An Analytical Bible and A Literal Version

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Planned Release Schedule

We plan to release this after we have done the final proof-reading pass. This has been a major work in progress since January 2006 and is finally coming to completion.

Genesis - JoshuaDecember 2019Judges - 2 ChroniclesJune 2020Ezra - Song of SolomonOctober 2020Isaiah - MalachiJuly 2021New TestamentJuly 2023

Explanation Of A Verse

Genesis 1:1

+\^tyCvaDr:WFb\^ in \@the\@ beginning \!<07225>\! {prep} {nfs-cnst GK-5n GK-21b GK-142a} \^aArAFb\^ has created \!<01254>\! \!(8804)\! {qal-pf-3ms} \^MyChHIXa\^ %God \!<0430>\! {nmp-pr-dei GK-125f GK-145h} \^tDa\^ \!<0853>\! {dir-obj} \^MCyBmAFv:Bh\^ the heavens \!<08064>\! {def-art} {nmp-du GK-117a} \^tDa:Ww\^ and \!<0853>\! {conj} {dir-obj} \^UErAa:Ah\^ the earth \!<0776>\! {def-art} {nfs} \+ In \@the\@ beginning \!<07225>\! %God \!<0430>\! has created \!<01254>\! \!(8804)\! \!<0853>\! the heavens \!<08064>\! and \!<0853>\! the earth \!<0776>\!. From Line 1 Morphological Hebrew Text (See Section 15 for explanation of Enhanced Morphology) + $^tyCvaDr:WFb^ (+ explained in Section 15)$ **English Translation** in \@the\@ beginning Strong's Number \!<07225>\! Parsing Information {prep} {nfs-cnst GK-5n GK-21b GK-142g} prep - Preposition nfs-cnst - Noun Feminine Singular, Construct GK-5n indicates Section 5, Subsection n in Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar, (Edited and enlarged by E. Kautzsch)

From Line 3

Morphological Hebrew Text \^MyChHIXa\^ English Translation (See Section 15 for explanation of Enhanced Morphology) %God (% explained in Section 15) Strong's Number \!<0430>\! Parsing Information {nmp-pr-dei GK-125f GK-145h}

nmp-pr-dei - noun masculine plural, proper name, diety nmp - noun masculine plural GK-125f - indicates Section 125, Subsection f in Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar

From Line 6

Morphological Hebrew Text \^tDa:Ww\^ English Translation (See Section 15 for explanation of Enhanced Morphology) and _ (_ explained in Section 15) Strong's Number \!<0853>\! Parsing Information {conj} {dir-obj}

conj - conjunction dir-obj - Hebrew direct object indictator

The literal translation after the Hebrew verse uses exactly the same words as the translation in the Hebrew text. Word order and capitalization may change and punctuation is added.

Purpose

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The purpose of this work is to provide an English study version mapped back to Hebrew and Greek for those not adept in these languages. It is fully keyed to Strongs to allow access to lexicons and each original word is parsed. Analytical parsing information with Gesenius Grammar notes are added into the Old Testament for more detailed study. It is not intended to read smoothly in English but capture the idiom of the original writers.

Overview

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This is a carefully translation from the Hebrew and Greek trying to use as few different meanings as possible. The entire work is keyed to Strong's numbers. In the Hebrew we followed the marginal (Qere) readings consistently.

Along with the Analytical, we created a Literal version using exactly the same translation as the Analytical, varying only the word order and adding punctuation and capitals where necessary.

For the most part, we have used no translation that is not found in at least one reputable English version or lexicon so any criticism of the work will also apply to some accepted English version or lexicon also.

The computer has been used extensively to smooth the translation and provide consistency of translation and to verify the accuracy of the work. We used a minimal number of translations for each Strong's number. However, because words have shades of meaning based on context, we often used more than one meaning for each word in the original.

Lastly we created a lexicon based on the translations used for each Strong's numbers with a frequency of use count for each translation. The translations for the verbs were summarised under the verb forms.

Preparing this work is a mathematical exercise on which smoother translations in English can be based.

Principals of Translation

The following rules guided us as we went.

