



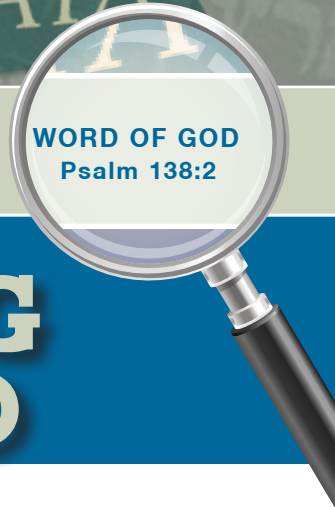
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"For You have magnified Your Word above all Your Name."

WORD OF GOD
Psalm 138:2



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MAGNIFYING GOD'S WORD

A Weekend Trip That Changed Everything

Oftentimes, God brings together people in unexpected ways. And He blesses the relationship, using it mightily for His kingdom. Dale and Meg were both attending the University of Illinois where Dale was in his senior year for engineering while Meg was beginning her studies in dietetics. They met at their church's college youth group and did not pursue anything further than friendship. They felt that their personalities were too different to work in a relationship. But God had a different plan.

Meg planned an event at her parents' house in Minnesota for the college youth, inviting the whole group via email. What she did not realize was Dale was still on the email list, so he also received the message. He responded, asking if he could come, and even though

she couldn't quite remember who he was, she told him yes. Once they met up again, it felt like everything had changed. Dale said, "God really helped me see past what I perceived as incompatibilities between me and Meg, and I fell in love with who God had made her to

be." And so, believing that God desired them to be married, he began to pursue a relationship with her.

Meg was introduced to Blue Letter Bible during a college Bible study in the early 2000s. She has found it to be an amazing tool for clarifying her



The Koch family

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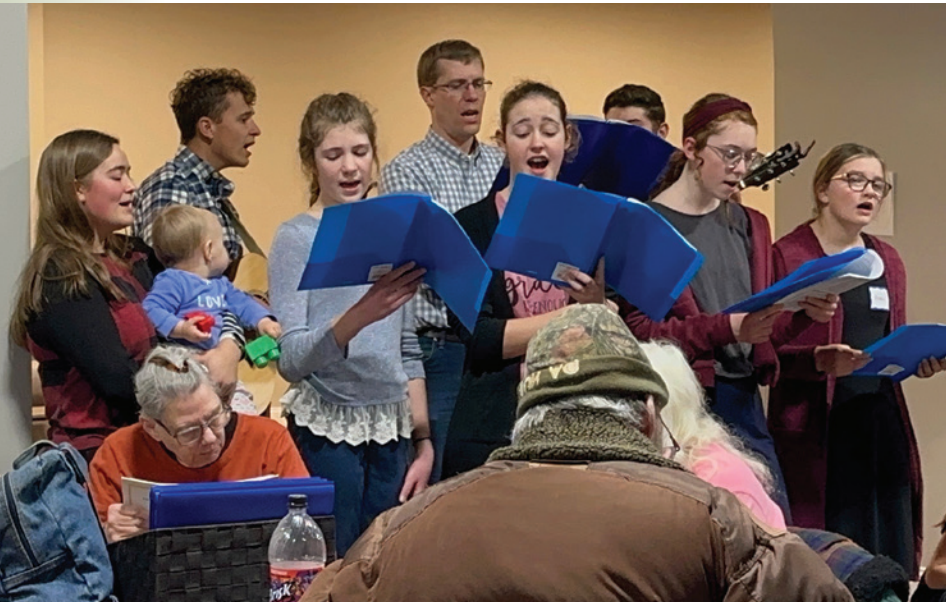
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understanding of the text: “BLB has been great in that, any time something doesn’t make sense, I can look at the Greek words, cross-references, and different perspectives on the text.” After marrying Dale in 2008, she introduced the site to him. He quickly became a consistent user, frequenting David Guzik’s commentaries and the Bible version comparison tool. He is so blessed by the continual additions and updates to the site: “There are almost limitless opportunities on the website and app. There are always things being added and improved.”

Now, Dale is a lay preacher at his church where he and Meg also are a part of a local

outreach which provides a meal followed by a time of worship and Bible study. While Dale is on the team of teachers for the adult study, Meg works with the kids who attend. Both have found BLB to be a vital tool in their preparation for this time. Meg especially loves how it allows her to adapt her teaching to apply to a diverse audience: “I try to use BLB to give the kids who have heard the story ten times a fresh look, but it also helps me keep it simple for the kids who are hearing it for the first time.” Dale and Meg continue to remain faithful to God’s calling while parenting their six children. What an amazing encouragement to all of us of God’s plan! 


