Olive Tree Bible App

by Bible Center Church

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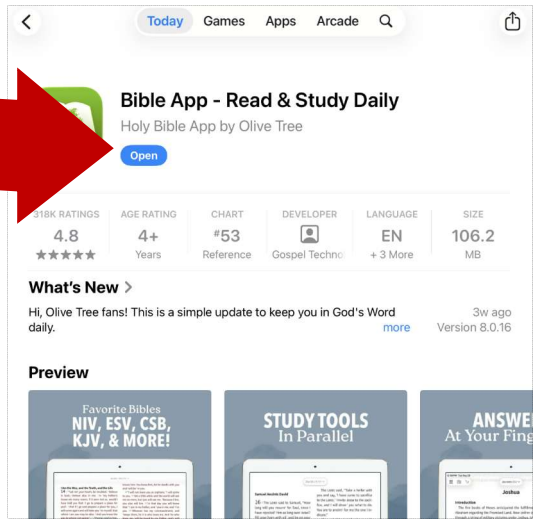
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Install Olive Tree on your devices

1. Go to https://olivetree.com
2. Select “Free Bible App”
   or “Download the App”

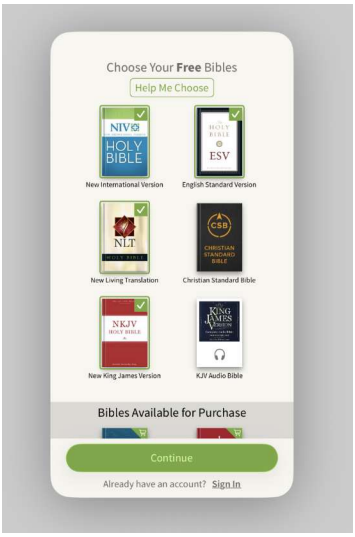
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After installing, Open Olive Tree



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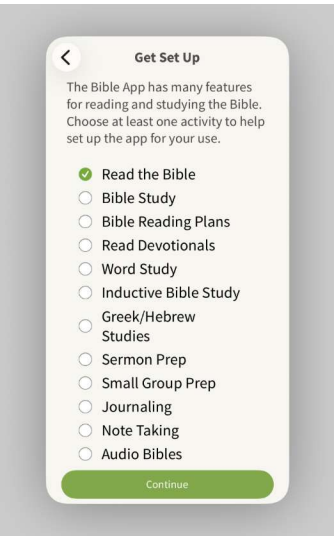
Choose one or more Bible versions



All of these are free. You can buy others later if you so desire.

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Choose an activity (Read the Bible)



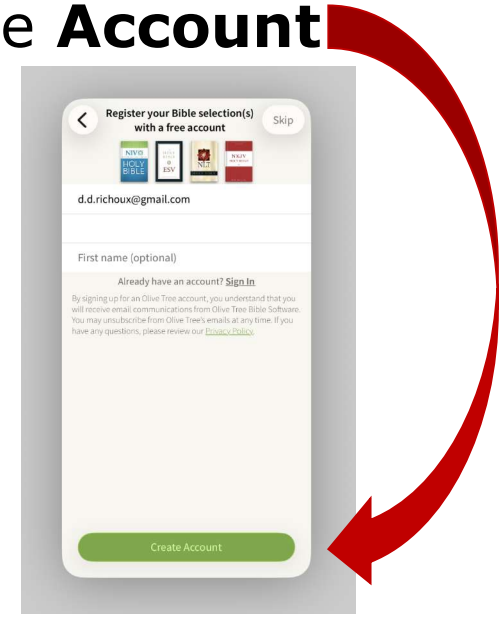
For now, you can select "Read the Bible"

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Sign in, or Create **Account**

Creating an account is essential for getting the most out of Olive Tree.

Everything you do (and buy) in Olive Tree will be backed-up if you create an account and use the **Sync** feature.

