

NeXt Bible Video Tutorial

My plan is for each of these units to be an individual module. The subpoints will be the major elements covered in each module. I am aiming for 3-5 minutes each, but I think some of them may be longer. Each module will contain examples so viewers can see the process in action. This basically follows the elements on the “How to Use the NeXt Bible” info page (http://www.bible.org/page.asp?page_id=4269) with some modifications.

1. The NeXt Bible: What it is and What it can do
 - The NeXt Bible is an online learning environment which links together the NET Bible translation, powerful search tools, and content from bible.org.
 - It is designed to help you read the NET Bible quickly and profitably, and to help you dig more deeply into God’s Word.
 - Many more points need to be covered here. It will be easiest to develop these once I have carefully worked through the rest.
2. How to get to it – **First draft done**
 - The NeXt Bible can be accessed through the bible.org home page.
 - The NeXt Bible can also be accessed by clicking through from bible.org to its own home page.
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3. Displaying Bible Texts – **First Draft Done**
 - From the NeXt Bible homepage, there are two main ways to display Bible texts. You can use the dropdown menu under the “Display Bible” heading, or you can use the universal search field.
 - Under the Display Bible heading is a dropdown box which contains every book of the Bible. First choose the book you want to read, then choose the chapter. Click Go, and you’ll be taken to that chapter in the NET Bible.
 - The Universal Search field is very flexible and can accommodate both specific and general display requests.
 - When you hover over the search field, the system will prompt you about the various methods you can use to find what you are looking for. Let’s discuss them first, then show some examples.
 1. If you know the book and chapter you are looking for, you can type that info directly into the universal search field. This will take you to the beginning of that chapter.
 2. If you want to read a particular verse, type the reference in the field. This will show you the verse in several parallel versions. The “context” link will take you directly to that passage.
 3. If you would like to read a passage, type the range of verses you would like to read in the field. Those verses will then be displayed.
 4. Because of the built in search capabilities of the field, it can help you find passages even if you don’t know the reference. Type what you do know into the search field. This will execute a search of

those terms and then return a list of appropriate verses. You can then click on the verse reference to see the verse in the NET Bible.

- The Next/Previous chapter button takes you to the following or previous chapters of the NET Bible.
 - Clicking on a verse reference will perform an automatic internet search and display the verse in several different versions.
 - Clicking on a note reference displays the appropriate note in the frame below the text.
4. Searching the Bible - Searching Basics – **First Draft Done**
- It will be helpful for you to know some basics about searching the Bible so you can get the most out of the NeXt Bible learning environment.
 - The different types of searches I will describe and demonstrate are common to all Bible search programs. There are two distinctives, however, about the way the NeXt Bible handles searching. (1) The NeXt Bible enables you to use them for free. (2) The Net Bible Notes can be searched in addition to the Bible text. (How to do this is discussed in the tutorial on “Advanced Search.”)
 1. “and” searches find verses which contain all of the specified words without regard to their order or location. The system basically asks, “Which verses contain these words anywhere in them?”
 2. “phrase” searches find verses which contain the specified words in the specified order. The system basically asks, “Which verses contain these words in this order?”
 3. “or” searches find verses which contain any of the specified words. The system basically asks, “Which verses contain any of these words?”
 4. “not” searches are used in conjunction with and, phrase, and or searches to restrict certain words from occurring in the verse. The system basically asks, “Which verses satisfy the search but do not include this word?”
 5. Wildcard searches account for variations in words by allowing for more than one option. The ? wildcard stands for exactly one letter, and the * wildcard stands for any number of letters, from zero letters on up.
 - In the NeXt Bible, the unit for searching is the verse, so all of these searches concern the text on the level of the verse.
5. Searching the Bible - Universal Search Field – **First Draft Done**
- The Universal Search field is very capable of handling a variety of search requests. In this tutorial I will explain searching the Bible with this field. As a side note, it can be used simply to display Bible passages. This feature is discussed in the Displaying Bible Texts Tutorial.
 - The Universal Search field is capable of handling all types of searches.
 - What I am going to present in the rest of this tutorial are the different searches which can be done with this field. The nature of these searches is discussed in the Searching Basics tutorial. If further help is needed, you can click on the “Help” link at the top of the page.