STAFF TIP: Women’s Resources



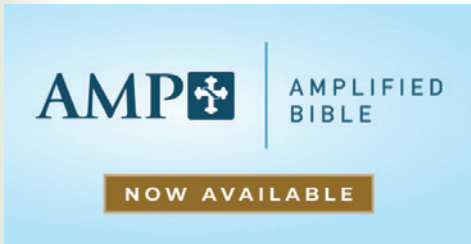
KARINA PRICE

I am incredibly blessed to be able to serve at Blue Letter Bible. Even before I worked here, I enjoyed using BLB

in my personal Bible studies. One of the areas of the website that I love is the *Women’s Resources* page! Did you know that you can listen to talks by Elisabeth Elliot, Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth, and many other wonderful women, right from the BLB website? Not only that, but we also have Bible studies on the *Women of Scripture*, materials from Christian women in modern times, and lovely reproductions of nineteenth century devotionals.

You can find these resources under the Study option on the homepage of our website. From the *Study* dropdown menu, select *Women’s Resources* (in the center column under *Theological Resources*). There you will find we have *Women of Scripture, Study Resources, Biographies, Missionaries, Hymns and Poetry, Devotionals, and Audio Resources*. I pray that you will be encouraged and strengthened in your faith as you spend time in Blue Letter Bible’s *Women’s Resources*! 


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Amplified Bible Now Available on BLB!

Frequently, we receive requests to add different translations, materials, or even tools to Blue Letter Bible. One of the most common requests is that we add the Amplified Bible (AMP) to our library of translations. It was obvious to us that it was something our users greatly desired to have on the site. And so, we are pleased to announce that we now offer the AMP on Blue Letter Bible.

The first full version of the AMP was completed in 1965. Fifty years passed, and significant changes to both the style and usage of the English language were made. Therefore, The Lockman Foundation revisited this well-loved translation of God's Word, releasing the new Amplified Bible in 2015. We at Blue Letter Bible believe that this translation will be an amazing resource for our users. The expanded text provides clarification on the meaning of Scripture while remaining faithful and true to the original text. In fact, the AMP focuses on including certain phrases from the original manuscripts that do not flow well in most English translations.

We want to thank our friends at The Lockman Foundation for their permission to provide this version to our users. They are long-time friends and partners of the ministry, and we are blessed by their generosity. To learn more about the Amplified Bible, we highly recommend reading the version's preface using the links found at blb.org/newsletterlinks. 




We Completely Remapped Our Hebrew Data

In March of 2021, a specialized Blue Letter Bible team began work on mapping all of our KJV and NASB95 Hebrew data to the English equivalents in those translations. And as of November 2023, we are excited to announce that, by God's grace, we have completed

this project after nearly three years of development. This included over 46,000 total verses mapped (23,000 per version) and over 532,000 Hebrew words updated (266,000 per version)—all of which took over 2,000 hours of work!

Essentially, mapping means connecting every single Hebrew word to every English word. However, there are many instances where a single Hebrew word is linked to multiple English words, and vice versa. This made it a complex project, which meant we needed a team of specialists to methodically work through the data. And so, through our seminary contacts, we hired several Hebrew language specialists to begin mapping.

The accuracy of our tools and resources is vital to us because of its importance to rightly dividing the Word of God. Therefore, we aim to develop and enhance the tools and resources that we offer so that you, our users, can more faithfully understand God's Word. With this thorough mapping of Hebrew to English, we pray that God will use our efforts to bless your time in the study of His Word for His glory.

We would like to thank the dedicated team members that put many hours of diligent work into linking words and reviewing verses. We had the chance to do a Q&A with a few of them. If you would like to learn a little bit more about the project, you can watch an edited version of that Q&A at blb.org/newsletterlinks. 



GOD'S WORD IS **ALIVE** & **ACTIVE**

A Heartfelt Thank You



When we started Blue Letter Bible in 1996, Frank and I did not consider accepting gifts from our users or becoming fully user supported. At the time, all of BLB's needs were met by a single generous source. For a multitude of reasons, all that changed in 2009. At that time, it became clear BLB would soon need to find other means of adequately supporting our growing ministry. In 2012, after much prayer, the Board was led to make our needs known to our users. Since then, God has blessed BLB abundantly through the generous support of His saints.

We praise God for the thousands of BLB users who have partnered with the ministry with a financial gift. BLB is wholly dependent on the support of our users and, without them, BLB could not have accomplished what it has. So, I want to say thank you to all of you who help make what we do possible. BLB can continue to grow and thrive because of God's generous provision through not only the donors, but also those who continue to use our tools and resources.

Until the whole world hears,

Jim Milligan
C.E.O. and Co-Founder

User Testimony

"I read a chapter a day of the Bible and study the commentaries to see the extra blessing of understanding more of the passage. I have learned so much and realize the complete relevancy of the Word of God to our time." — *Cynthia (CA)*

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