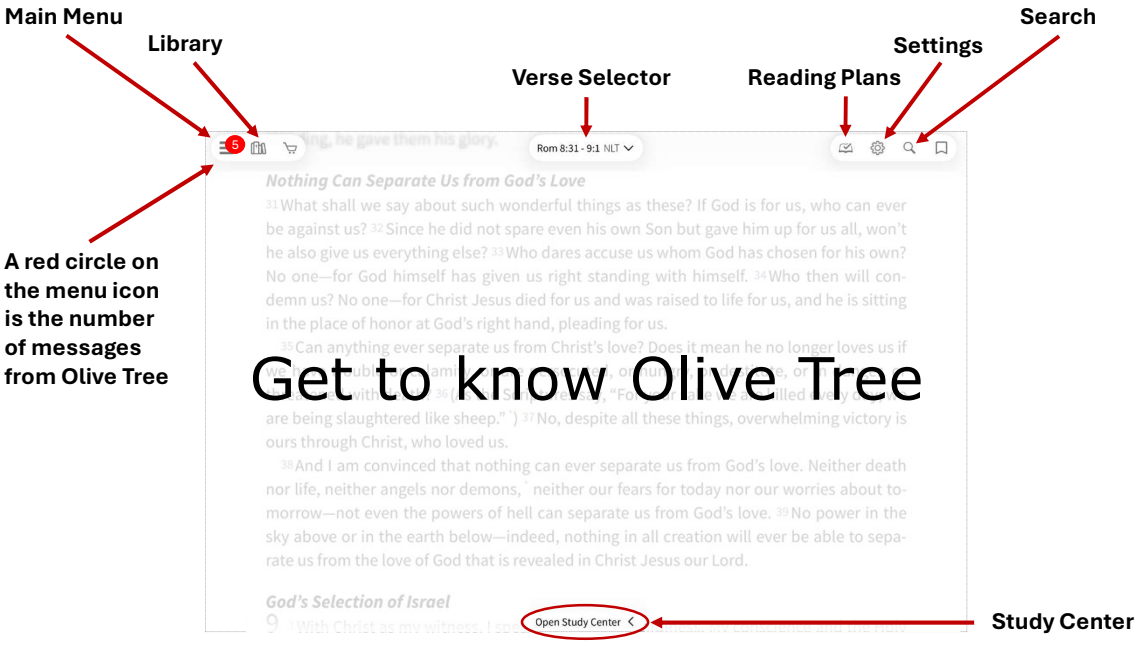


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Accept Privacy Policy



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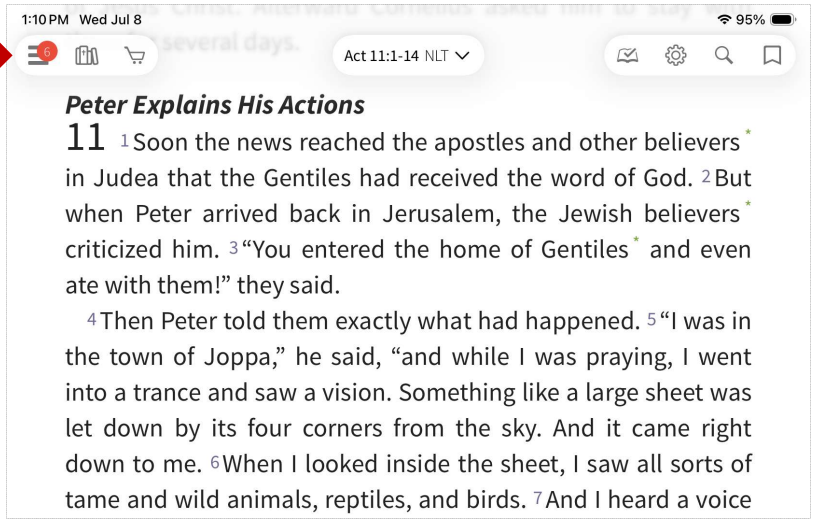
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Review Olive Tree Settings (Notifications, Scrolling and Toolbar)

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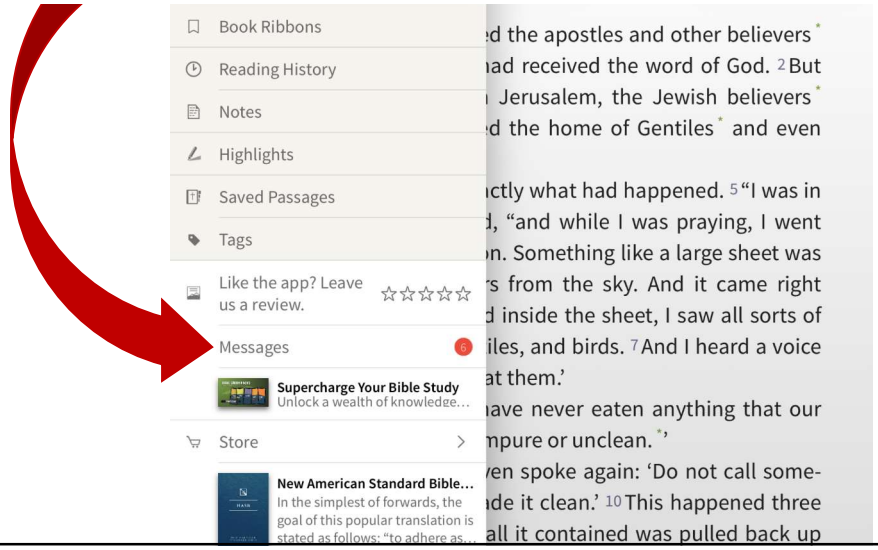
Get rid of the red notification icon

