

CITING THEOLOGY IN CHICAGO STYLE

Scripture References

References to Scripture are cited **in-text** rather than in notes and bibliographies.

In-text references should include the name of the book, the chapter, and the verse – never a page number. Insert a colon (:) between the chapter and verse.

- When part of your main sentence, book names should be spelled out in full:
E.g.: **Jeremiah 42-44 records the flight of the Jews to Egypt.**
- In parenthetical citations, abbreviations should be used:
E.g.: **The Apostle Paul reminds us that “if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation” (2 Cor. 5:17).**
- Where numerous references are made, such as in a list, abbreviations are used:
E.g.: **Gen. 25:19; Heb. 13:8; Matt. 26:2.**

Abbreviations

Abbreviations for books of the Bible can take two forms. Traditional abbreviations use periods but shortened abbreviations do not. If your instructor does not have a preference, choose one style and remain consistent. See section 10.45 and 10.47 of the *Chicago Manual of Style* for a full list of abbreviations.

Traditional Abbreviation

Exod. 33:10
1 Thess. 4:11
3 John 1:1



Shortened Abbreviation

Ex 33:10
1 Thes 4:11
3 Jn 1:1

Versions of the Bible

When you use more than one translation of the Bible in your paper, write out the full name for the first occurrence of each translation. All subsequent references to already referenced translations can be abbreviated. *NOTE: If you only use one translation in your paper, you can omit subsequent references to the translation. Just write the book and verse address. Still include the full translation in the first instance, though.*

(2 Kings 11:8, English Standard Version).
(Psalm 8:3, ESV).

(1 John 1:5-7, New International Version).
(Romans 8:5, NIV).

Sample Footnotes and Bibliography Entries

On the following page, you will see examples of how common theology sources should be cited in your papers.

- Every time you **quote** or **paraphrase**, you **must** include a footnote. The first footnote for *each* source must include full bibliographical information for the source you are citing.
- Subsequent footnotes to an already referenced source should be shortened:
 - When the previous footnote is **not from the same source**, include the author’s last name, a shortened version of the title (4 words or less but still clearly representative of the source), and the page number:
4. Wright, *How God Became King*, 46.
 - When the previous footnote is **from the same source**, include only the author’s last name and page number:
5. Wright, 48.
- The last entry in each box below is how the source should be cited in the Bibliography.

One Author	<p>¹Jeremiah Burroughs, <i>The Evil of Evils</i> (Grand Rapids, MI: Soli Deo Gloria Publications, 2008), 107. ²Burroughs, <i>Evil of Evils</i>, 107. ³Burroughs, 107.</p> <p>Burroughs, Jeremiah. <i>The Evil of Evils</i>. Grand Rapids, MI: Soli Deo Gloria Publications, 2008.</p>
Translated Work	<p>⁴Augustine, <i>The City of God</i>, trans. Marcus Dods (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing, 2018), 51. ⁵Augustine, <i>The City of God</i>, 51. ⁶Augustine, 51.</p> <p>Augustine. <i>The City of God</i>. Translated by Marcus Dods. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing, 2018.</p>
Entry from Theological Reference works (e.g., Concordance, Dictionary, etc.) where individual entries are authored.	<p>⁷Mike Higton, "Christology," in <i>The Cambridge Dictionary of Christian Theology</i>, eds. Ian McFarlane et al. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011). https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&AuthType=ip,sso&db=nlebk&AN=366130&site=ehost-live&scope=site. ⁸Higton, "Christology."</p> <p>Note: Since we do not cite page numbers in dictionaries, there is only one kind of short reference.</p> <p>Higton, Mike. "Christology." In <i>The Cambridge Dictionary of Christian Theology</i>, edited by Ian McFarlane et al. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011. https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&AuthType=ip,sso&db=nlebk&AN=366130&site=ehost-live&scope=site.</p> <p>Note: For information on how to cite more commonly accessed reference works (e.g., <i>Encyclopaedia Britannica</i>) or reference works without authored entries, see our main "Documenting Chicago Style" tip sheet or sections 14.233-233 in the <i>Chicago Manual of Style</i>.</p>
Multi-Volume Work (including Multi-Volume Commentaries not in a Series)	<p>¹⁰Karl Barth, <i>The Doctrine of the Word of God</i>, vol. 1, part 2, <i>Church Dogmatics</i>, trans. G. T. Thomson and Harold Knight, ed. G. W. Bromiley and Thomas F. Torrance (London: T&T Clark, 2004), 157. ¹¹Barth, <i>Church Dogmatics</i>, 1.2:157. ¹²Barth, 1.2:157.</p> <p>Barth, Karl. <i>The Doctrine of the Word of God</i>. Vol. 1, part 2 of <i>Church Dogmatics</i>. Translated by G. T. Thomson and Harold Knight. Edited by G. W. Bromiley and Thomas F Torrance. London: T&T Clark, 2004.</p>
Biblical Commentaries in a Series (i.e., Not Volumes)	<p>¹⁹Peter Enns, <i>Exodus</i>, The NIV Application Commentary Series (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2000), 126. ²⁰Enns, <i>Exodus</i>, 128. ²¹Enns, 135.</p> <p>Enns, Peter. <i>Exodus</i>. The NIV Application Commentary Series. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2000.</p> <p>Do not include general editors when citing commentaries in a series. Note: If you are citing a commentary in an Edited/Multivolume work that is NOT part of a series, cite it like a work in a Multi-Volume work (see above).</p>
Journal Article	<p>¹³C. E. B. Cranfield, "St. Paul and the Law," <i>Scottish Journal of Theology</i> 17, no. 1 (1964): 56, https://doi.org/10.1017/S0036930600006074. ¹⁴Cranfield, "Paul and the Law," 56. ¹⁵Cranfield, 56.</p> <p>Cranfield, C. E. B. "St. Paul and the Law." <i>Scottish Journal of Theology</i> 17, no. 1 (1964): 43-68. https://doi.org/10.1017/S0036930600006074.</p>
Single Authored Monograph	<p>¹⁶N. T. Wright, <i>How God Became King: The Forgotten Story of the Gospels</i>, 1st ed. (New York: Harper One, 2012), 56. ¹⁷Wright, <i>How God Became King</i>, 56. ¹⁸Wright, 56.</p> <p>Wright, N. T. <i>How God Became King: The Forgotten Story of the Gospels</i>. 1st ed. New York: Harper One, 2012.</p>
Edited Volume with Essays by Multiple Authors	<p>²²Dan van Voorhis, "The Inverted Way of Jesus" in <i>Theology of the Cross: Luther's Heidelberg Disputation and Reflections on its 28 Theses</i>, ed. Kelsi Klembara and Caleb Keith (Irvine, CA: 1517 Publishing, 2018), 44. ²³van Voorhis, "The Inverted Way of Jesus", 44. ²⁴van Voorhis, 44.</p> <p>van Voorhis, Dan. "The Inverted Way of Jesus." In <i>Theology of the Cross: Luther's Heidelberg Disputation and Reflections on its 28 Theses</i>, edited by Kelsi Klembara and Caleb Keith, 42-44. Irvine, CA: 1517 Publishing, 2018.</p>