

Scripture Searching in the ATLA Religion Database Online

The ATLA database is an index to journal articles, book reviews, and collections of essays in all fields of religion. Subjects include antiquities and archaeology, Bible, church history, ecumenism, ethics, missions, pastoral ministry, philosophy, religions and religious studies, and theology. The index covers 1949 to the present.

To access the database:

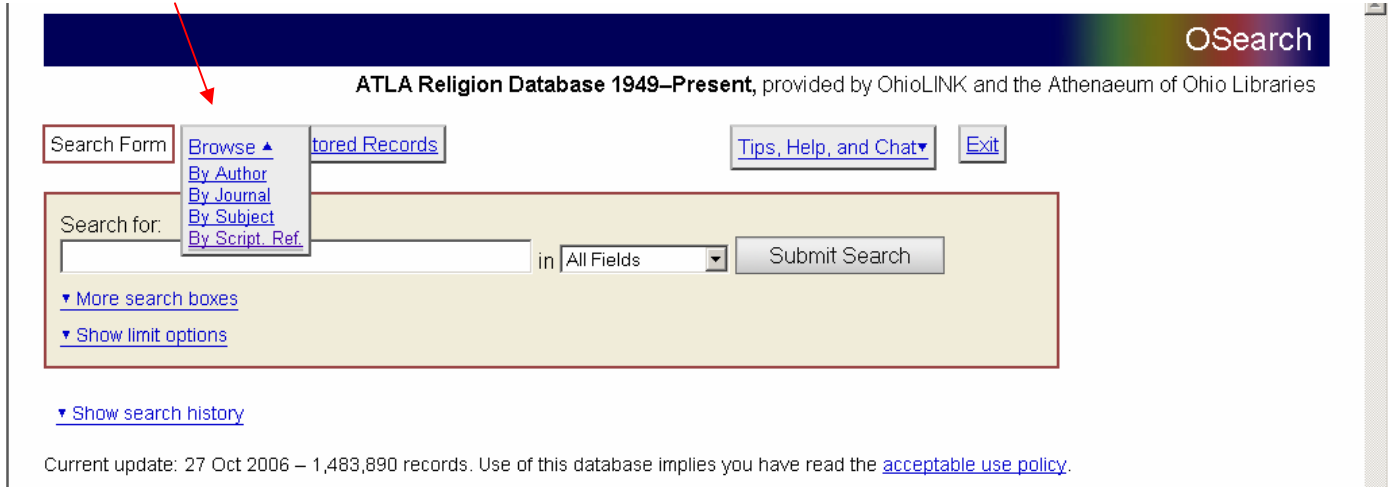
Go to the Athenaeum Maly library page: www.athenaeum.edu/library/

Click on *Research Databases*.

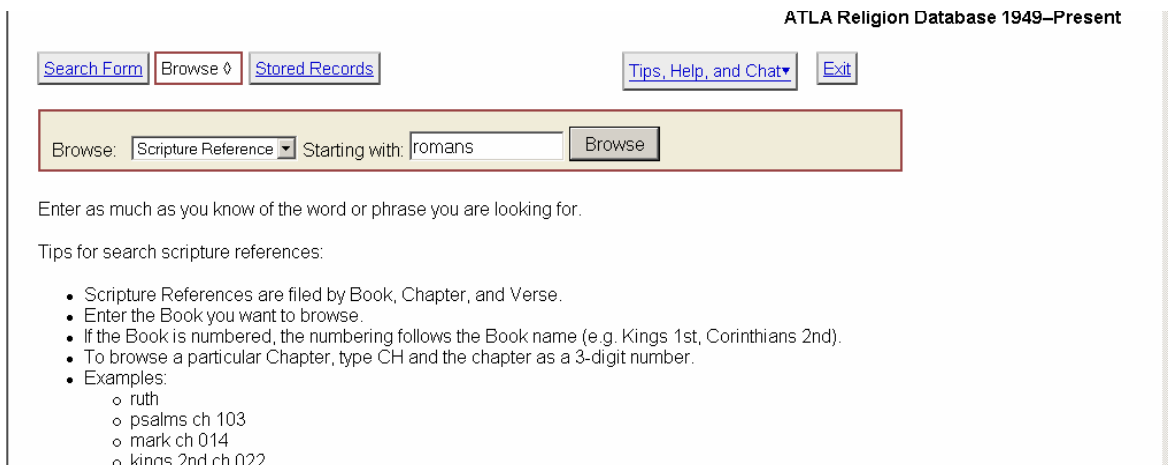
Click on the *ATLA* link.

The best strategy is to **browse** the Scripture headings for the book you want.

Click the Browse button on the main page and select By Script. Ref.:



Enter the book of Scripture you wish to search, for example, Romans. Click the Browse button.



