML only (html)
- e. Click the Save button to save the information as a file. (Note: by default the file will be saved to your my Documents folder.)



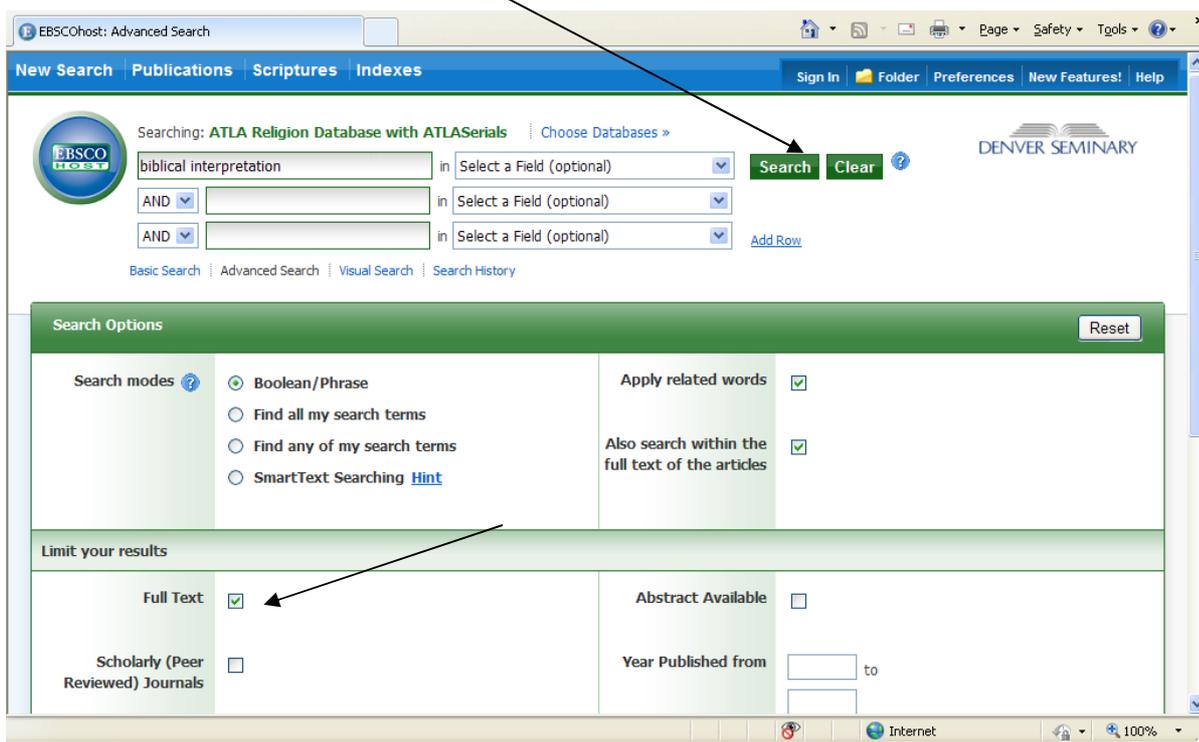
Limiting Searches

From the search results screen, it becomes apparent that ATLA can return thousands of items for any given search. Being able to limit the search in various ways is very helpful.

Search results can be limited to return only documents that are available as PDF files or that are linked to full text documents. This can be done in two ways.

Method #1 – Limit search to Full Text in the Search screen

1. Enter the criteria for your search and click in the Full Text box in the “Limit your results” section. Then click the Search button to run the search.