- 1) Use modern English words. Many of the definitions in the lexicons use archaic words. Modern equivalents are substituted. Modern scholarship is used to update the meanings of some words. e.g. brass is translated as bronze.
- 2) Follow the definitions given in the lexicons as closely as possible.
- 3) Given a choice between two words, try to pick the one with the fewest syllables and the simplest meaning.
- 4) Build up a lexicon of usage as the translation proceeds and try to introduce as few new meanings as possible.
- 5) Translate the shades of meaning of the same original word as consistently as possible. e.g. the Hebrew word "lip" may mean:

a) lip b) language (at the Tower of Babel) c) bank (of a river)

d) shore (of a sea) &c.

For example, each time it refers to say, the shore of the sea, it would be translated as "shore", not as "lip." You cannot always translate the same original word into the same English word like the ASV tried to do. There are shades of meanings that must be honoured. This is primary place where the translator's opinion enters into the translation and is subject to error. However, since everything is keyed to Strong's numbers, one can easily access the lexicons to determine the full range of meanings.

6) Translate consistently according to the Hebrew grammar the prefixes and

suffixes attached to the Hebrew words. In doing this we have found numerous new meanings that are used in most English translations that are not listed in the Hebrew grammar books. We have compiled a list of these as we went.

7) Honour the verb tenses, especially the Hebrew. Semitic languages do not have a future tense so none is used in translating Hebrew into English. "Imperfects" are translated as "Presents" and "Perfects" are translated as "Perfects" in English depending on the context. This allows the reader to easily identify these verb forms in the English Translation. A polished English translation would render many of the perfects as future and many of the present tenses as perfects. Surprising just leaving the verbs as presents or perfects makes good sense in most cases.

Essentially one could say that the Analytical did not impose a tense on the Hebrew but left it raw just as any Hebrew reader would understand it. In Hebrew one seems to create future action by putting a verb in the perfect tense for an action that has not happened yet or an action that "must" happen. Likewise an action that has obviously happened is written in the present tense. Hence context plays an very important part in determining how English tenses should be imposed on the Hebrew language.

Perfects are consistently translated with the verb modifiers, "has", "have" or "did." This allows English translation to easily identify Hebrew perfects. Most participles and infinitives are translated in English as participles. Likewise the infinitive absolute which would normally be translated by some English adverb is left as a participle. e.g. "dying you die" in Hebrew would be translated as "you shall surely die" in most English translations.

There is no real subjunctive mode in Hebrew so none appears in the English except to smooth the English. When added the words are always in italics. The Cohortive or Voluntative is the closest thing to a jussive in Hebrew. When you see a jussive in this work, the Hebrew verb is a Qal Imperfect and it is strictly context that determines when a jussive is used in the English translation. In all these cases the word "&let" is used.

Hebrew grammarians use the "Way Consecutive" in determining Hebrew tenses. For a complete discussion on this see Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar section 49. Dr. Young noted numerous problems with this approach which are documented in his preface to the 1898 edition of his Bible, "Young's Literal Translation". I have not found a rebutal to what Dr. Young claimed. There may be one, but I have not see it. Normally it would be posted on the Internet somewhere. I have been only able to trace back this "Wav Consecutive" grammar construct a couple of hundred years which leads me to believe it is of recent origin. Seeking to avoid controversy we just left the verbs in the raw Hebrew form. It is interesting to note that the "Wav consecutive" depends on the vowel points and most of the scholars who insist on using it also deny the inspiration of the vowel points! These seems to bring us full circle back to where we started from. The translator of Hebrew must depend to a great extent on the context when translating the Hebrew Bible into another language. Hence there would always be some degree of subjectivity in the resulting translation with

respect to the tenses used in the target language.

This is NOT a polished English translation but is intended to convey as many Hebrewisms as possible into the English without creating a totally unreadable English translation. We attempted to leave the Hebrew verbs as "raw" as possible so as not to obscure their forms in the English. No matter how this is done someone will not be satisfied.