Select the main menu (three bars)



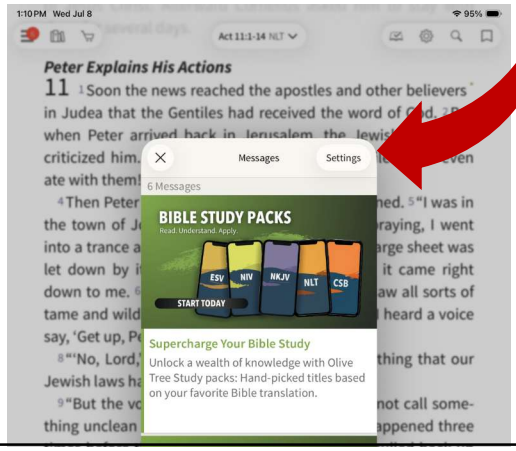
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Select **Messages** from the menu



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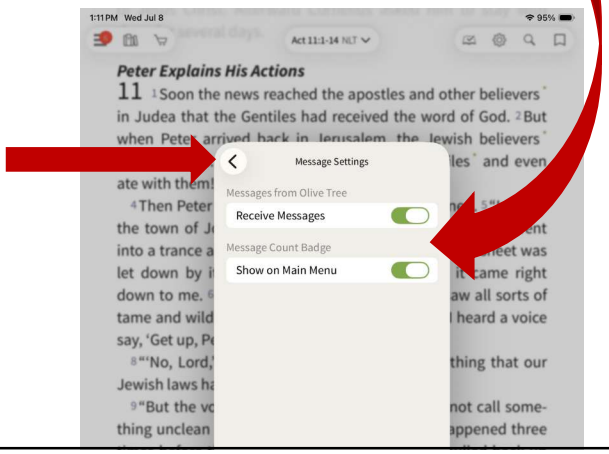
Then **Message Settings**



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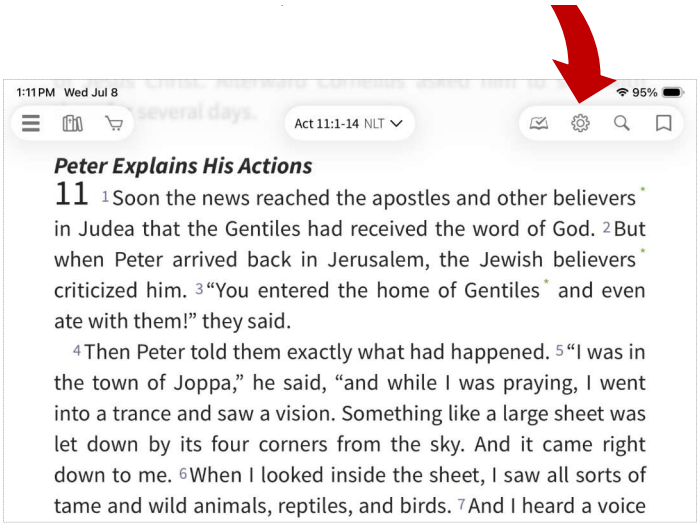
Turn off these settings

When done, select "<" to return to the previous page, then "X" to close Message Settings



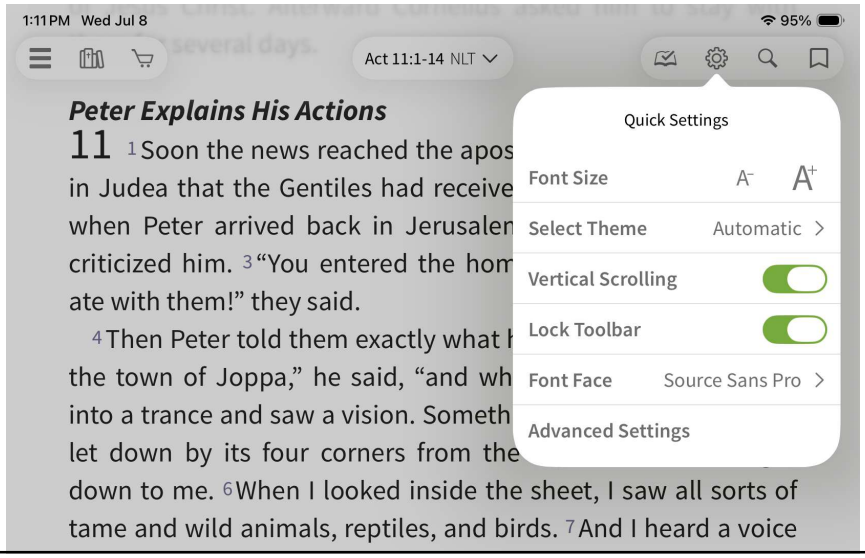
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Now select **Settings** (gear icon)