Enter as much as you know of the word or phrase you are looking for.

Tips for search scripture references:

- Scripture References are filed by Book, Chapter, and Verse.
- Enter the Book you want to browse.
- If the Book is numbered, the numbering follows the Book name (e.g. Kings 1st, Corinthians 2nd).
- To browse a particular Chapter, type CH and the chapter as a 3-digit number.
- Examples:
 - ruth
 - psalms ch 103
 - mark ch 014
 - kings 2nd ch 022

The results screen will be a list of subject headings organized alphabetically by chapter and verse:

Term	Records	Combine		
ROMANS-CH-001-V-014	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROMANS-CH-001-V-016-THRU-CH-003-V-026	1 <input type="checkbox"/>
ROMANS-CH-001-V-014-THRU-V-017	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROMANS-CH-001-V-016-THRU-V-017	12 <input type="checkbox"/>
ROMANS-CH-001-V-014-THRU-V-032	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROMANS-CH-001-V-016-THRU-V-018	1 <input type="checkbox"/>
ROMANS-CH-001-V-016	6	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROMANS-CH-001-V-016-THRU-V-021	1 <input type="checkbox"/>
ROMANS-CH-001-V-016-THRU-CH-002-V-036	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROMANS-CH-001-V-016-THRU-V-032	4 <input type="checkbox"/>
ROMANS-CH-001-V-016-THRU-CH-003-V-020	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	ROMANS-CH-001-V-017	24 <input type="checkbox"/>

Using the results list:

To view the citation for the article, click on the blue article title link.

To save the record, click on the 'Store' box.

The screenshot shows the ATLA Religion Database search interface. At the top right, it says "OSearch" and "ATLA Religion Database 1949–Present". There are navigation buttons for "Search Form", "Browse", "Stored Records", "Tips, Help, and Chat", and "Exit". A search box contains "Search for:" followed by a text input field, "in" a dropdown menu set to "All Fields", and a "Submit Search" button. Below the search box, there are radio buttons for "New search" (selected) and "Search in current results", along with links for "All Search Options" and "Search History". A limit section shows "Limit to: Journal Articles · English Only · Since 2000 | All Limit Options" and "View: Most frequent subjects · Most frequent journals · Most frequent authors". The "Sort by:" dropdown is set to "Most Recent Records" with a "Go" button. The "Results List" section shows the search query "ROMANS-CH-001-V-011.SCRB. . Records 1 – 3 of 3." and navigation options like "< Prev · Next >" and "Jump to record" with a text input for "3". A "Store All On Page" button is present. Three search results are listed, each with a "Find It!" icon and a "Store" checkbox:

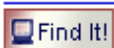
1. [Reflections on charisma\(ta\) in the New Testament](#), Kilgallen, John J. *Studia Missionalia* v 41 1992
2. [Charisma und Amt bei Paulus](#), Baumert, Norbert. *Apotre Paul* 1986
3. [Romans 1:11 and Galatians 3:5 : Pauline evidence for the laying on of hands?](#) Parratt, J.K. *Expository Times* v 79 F 1968

To see what libraries carry the source for the document, click on the "Find it" icon:



Remember that the ATLA index includes essays and chapters in books, which can be located using the regular library catalog.

The screenshot shows the OLinks library catalog page. The header includes the "OLinks" logo and "The OhioLINK Linking Service". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled "Copies in your library:", shows "Athenaeum of Ohio has:" followed by "No print holdings found." and links for "Search by title in the Athenaeum of Ohio library catalog." and "View holdings statewide". Below this, it lists a citation for Stowers, Stanley K. "Paul's dialogue with a fellow Jew in Romans 3:1-9." *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, v. 46, 1984, p. 707-722. Other information includes ISSN: 00087912 and Citation source: OhioLINK:ATLA Religion Database. The right column, titled "Find related web sites", includes "Courtesy of Google" and "Format citation as:" with radio buttons for APA, CBE, Chicago, MLA (selected), Vancouver, RefWorks (export), RIS (export), and Refer (export). A "Go" button is at the bottom of this column. A disclaimer at the bottom of the right column states: "Disclaimer: this citation may be incomplete. Check the source database for complete information."



The icon will open a page that shows 1) the libraries that hold the book or journal, 2) a link if the full-text of the article is available online (rare) and 3) a choice of formats for creating a bibliography entry (including MLA). Note: These holdings are not always accurate. The Athenaeum holdings are often not listed.

Locating a copy of an article:

The next step is to see if Maly library carries the book or journal you need. Search the catalog by title. If we do not carry the book or journal, see Jennie or Tracy about getting a copy through OhioLINK or interlibrary loan. (This is free and usually takes 3 to 7 days.)