- 8) The final work is to read from a Hebrew and Greek perspective. Little attempt is made to make it read well from the 21st century for an Englishman. Our goal is an accurate literal translation on which polished translations can be constructed or compared with.
- 9) Key the entire work to Strong's numbers and parse every word. To this end the translation attempts to translate every word in the original so a complete set of Strong's numbers can be derived for the translation. We used the same wording in the Analytical as in the literal translation so you can see exactly what original words were used for the English. The translation was designed to accept Strong's system rather then have it artificially imposed as is done when the numbering system is applied to most English translations. The word \^MEh:Al\^ in the Hebrew can either be a preposition plus word 1992 or a preposition and a third person macsuline plural suffix. We followed the analytical parsing to determine which to use.
- 10) All the words including "a", "an" and "of", not specified or implied in the Hebrew or Greek are in italics. You will see much more italics in this work when you compare it to other translations. If "the" is not in the Hebrew and is supplied, it is placed in italics. Sometimes incorrect theological conclusions have been based on the word "the." For example, "the angel of the Lord" is assumed to refer to Christ. However, in many passages the word "the" is not in the Hebrew and the phrase should be translated "an angel of the Lord." See Numbers 22:22. See also Daniel 3:25 where "the son of God" could be "a son of [the] gods."
- 11) All Hebrew words or prefixes that are not translated are specified as "_" character. This allows the computer to check that we did not miss translating anything.
- 12) The Analytical contains no capitalization except for proper nouns and no punctuation. These are reserved for the literal translation.
- 13) Replace thee's and thou's by "%you" and alter the verb to agree in number. This deviates from a strictly literal translation. The singular form is indicated by %you, %your, %yourself. The verb agreement is always in the pural form. See point 15.
- 14) Follow the marginal Hebrew readings (Kethiv) where possible. Exception is 1Sa 18:9. A Kethiv reading should be created in 2Ch 3:4. The temple portico was 20 cubits not 120 cubits high as we know from other Scriptures.
- 15) Enhanced morphology for the Hebrew text a) ":" delimits all suffixes, prefixes and Hebrew words

- b) Prefix ":h?" denotes an interrogative particle
- c) Suffix "@h:" indicates a locative case (@a Aramaic)
- d) Suffix "!h:" indicates a cohortive
- e) Suffix "+" indicates an implied construct
- f) %God indicates the plural name for God (Strong's 430)
- g) & the & those, &_ indicates the definite article is implied by the vowel pointing
- h) &let, &may indicates the voluntative or cohortive (jussive) implied by the verb construction
- i) %you, %your, %yourselves indicate the singular form of the second person whereas you, your, yourselves indicate the plural form
- j) %His, %him indicates the third person masculine singular suffix on the feminine singular suffix pointed with a Holem Haser vowel on the preceding consonant.
- j) Other words prefixed by a % if translated in the singular in English are in the pural in the Hebrew and visa versa.
- k) Several Hebrew words that are represented with one Strong's number are linked with a "_" if they are not linked with a dagesh "-". These are usually proper names or place names.
- 16) Some English words consist of two or more words in the Hebrew but are translated as only one word in the English.