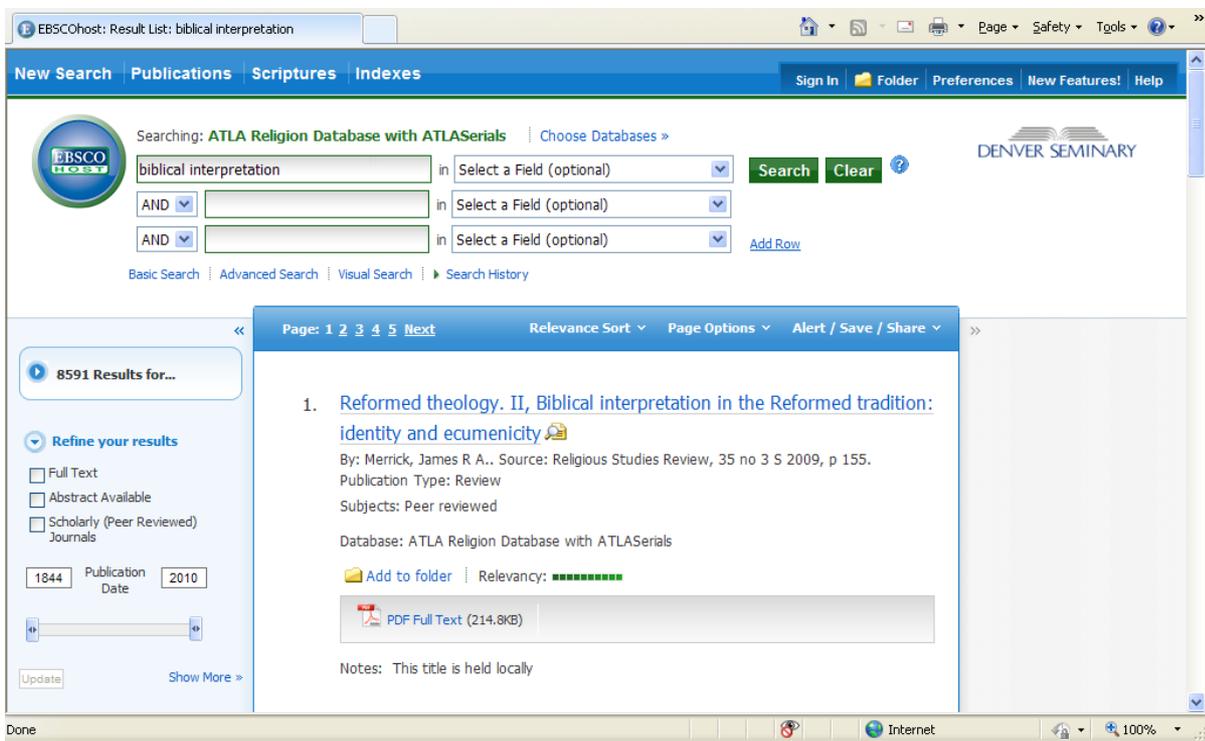


Method #2 – Limit search to Full Text in the Search Results Screen

Once a search has been run, it can still be limited to only Full Text documents. The Search Results Screen has a section called “Limit your results” to the right of the search results:

To limit the results to Full Text documents:

1. From the search results screen, click on the Full Text box in the Refine Your search side bar.



2. Click the Update Results button to update the search results.



Limiting the search to Documents with Abstracts

Some documents do not come with abstracts that will give a synopsis of the article. ATLA Religion allows you to limit your searches to only those that do. There are two ways to do this.

Method #1 – Limit search to Documents with Abstracts in the Search screen

. Enter your criteria for your search:

The screenshot shows the search interface with the following elements:

- EBSCO logo on the left.
- Search bar containing "biblical interpretation".
- Dropdown menu set to "SU Subjects".
- "Search" and "Clear" buttons.
- Below the search bar, there are two rows for additional criteria, each starting with "and" and a dropdown menu set to "Select a Field (optional)".
- An "Add Row" link is visible at the bottom right of the criteria section.

. Click the Abstract Available box in the “Limit your results” section:

The screenshot shows the "Limit your results" section with the following elements:

- A dropdown menu set to "Select a Field (optional)" and an "Add Row" link.
- Links for "Alerts" and "Preferences" at the top left.
- Three rows of options, each with a checked checkbox:
 - "Apply related words" (checked)
 - "Also search within the full text of the articles" (checked)
 - "Abstract Available" (checked)
- A tooltip box is shown over the "Abstract Available" checkbox, containing the text "Abstract Available".
- Below the "Abstract Available" option, the text "Journal Title" is visible.

