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These examples will be listed as follows: general bibliographic format, specific bibliography example, in-text citation format and example.

A Book by a Single Author:

Last name of author, First name. *Title in Italics*. City of Publication: Publisher, Year.

Rasmussen, Carl. *The Significance of the Old Testament for Today*. Jerusalem: Hebrew Press, 1986.

(Last name Year, Page No.)

(Rasmussen 1986, 68)

*For two or three authors:

Last name of author 1, First name, and First name Last name of author 2. (continue as listed above).

Rasmussen, Carl, and Mark Reasoner.

A Journal Article

Last name of author, First name. "Article Title." *Journal Title in Italics* vol. #, no. # (Year of Issue): Page numbers of article.

Holmes, Michael. "Romans." *The Life and Teachings of Paul* 1, 3 (2005): 143-156.

(Last name Year, Page No.)

(Holmes 2005, 145)

An Article in an Encyclopedia or a Dictionary

Last name of author, First name. "Article Title." Pages # - # in vol. # of *Title of Ency. Or Dictionary*. Edited by Name of Editor. No. of Volumes. City of Publication: Publisher, Year.

Novakovic, Lidja. "Mary Magdalene: NOT a Prostitute." Pages 4-6 in vol. 7 of *The Encyclopedia of Jesus and His Teachings*. Edited by Gary Long. 9 vols. London: Queen's Publishing, 1995.

(Last name Year, Page No.)

(Novakovic 1995, 4)

*If no author is listed, begin entry with the article title. The in-text citation will use the title as well.

Bible Commentaries

Last name of author, First name. *Specific Commentary Title in Italics*. General Commentary Title #. City of Publication: Publisher, Year.

Eddy, Paul. *The Gospel of Mark*. Spiritual Warfare in the New Testament and Today 3. Paris, France: Baguette Books, 1987.

(Last name Year, Page No.)

(Eddy 1987, 65)

Internet Sources

Last name of Author (if there is one listed), First name. "Article Title." No pages. Date you found information on the site (format Day Month Year). Online: <http://www.fullwebaddress>.

Bilby, Jim. "The Hobbits' Spiritual Journey." No pages. 4 June 2006. Online: <http://www.theologyofJRRRTolkein.com/LOTR/hobbits>.

Scripture In-text References

(Book chapter: verses)

(Matthew 5:20, 26; 3:4-5; Luke 7).

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