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%midnight = 2676 + 3915
Eben Ezer = 72 = \^rEzDe:Ah NEbEa:Ah\^
able to afford = 4672 + 3027 + 1767
adulteress = 802 + 376
adversary = 372 + 7379 or 1167 + 4941
afterwards = 310 + 365
ally = 1285 + 1167
always = 3506 + 6256 or 3605 + 3117
anything = 3605 + 1697 or 3605 + 3972
archer = 1869 8802 + 7198 or 3384 8688 + 7198 or 1167 + 2671 or 7411 + 7198
armory = 1004 + 3627
armourbearer = 5375 8802 + 3627
armpit = 679 + 3027
arrow = 1121 + 7198
attractive = 3303 + 4758
beautiful = 3303 + 8389
because = 3606 + 6903 + 1768
bedroom = 2315 + 4904
before = 8543 + 8032
bird = 1167 + 3671
birthday = 3117 + 3205 8715
blacksmith = 2796 + 1270
bowshot = 7198 + 2909 + 8764
both ... and = :m ... 5704
broad = 7342 + 3027
brokenhearted = 7665 8803 + 3820
calf = 1121 + 1241
cannot = 3808 + 3201 8799
capstone = 7222 + 68
carpenter = 2796 + 6086
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cartwheel = 5699 + 212 or 5699 + 1536
caulker = 2388 8688 + 919
chalkstones = 1615 + 68
charmer = 3956 + 1167
chief herdsmen = 8269 + 4735
chronicles = 1697 + 3117
close friend = 376 + 7965
collected sayings = 1167 + 627
consider = 7760 + 3820
continually = 3605 + 3117
cornerstone = 68 + 6438 or 7218 + 6438
counsellors = 572 + 6098
courageous = 533 + 3820
creditor = 1167 + 4874
crossroads = 1004 + 5410
daily = 3117 + 3117
discontented = 4751 + 5315 (=bitterness of soul)
discouraged = 7504 + 3027 (weak of hands)
distains = 959 8799 + 5869
doorkeepers = 8104 + 8802 + 5592
double-edged = 8147 + 6366
drunkard = 8354 8802 + 7941 or 5433 8802 + 3196
eagle owl = 1323 + 3284
east side = 4217 + 8121
eighteen = 8083 + 6240
eleven = 259 + 6240
eleven hundred = 505 + 3967
eloquent = 376 + 1697
else = 518 + 369 or 518 + 3808
everlasting = 5769 + 3117
every kind = 6833 + 3605 + 3671
except = 3588 + 518
expert = 6186 8802 or 5608 8802 or 3925 8794 or 995 8737 or 7919 8688
eyebrow = 1354 + 5869
evelid = 8109 + 5869
faint-hearted = 7390 + 3824
feeble = 3808 + 3524
few in number = 4962 + 4557
fifteen = 2568 + 6240
fishhooks = 1729 + 5518
floodwater = 7641 + 4325 or 3999 + 4325
foot solders = 376 + 7273
footstool = 1916 + 7272
for ever = 3605 + 3117
forefather = 1 + 7223
foreigner = 1121 + 5236
foreman = 6213 8802 + 4399
forty (thousand) = 702 + 7239
fourteen = 702 + 6240
gatekeepers 8104 + 8802 + 5592
governor = 1169 + 2942
grandchildren = 1121 + 1121
grandson(s) = 1121 + 1121
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greedy = 5794 + 5315
growl = 5414 + 6963
hailstones = 68 + 417 or 68 + 1259
half-tribe = 4276 + 4294 or 2677 + 4294 or 2677 + 7626
handful = 3709 + 4393 or 2651 + 4393 or 4393 + 7062
handiwork = 4639 + 3027
hard-hearted = 3820 + 7186
harem = 1004 + 802
heir = 1121 + 4943
highest places = 1610 + 4791
highway = 1870 + 5549 8803
holidav = 3117 + 2896
homeborn = 1004 + 321
honeycomb = 3295 + 1706
hostage = 1121 + 8594
how 5704 + 4970
how long = 5704 + 4970 or 5704 + 575 or 5704 + 4100 or 5704 + 518
humble man = 7807 + 5869
humiliation = 1322 + 6440
hundredfold = 3967 + 8180
ignorant = 3808 + 3045 8799
impudent = 7186 + 6440 or 2389 + 4696
inasmuch as = 3588 + 5921 + 3651 or 3282 + 3588 or 3606 + 6903 + 1768
incurable = 4832 + 369
industrious = 6213 8802 + 4399
inexperienced = 7390 + 3824
injustice = 3808 + 4941
innocent = 5355 + 1818
javelins = 4731 + 3027
joking = 7832 8764 + 3808
just as = 3606 + 6903 + 1768
kitchen = 1004 + 1310 + 8764
lamb = 1121 + 6629
lapful = 4393 + 899
left-handed = 334 + 3027 + 3225
legs = 7272 + 7272
lest = \^aHI:Ww\^ = and + 3808 or 4616 + 3808
lifeblood = 1818 + 5315
longsuffering = 750 + 639 (lit. long of nose)
look = 7760 + 5869 (lit. set your eyes)
many generations = 1755 + 1755
mark well = 7760 8804 + 3820