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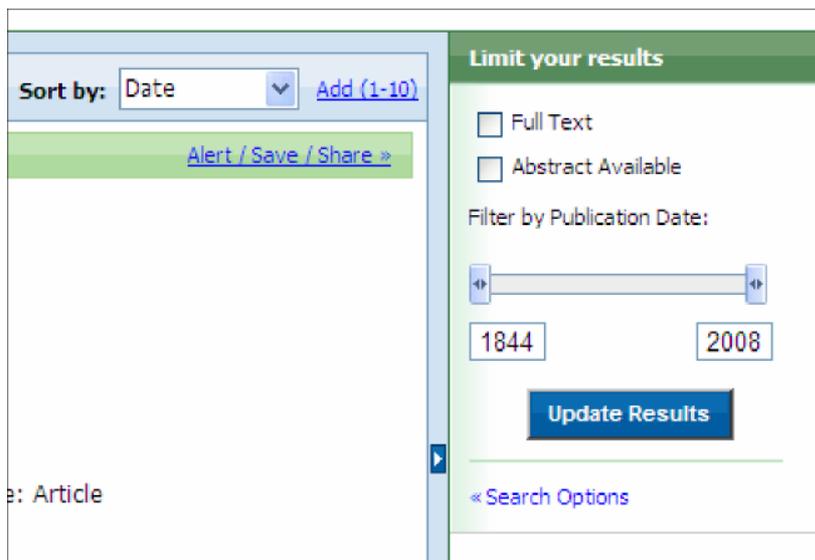
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and in [Add Row](#)

3. Click on Search button to run the search.

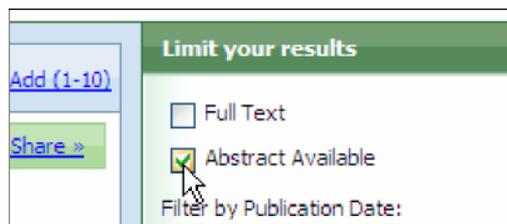
Method #2 – Limit search to Documents with Abstracts in the Search Results Screen

Once a search has been run it can still be limited to only documents with abstracts. The Search Results Screen has a section called “Limit your results” to the right of the search results:



To limit the results to documents with abstracts:

- 1. Click in the Abstract Available box:



- 2. Click the Update Results button to update the search results.

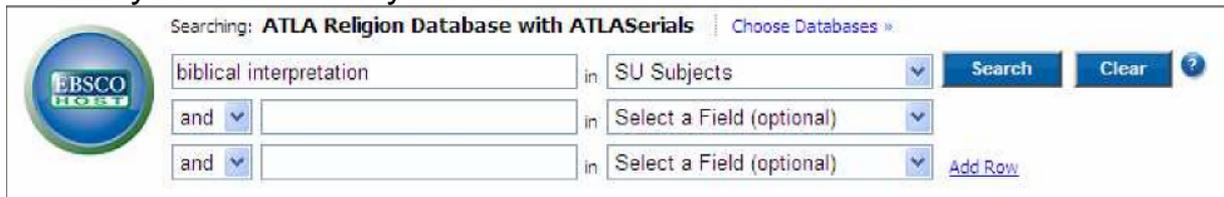


Limiting the search to a Range of Dates

You may have a need limit the search to a specific date or a specific range of dates. ATLA Religion has two ways to do this.

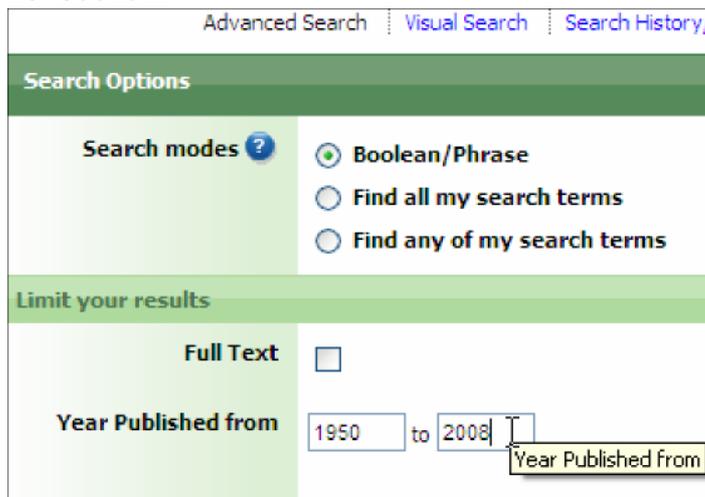
Method #1 – Limit search to a Range of Dates in the Search Screen

. Enter your criteria for your search:



The screenshot shows the search interface for ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials. It features an EBSCO logo on the left. The search criteria are: "biblical interpretation" in "SU Subjects", followed by two "and" clauses with empty input fields and "Select a Field (optional)" dropdown menus. There are "Search" and "Clear" buttons, and an "Add Row" link.