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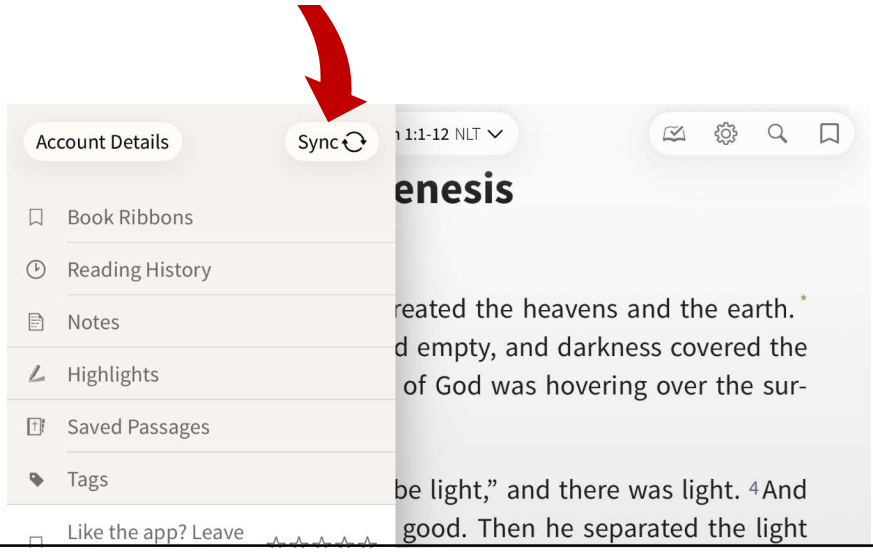
Turn on Vertical Scrolling and Lock Toolbar



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Go back to the Main Menu and **Sync**

Use **Sync** to backup Olive Tree, not only for peace of mind, but also so that you can use Olive Tree on other devices



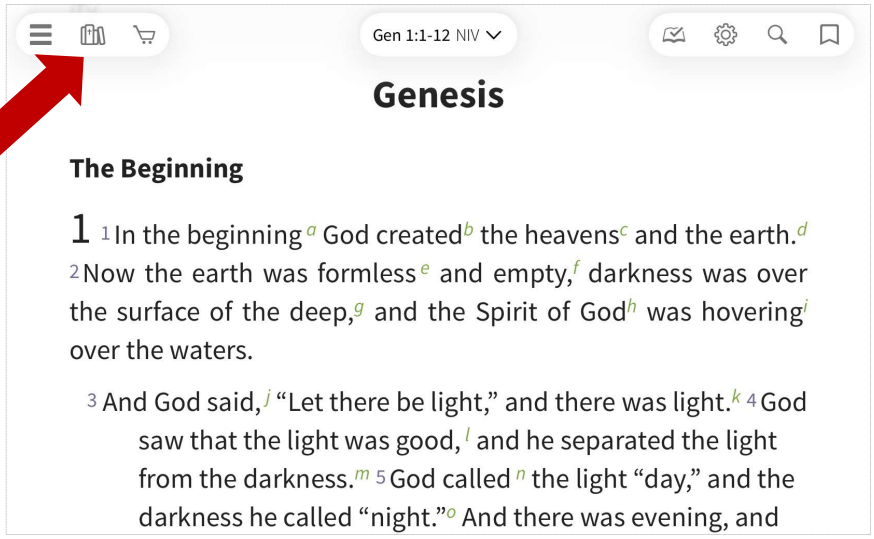
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Read the Bible in Olive Tree

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Select the **Library** (bookshelf) icon