married = 1167 + 802
mason = 2796 + 68 + 7023 or 2796 7023
mealtime = 6256 + 400
medium = 1172 + 178
million = 505 + 505
miser = 7451 + 5869
mountain goat = 3277 + 5553
mountaintop = 2022 + 7218
never = 3808 or 408
     or 3808 + 5331
     or 3808 + 5704 + 5769
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or 3808 + 5705
     or 3808 + 5769
     or 1077 + 5331
     or 1077 + 5769
nineteen = 8672 + 6240
no one = 3605 + 3808
nor = ^{M} = 100 + 3808
nothing = 369 + 3605 or 3808 + 3605 or 1097 + 3605 or 3808 + 1697
nurse = 3243 + 8688 + 802
oh that = 5414 + 8799 + 4310
one accord = 3820 + 3162
one hundred and twenty-two thousand = 8147 + 6240 + 7239
one-tenth = 6241 + 259
oppressor = 8501 + 376
ostrich = 1323 + 3284
partiality 4856 + 6440
please = 3190 + 5869 or 2896 + 5869 or 2895 + 5869
plumb-line = 68 + 913
plump = 1277 + 1320
previously = 865 + 8032
previously or before = 8543 + 8032 (= yesterday and the day before)
prison = 1004 + 612 or 1004 + 631 8803 or 1004 + 953 or 1004 + 3608 or 1004 + 3628 or
1004 + 4115 or 1004 + 5470 or 1004 + 6486
quartermaster = 8269 + 4496
riverside = 3027 + 2975
sandalwood = 484 + 6086
scarlet yarn = 8438 + 8144
schemer = 1167 + 4209
scoffers = 3944 + 582
seacoast = 2348 + 3220 or 8193 + 3220 or 2256 + 3220
seamen = 582 + 591
seashore = 2348 + 3220 or 8193 + 3220
seat = 4725 + 3427 8800
seductive = 2896 + 2580
selvedge = 7098 + 2279
seven %pairs = 7651 + 7651
seveteen = 7651 + 6240
shameful conduct = 5949 + 1697
sheepfold = 1448 + 6629 or 4356 + 6629
sheep-shearer = 1494 8802 + 6629
shepherd = 7462 8802 + 6629
show partiality = 5234 + 6440
since = 5704 + 3008
sing = 5414\ 8799 + 6963
sixteen = 8337 + 6240
sixty (thousand) = 8337 + 7239
slanderer = 376 + 3956
slingstone = 7050 + 68
small number = 4557 + 4962 lit. men of number
southeast = 6924 + 4136 + 5045
sparkle = 5414 8799 + 5869
sparks = 1121 + 7565
stiff-necked = 7186 + 6203
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stonecutter = stonecutters 2672 8802 + 68
stouthearted = 3808 + 3820 + 3820 or 47 + 3820
strong refuge = 6697 + 4583
stubborn = 2389 + 3820
sunrise = 4217 + 8121
swore = 5375 + 8804 + 853 + 3027
taskmaster = 8269 + 4522
therefore = 5921 + 3651 or 3606 + 6903 + 1836
thirteen = 7969 + 6240
three-toothed = 7969 + 8127
times past = 8543 + 8032
trader = 582 + 8446 8802
twelve = 8147 + 6240
twenty thousand = 8147 + 7239
ugly = 7451 + 4758
unceasing = 1115 + 5627
uncleanness = 6172 + 1697
unintentionally = 1097 + 1847 (with no knowledge)
unless = 518 + 3808
unless = 1115 + 518
unrighteousness = 6664 + 3808
unseachable = 2714 + 369
unsearchable = 369 + 2714 or 3808 + 2714
warrior = 6213 8802 + 4421
washbasin = 7366 + 5518
washpot = 5518 + 7366
watchtower = 4026 + 5341 8802
water carriers = 75798802 + 4325
watercourses = 2988 + 4325
where = 834 + 8033
wineskin = 4997 + 3196
woodcutters = 2404\ 8802\ +\ 6086
workman = 6213 8802 + 4399 or 582 + 4399
wrist = 679 + 3027
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- 17) Hebrew poetry is formatted in Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia but is often very hard to determine the line breaks. Sometimes the divisions make no sense and split up a construct across a line. Very occasionally we changed the formatting in the Hebrew. More frequently, we reorganised the English translation to make more sense of the parallelism in the Hebrew.
- 18) Grammar points from the Genesius Hebrew Grammar inserted in analytical parsing information where applicable. Every biblical reference in the Grammar in noted in the appropriate Hebrew parsing footnote. These were taken from the section "Index To Passages" (page 565-598 in the Grammar) and cross-checked with Owen's Analytical and errors in each were noted.