- The most common use will be to locate verses which contain a word that you wish to find. Simply type the word in the search field. You can click on search or press the enter key to execute the search. The results are then displayed. In addition, you can doubleclick on any word to execute a search on that word in the NET Bible text.
 - The field can also locate verses which contain multiple words that you want to find. This is an AND search. The Universal Search field is programmed to execute an AND search as its default behavior unless you tell it otherwise. For example, 1 Cor 13:13 is a well-know verse which contains the words faith, hope, and love. If I wanted to find all verses which contained those three words, I simply type all three of the words in the field and click search. The results are then displayed. As a side note, this can also be accomplished with the ALL operator.
 - A PHRASE seach is done by typing the phrase you want to find with quotation marks.
 - An OR search is accomplished by typing the word OR in capital letters inbetween your words. This can also be accomplished with the ANY operator.
 - A NOT search is done by typing the word NOT in capital letters in front of the word you wish to exclude.
 - A WILDCARD search is done by using the ? or * wildcards as appropriate.
 - Searches can be combined in a variety of ways. For example, phrase searches can be part of AND searches as well as OR searches. Any word you type in the universal search field can be modified with a wildcard.
6. Searching the Bible - Advanced Search – **First Draft Done**
- The Advanced Search tool is a dialogue box which allows you to execute complex combinations of the five different types of searches. You can use this tool to quickly find specific passages that meet your criteria.
 - When you click on the “Advanced Search” link, a pop-up window will open with several different fields. You can enter terms into the fields as appropriate to find specific verses.
 - The different fields represent the different types of searches:
 1. The first line is an AND search.
 2. The second is a phrase search.
 3. The third is an OR search.
 4. The fourth is a NOT search.
 5. The fifth is a WILDCARD search.
 6. Searches can be executed by clicking the search button or by pressing the enter key.
 - Let me demonstrate each in turn.
 1. I can use the first field to find verses which contain all the words Abraham, Jacob, and Isaac.
 2. I can use the second field to find verses which contain the phrase “God of Abraham.”

3. I can use the third field to find verses which contain either the word Abraham, the word Jacob, or the word Isaac.
 4. I can use the fourth field to restrict searches. For example, I can look for the word Abraham but exclude verses which contain Jacob and Isaac by listing them here.
 5. I can use the fifth field to look for Abram or Abraham by entering the letters common to each: Abra
- Other parameters may be set with the last three fields (two drop-down boxes, one field).
 1. You can search the entire Bible, or you can limit your search to either the New or Old Testament.
 2. You can search the text of the NET Bible, the notes of the NET Bible, or both.
 3. You can limit the number of verses or notes which are displayed to accommodate your screen size and make the results more manageable.
 - The ability to search the notes allows you to do some things with the NET Bible that you cannot do with traditional search programs.
 1. You can find every place that a particular scholar is cited in the notes by searching for their name. For example, Daniel Wallace, the senior NT editor of the NET Bible, has also written many scholarly pieces. Searching for his last name can locate those in the notes.
 2. Many times Bible versions are cited in the notes. You can search for the abbreviation we have used to locate places where that translation is referenced.
7. Searching the Bible – Managing Results
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8. Left Pane
- To the left of the NeXt Bible site are important links which work in conjunction with the NeXt Bible.
 - The “Study Dictionary” link takes you to a page on which you can search for a particular term. It is sorted alphabetically.
 - The “Sermon Illustrations” link takes you to the sermon illustration section of bible.org.
 - The “Daily Bible reading” link takes you to today’s reading from the NET Bible.
 - The tip box displays tips and tricks to help you get the most out of the NeXt Bible.
9. Additional information bar.
- From the additional information bar you can access information from the rest of the bible.org site.
 - You can download the NET Bible (including all 60,932 notes)
 - You can Access bible.org with thousands of trustworthy Bible study resources.
 - You can download fonts.

- You can access the bible.org user forums.
- You can get help using **NeXt Bible**.

10. Reference Tabs.

- The reference tabs are located directly below the additional information bar and above the chapter heading.
- The reference tabs allow you to dig deeper into the passage you are reading.
- You can view the King James Bible. The KJV is displayed with Strong's numbers, which are linked to an indepth info page on that particular word.
- You can see the Greek and Hebrew with Strong's numbers, which are linked to an indepth info page on that particular word.
- You can cross reference specific passages and then click through to read the verse.
- You can look up names mentioned in the passage, including personal and place names. Clicking on the name will open up dictionary articles which refer to that person or place. You can then read specific Bible passages which mention this person or place by clicking on the reference.
- You can see a list of paragraph titles for the book you are reading.
- You can find articles related to the book you are studying.

11. Reference Tabs: NeXt Bible Interlinear

- You can look at a draft version of the NET Bible in interlinear format. From this screen you can navigate to a particular verse, and you can rearrange the format of the text.

12. Listen to the NET Bible audio button.

- When reading the NET Bible New Testament, you can click the audio button to stream the audio NET Bible for the current chapter. You can also download the file; in IE on a PC, right click, then click "Save Target As...", then choose a location to save the mp3 audio file. This feature is only available for the New Testament.

13. Discovery Box

- The Discovery box shows links to bible.org content which provides additional information for interpreting the passage you are reading, like background and history, links to people and places, and more.
- Some of the links will take you away from the bible.org site (wikipedia.org is presently available; others could be added). The staff at bible.org does not necessarily endorse the content you will find on these external sites.

14. Change frame size buttons

- Click and hold this blue button
- Then head up or down the page (using your mouse) to change the portion of notes visible
- Release the button while moving up or down
- The click the mouse once more to set it.

15. Extensive example

- For the last module I want to develop an example which walks the reader through the examination of a passage. I think it would be helpful to show readers the process in full.

16. NeXt Bible Fonts

- The fonts used in the NeXt Bible can be downloaded through the fonts page.