

Bible Study Tools – Bible Concordances

Bible Study Tools activities are designed to give students practice in basic Bible study skills: the use of Bible maps, cross-reference systems, concordances and lexicons. This is a KJV Bible concordance worksheet.

Bible Concordances

Two of the most widely used Bible concordances are Young's and Strong's. *Young's Analytical Concordance to the Holy Bible* was published in 1879. *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible* was published in 1894. Both concordances list the words that are used in the King James Version of the Bible (KJV).¹

¹ Strong's Concordance also lists the words used in the English Revised Version (RV or ERV) of 1881/1885.

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What Do Young’s and Strong’s Concordances Tell Us?

Here are a few entries from Young’s and Strong’s concordances. Both concordances list the words that are used in the King James Version of the Bible (KJV). Take a careful look at the entries and then answer the questions that follow.

YOUNG’S ANALYTICAL CONCORDANCE	STRONG’S EXHAUSTIVE CONCORDANCE
<p>AS’-SOS, also called <i>Apollonia</i>, Ἄσσοϛ A seaport of Mysia, in Asia Minor, 9 miles from Troas, on the northern shore of the Gulf of Adramyttium.</p> <p>Acts 20.13 And we ... sailed unto A., there intending 20.14 when he met with us at A., we took him</p> <p>ASSUR. See ASSHUR.</p> <p>ASSURANCE –</p> <p>1. <i>Confidence, trust</i>, בטח <i>betach</i>. Isa. 32.17 the effect of righteousness ... assurance for</p> <p>2. <i>Faith, trust, conviction</i>, πίστις <i>pistis</i>. Acts 17.31 he hath given assurance unto all (men)</p> <p>3. <i>Full conviction</i>, πληροφορία <i>plērophoria</i>. 1 Th. 1.5 the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance</p> <p>ASSURANCE, full – <i>Full conviction</i>, πληροφορία <i>plērophoria</i>. Col. 2.2 unto all riches of the full assurance of Heb. 6.11 shew ... diligence to the full assurance of 10 22 Let us draw near ... in full assurance of</p> <p>ASSURANCE, to have – <i>To hold steadfast</i>, אמן <i>aman</i>, 5. Deut. 28.66 thou ... shalt have none assurance of ... life</p> <p>ASSURE, to – <i>To persuade</i>, πείθω <i>peithō</i>. 1 Jo. 3.19 and shall assure our hearts before him</p> <p>ASSURED – <i>Truth</i>, אמת <i>emeth</i>. Jer. 14.13 I will give you assured peace in this place</p> <p>ASSURED, to be – <i>To rise up, stand firm</i>, עָקָם <i>qum</i>. Lev. 27.19 he shall add ... and it shall be assured to</p> <p>ASSURED of, to be – <i>To be made steady</i>, πιστόομαι <i>pistoomai</i>. 2 Ti. 3.14 hast learned and hast been assured of</p>	<p>Assos (as'-sos) Ac 20:13 sailed unto A, there intending to 789 14 he met with us at A ”</p> <p>assuage See ASSWAGE.</p> <p>Assur (as'-sur) See also ASSHUR. Ezr 4:2 days of Esar-haddon king of A, * 804 Ps 83:8 A also is joined with them: they * ”</p> <p>assurance De 28:66 shalt have none a of thy life 539 Isa 32:17 quietness and a for ever. * 983 Ac 17:31 he hath given a unto all men, 4102 Col 2: 2 of the full a of understanding, 4136 1 Th 1:5 and in much a; as ye know ” He 6:11 the full a of hope unto the end * ” 10:22 in full a of faith, having our * ”</p> <p>assure See also ASSURED. 1 Jo 3:19 and shall a our hearts before him. 3982</p> <p>assured Le 27:19 and it shall be a to him. 6966 Jer 14:13 a peace in this place. 571 2 Ti 3:14 and hast been a of, 4104</p>

1 – Look at the word *assurance* in Young's Concordance.

Young's entries are grouped according to the original Hebrew and Greek words that are translated *assurance* in the King James Bible. The words are shown below.

Place an **H** next to the Hebrew (Old Testament) words that are translated assurance in the King James Bible.

Place a **G** next to the Greek (New Testament) words that are translated *assurance*.

_____ *betach*

_____ *pistis*

_____ *plerophoria*

_____ *aman*

2 – What does *betach* mean?

3 – What does *pistis* mean?

4 – What does *plerophoria* mean?

5 – What does *aman* mean?

Now look at the word *assurance* in Strong's Concordance. Look at the numbers after each entry for *assurance*. They are called Strong's Numbers.

6 – How many different numbers are there?

7 – Which numbers go with the Old Testament passages?

8 – Which numbers go with the New Testament passages?

9 – Can you guess what the numbers stand for?

Strong's Concordance has two dictionaries located at the back. One is a *Dictionary of the Words in the Hebrew Bible* (Old Testament), and the other is a *Dictionary of the Greek Testament* (New Testament). Every Hebrew and Greek word in the Bible has a Strong's Number and is listed by this number in the corresponding dictionary.

Here are two entries of interest in Strong's Old Testament dictionary:

539. אָמַן 'aman, aw-man'; a prim, root; prop. *to build up or support; to foster* as a parent or nurse; fig. *to render* (or be) *firm* or faithful, *to trust* or believe, *to be permanent* or quiet; mor. *to be true* or certain; once (Isa. 30:21; by interch. for 541) *to go to the right hand*: — **assurance, believe, bring up, establish, + fail, be faithful (of long continuance, steadfast, sure, surely, trusty, verified), nurse, (-ing father), (put), trust, turn to the right.**

983. בֵּטַח betach, beh'-takh; from 982; prop, a place of *refuge*; abstr. *safety*, both the fact (*security*) and the feeling (*trust*); often (adv. with or without prep.) *safely*: — **assurance, boldly, (without) care (-less), confidence, hope, safe (-ly, -ty), secure, surely.**

10 – What Hebrew words do Strong's Numbers 539 and 983 stand for?

11 – How does Strong define *aman*?

12 – How does Strong define *betach*?

13 – The last four lines of entry 539 list the different ways that the Hebrew word *aman* is translated in the King James Bible. In addition to *assurance*, how is *aman* translated in the KJV Old Testament?

14 – The last three lines of entry 983 list the different ways that the Hebrew word *betach* is translated in the King James Bible. In addition to *assurance*, how is *betach* translated in the KJV Old Testament?

Here are two entries of interest in Strong's New Testament dictionary:

4102. **πίστις pistis**, *pis'-tis*; from 3982; *persuasion*, i.e. *credence*; mor. *conviction* (of *religious* truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), espec. *reliance* upon Christ for salvation; abstr. *constancy* in such profession; by extens. the system of religious (Gospel) *truth* itself:
— **assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.**

4136. **πληροφορία plērophoria**, *play-rof-or-ee'-ah*; from 4135; *entire confidence*:
— **(full) assurance.**

15 – What Greek words do Strong's Numbers 4102 and 4136 stand for?

16 – How does Strong define *pistis*?

17 – How does Strong define *plerophoria*?

18 – The last part of entry 4102 lists the different ways that the Greek word *pistis* is translated in the King James Bible. In addition to *assurance*, how is *pistis* translated in the KJV New Testament?

19 – How is the word *plerophoria*, Strong's Number 4136, translated in the KJV New Testament?