e.g. GK-75bbN means

GK = Genesius Hebrew Grammar

75 = the section number

bb = the subsection

N = a footnote on that subsection

19) Variations in Hebrew parsings are noted. Our parsing comes first followed by the parsing of John Owen as indicated by "JJO". In most cases these just indicated a more precise parsing than Owen gave not an incorrect parsing.

from Baal Gad \!<01171>\! {prep} {n-pr-loc JJO-n-pr}

Notes On Hebrew Text

Kithiv reading used instead of Qere

2Sa 12:9, 2Sa 14:22, 2Sa 21:20, 2Sa 22:15, 1Ki 1:47

Word omitted and indicated by a | (Paseq) and is given as a Qere reading

1Sa 2:16, 2Sa 16:22

Gen 14:10 Daggesh missing S in Siddem in Ben Asher Gen 14:17 Chedorlaomer in Ben Asher text is Chedor-Laomer; one word 1,4,5,9. Gen 33:4 "Kissed," every letter with Holem Haser (dot over top left of letter) Jud 20:13 Word in Ben Asher text has no consonants, Ben Chayyin has both Ru 3:17 1Ki 19:31,37 Jer 31:38 50:29 word with no consonants Ne 7:68 is omitted in the Ben Asher text Ne 12:11 last begat not in Ben Asher text hwHICyd aEt-ywHyAdAe eAdAyHwy-tEa dyClHwh Jer 10:10 "Gods" in the text Isa 9:7 final form of Mem in middle of word Job 30:10 "makers" in plural Jer 10:10 "Gods" in plural

OT Aramaric Text

Ezra 4:8-6:18 7:12-26 Jer 10:11 Da 2:4-7:28

Aramaic in Daniel 2:4 starts after the word "Aramaic" or "Syriack".

Results of this Work

- 1) An Analytical keyed to Strong's.
- 2) A Literal translation keyed to Strong's.
- 3) Lexicons of usage for the Hebrew and Greek.
- 4) Analytical parsing information and Gesenius Hebrew Grammar points inserted in the parsing information where applicable

Estimated completion time is 2018 for publication for the Old Testament and 2021 for publication of the New Testament.

Quirks in Hebrew

- In English we would say, "X is Y years old." In Hebrew they normally say "X is the son of Y years" or "X is the daughter of Y years." This has the side benefit if X can be either male or female, this determines the sex of X.
- 2) Hebrew sometimes uses the plural or dual from for a noun instead of using the cardinal number "two" to modify the noun.

Example of points 1 and 2:

These [are] 428 [the] descendants 8435 of Shem 8035: Shem 8035 [is] a son of 1121 a hundred 3967 years 8141 and he fathers 3205 8686 853 Arphaxad 775 two years 8141 after 310 ...

- 3) Possession is indicated by the dative as in Latin and Greek. In English we say, 'He has a sword.' In Hebrew or Greek we say, 'To/For him there is a sword.' For sake of readability, we translate this, 'He has a sword,' or something similar.
- 4) Hebrew is an adverb poor language. To express an adverb usually the infinitive of a verb is used to modify a verb. e.g. Ge 2:17 "you surely die" becomes "dying you die."

Primary Resources Used

- 1) Revised Webster Version keyed to Strong' Numbers with verb parsings, Online Bible, 1995.
- 2) Young's Literal Translation, 1898
- 3) Green's Literal Translation, 1993
- 4) Green's Analytical, 1985
- 5) New King James Version keyed to Strong's Numbers with verb parsings, 1982, Online Bible, 1997
- 6) New Living Version, second edition, 2004
- 7) English Standard Version, 2011
- 8) Hebrew Text morphologically parsed, Online Bible, 1990
- 9) Englishman's Greek and Hebrew Concordance by George Wigram, circa 1850
- 10) Analytical Key to the Old Testament by John Owens, 1989
- 11) Stephanus' Greek Text, fully parsed, Online Bible, 1990
- 12) Greek and Hebrew lexicons, based on Brown Driver and Briggs, Thayers

and other lexicons, Online Bible, 1989

13) Gesenius Hebrew Grammar, 2006

14) OT Parsing Guide, Todd Beall, 1990

Only because we are standing on the shoulders of theological giants, are we able to even attempt this work.

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