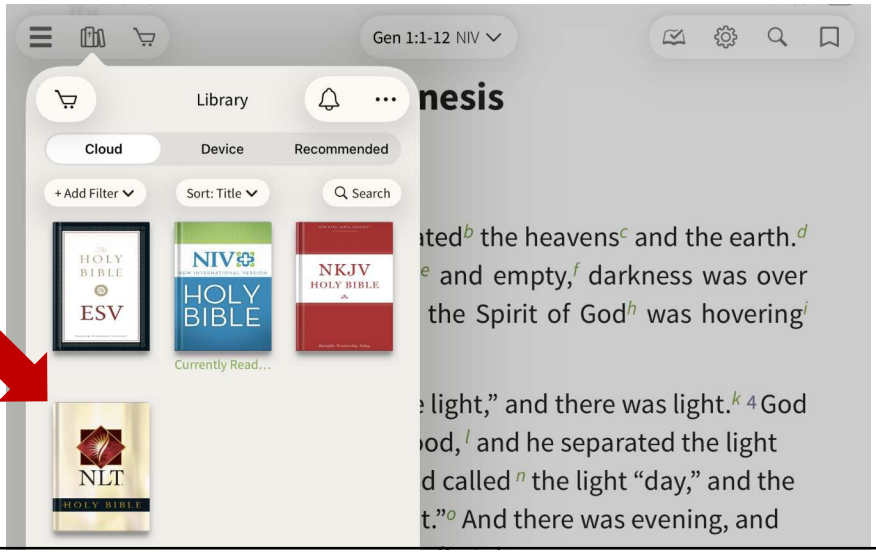
Go to your library



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Select a Bible Translation

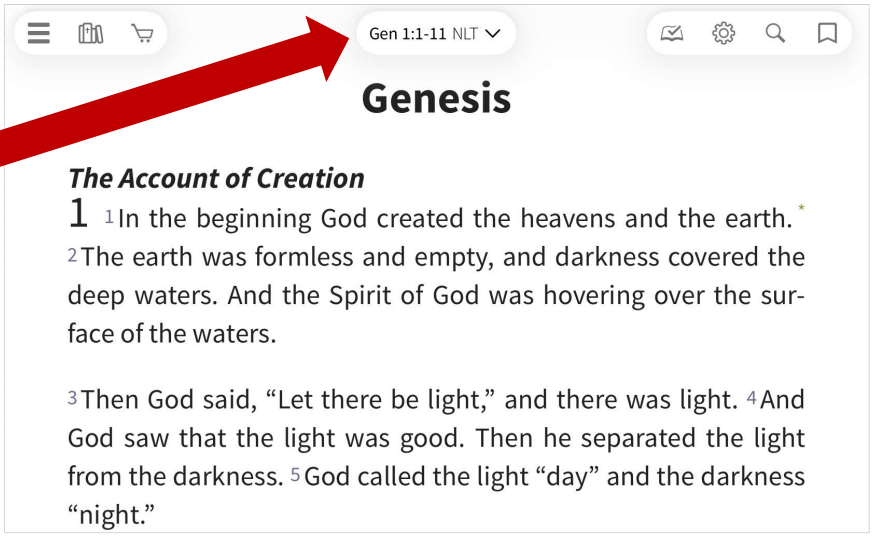
Pick a Bible like NLT



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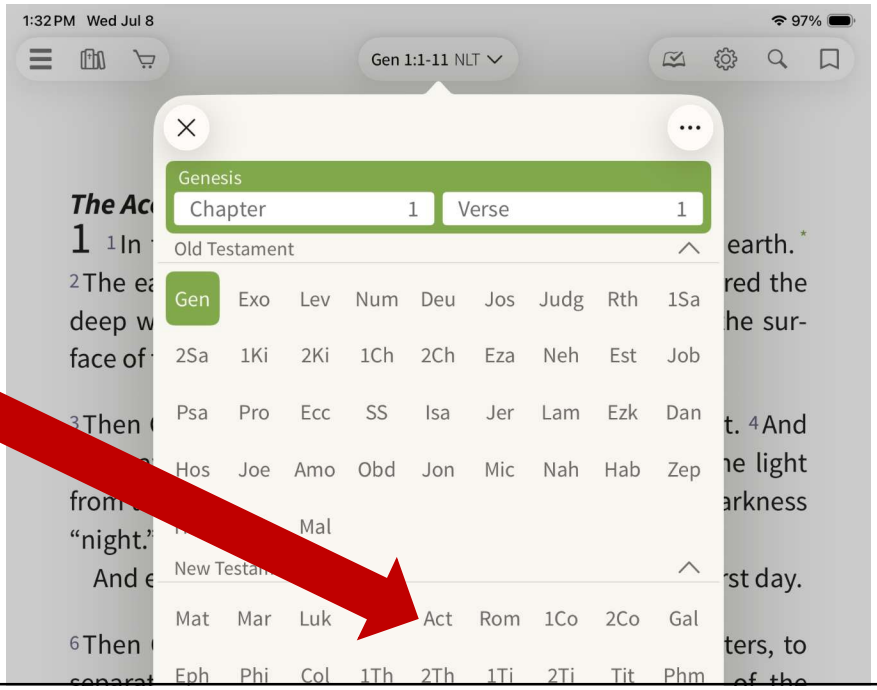
Select a book, chapter, and verse

