

Review of Adventist materials now available in Accordance
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In the past, Bible students spent a lot of time looking for resources to answer their questions and enrich their understanding. Today we have so many resources at our fingertips that we have difficulty finding time to sort through them in order to locate what we need. Even when entire libraries of books and other secondary source materials are online and we can do word and phrase searches within them, correlating them with the Bible is complicated and time-consuming. This problem has been growing ever more serious for Seventh-day Adventists in general and especially for pastors, theology teachers and students, and biblical researchers.

Now there is a solution. The Accordance Bible software program enables us to easily and rapidly correlate biblical passages with secondary resources. In fact, Accordance is integrating a collection of Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) publications, beginning with a vast library of materials by Ellen G. White (117 books, 27 volumes of manuscript releases, and plenty more) and some books published by Andrews University Press (for example, Normal Gulley's massive *Systematic Theology*).

In Accordance, navigating within SDA publications and relating them to the Bible and personal study projects are enhanced by features such as definition of searches for titles or subtitles, English content, Scripture, Greek content, Hebrew content, transliteration (of Greek or Hebrew), captions, and page numbers. Scripture references are hypertexted so that the reader can instantly see the cited verse or passage. There are also tools for bookmarking and highlighting for particular purposes, such as further research, so that only the highlighted portions can be extracted to be studied or otherwise used together.

More significantly, by defining a tool set of selected (or all) publications installed in Accordance, the reader can scroll through the biblical text and have specific passages in secondary resources that are relevant to those verses appear. The tool set can consist of SDA or other publications, or both together. This Accordance feature can literally scan through hundreds of books in seconds. Accordance also facilitates searches of words or phrases found in any online document: Just select an expression in such a document and quickly find related biblical and secondary source passages.

Now our study of the Bible and related literature can be far more comprehensive, up-to-date, efficient, satisfying, and enjoyable.