. Enter the beginning and ending dates in the “Year Published from” boxes in the “Limit your results” section:



The screenshot shows the "Limit your results" section of the search interface. It includes "Search Options" with radio buttons for "Boolean/Phrase" (selected), "Find all my search terms", and "Find any of my search terms". Under "Limit your results", there is a "Full Text" checkbox and a "Year Published from" section with input boxes for "1950" and "2008" separated by "to". A tooltip labeled "Year Published from" is visible over the "2008" box.



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in



Search

Clear



and



in



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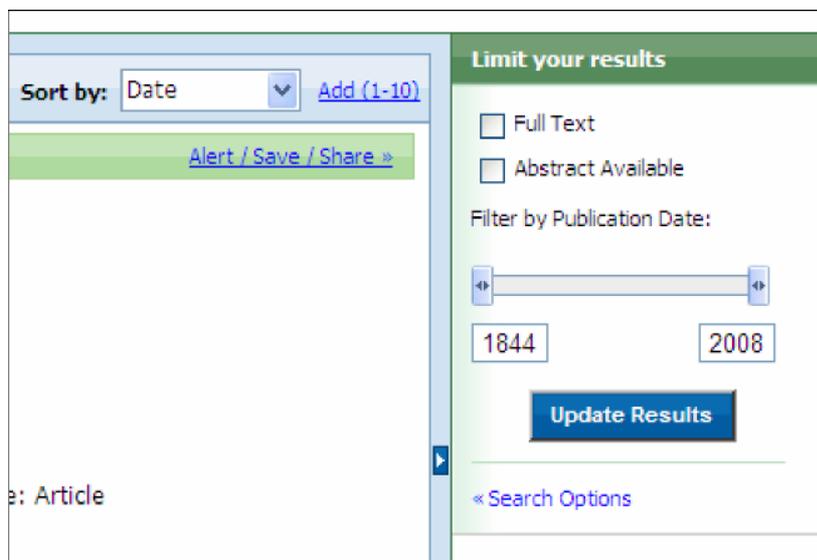
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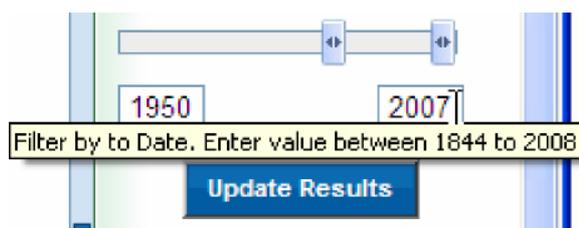
Method #2 – Limit search to a range of dates in the Search Results Screen

Once a search has been run it can still be limited to a range of dates. The Search Results Screen has a section called “Limit your results” to the right of the search results:



To limit the results to range of dates:

1. Enter the beginning date in the left date box and the ending date in the date box on the right::

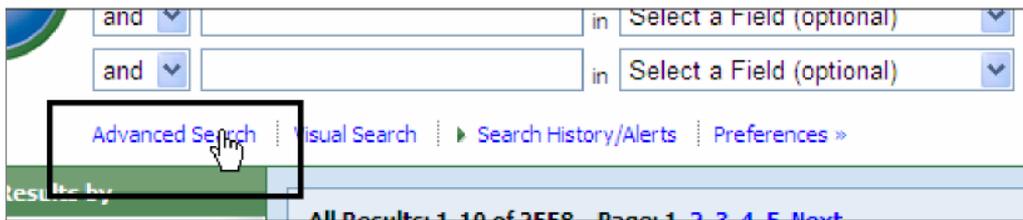


2. Click the Update Results button to update the search results.



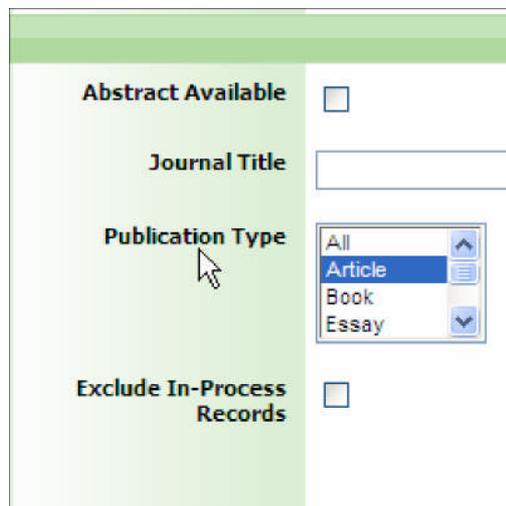
Limiting the search to a Specific Document Type

You may have a need limit the search to a specific document type, such as an article or essay. This type of search can only be done from the main (or advanced) search screen. If you are already in the search results screen, you can get back to the main screen by clicking on the Advanced Search option underneath the criteria section:

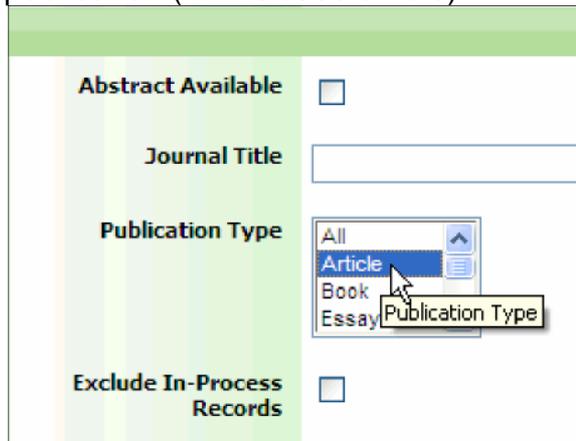


To limit your search to a specific document type:

1. Make sure you are looking at the main (advanced) search screen.
2. Locate the “Publication Type” list in the right middle of the “Limit your results”:

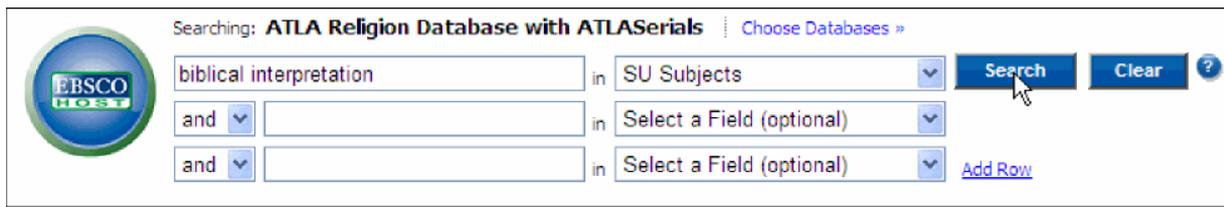


3. Select the type of publication (in this case article):



The screenshot shows a search filter panel with a green header. It contains four items: 'Abstract Available' with an unchecked checkbox, 'Journal Title' with an empty text input field, 'Publication Type' with a dropdown menu, and 'Exclude In-Process Records' with an unchecked checkbox. The dropdown menu is open, showing 'All', 'Article', 'Book', and 'Essay'. A mouse cursor is pointing at 'Article', and a tooltip labeled 'Publication Type' is visible next to it.

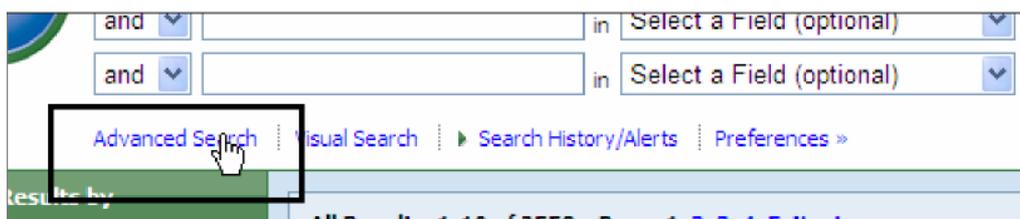
4. Click on Search button to run the search.



The screenshot shows the search results page for 'ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials'. The search term 'biblical interpretation' is entered in the first field, and 'SU Subjects' is selected in the dropdown. The 'Search' button is highlighted with a mouse cursor. There are also 'and' dropdowns and empty text fields for additional search criteria, and an 'Add Row' link.

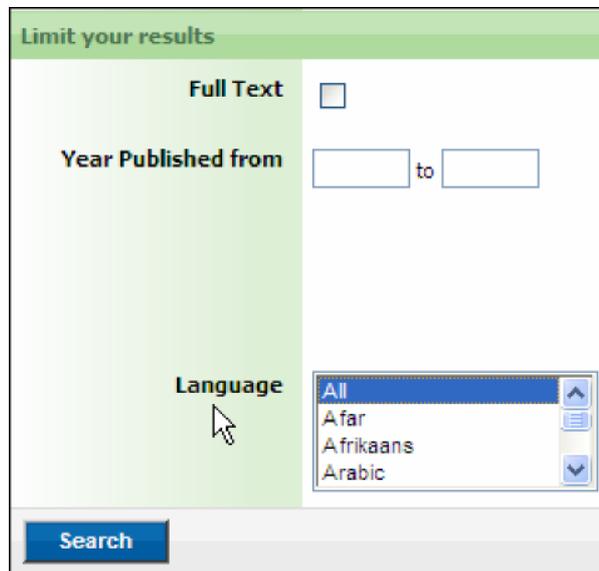
Limiting the search to a Specific Language

You may have a need limit the search to a specific language, such as Greek or Hebrew. This type of search can only be done from the main (or advanced) search screen. If you are already in the search results screen, you can get back to the main screen by clicking on the Advanced Search option underneath the criteria section:



To limit your search to a specific Language:

1. Make sure you are looking at the main (advanced) search screen.
2. Locate the “Language” list in the lower left corner of the “Limit your results”:



3. Select the desired language from the list (Hebrew in this case):

Limit your results

Full Text

Year Published from to

Language

- Greek, Modern (1453-)
- Hebrew
- Hindi
- Icelandic Language

Search

4. Click on Search button to run the search.

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biblical interpretation in SU Subjects

and in Select a Field (optional)

and in Select a Field (optional) [Add Row](#)

Narrowing the Results of the Search

Sometimes you may need to not limit, but to narrow the scope of the results.

ATLA Religion now provides a new section to do this which is located to the left of the Results section:

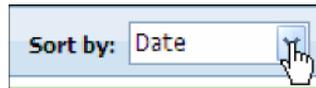


Simply click on a subject in the panel to narrow the scope of your search.

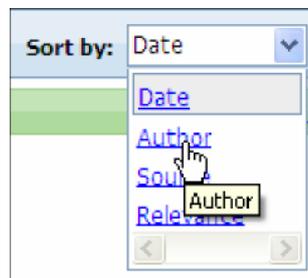
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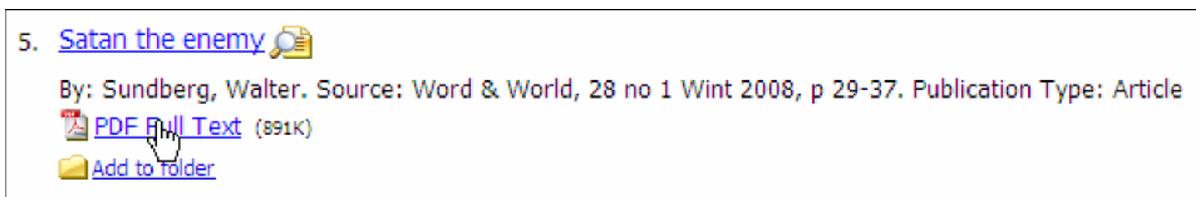


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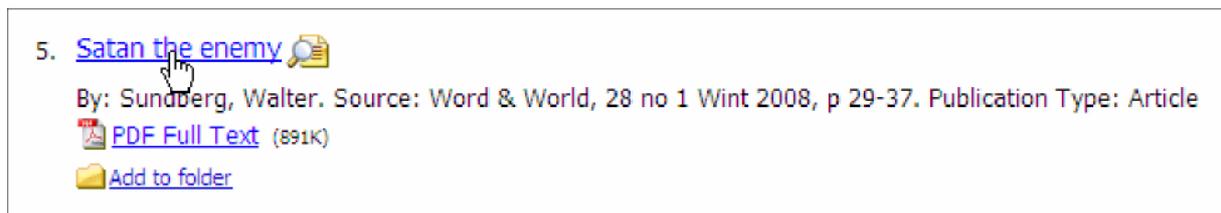


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