Select this to pick a different verse



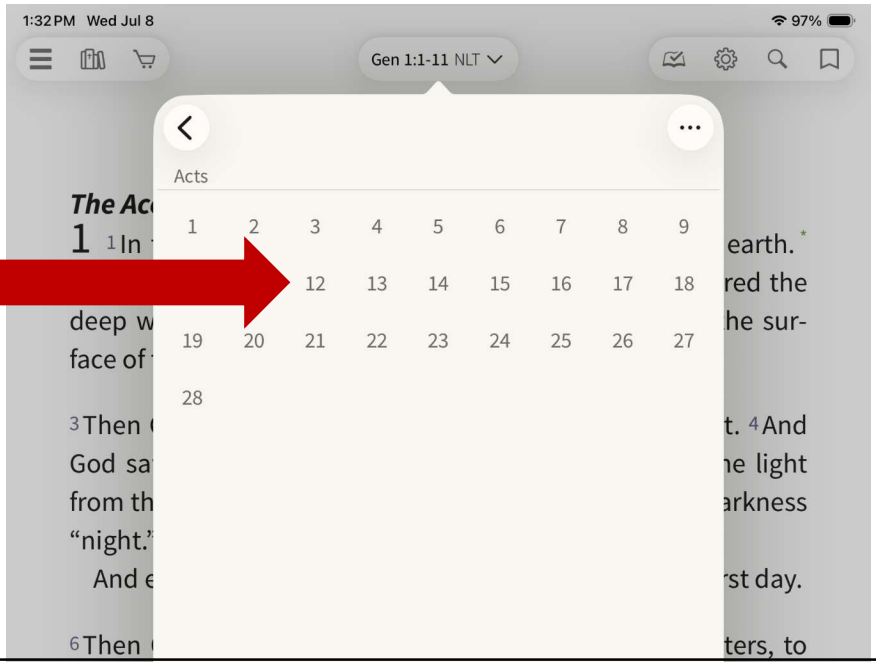
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Select "Act" for the Book of Acts



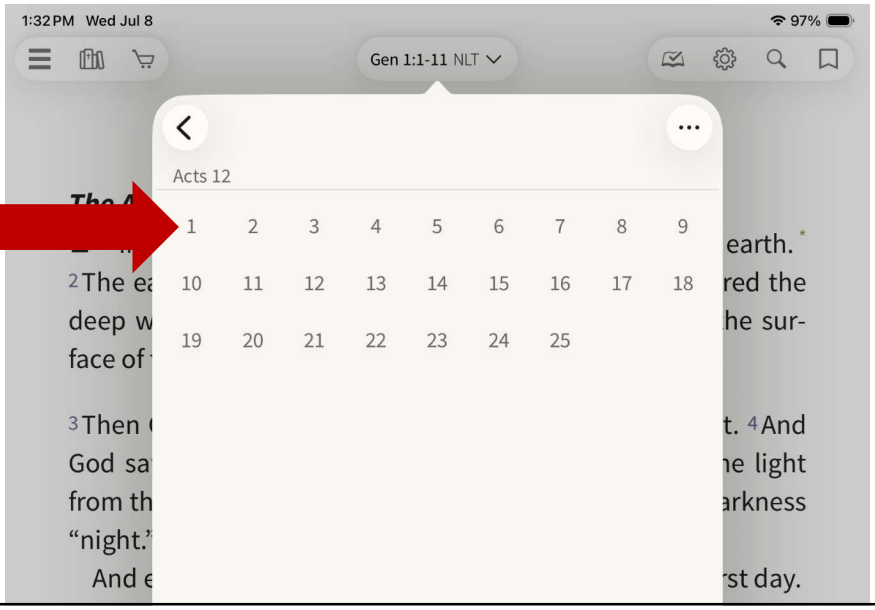
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Select ACTS 12



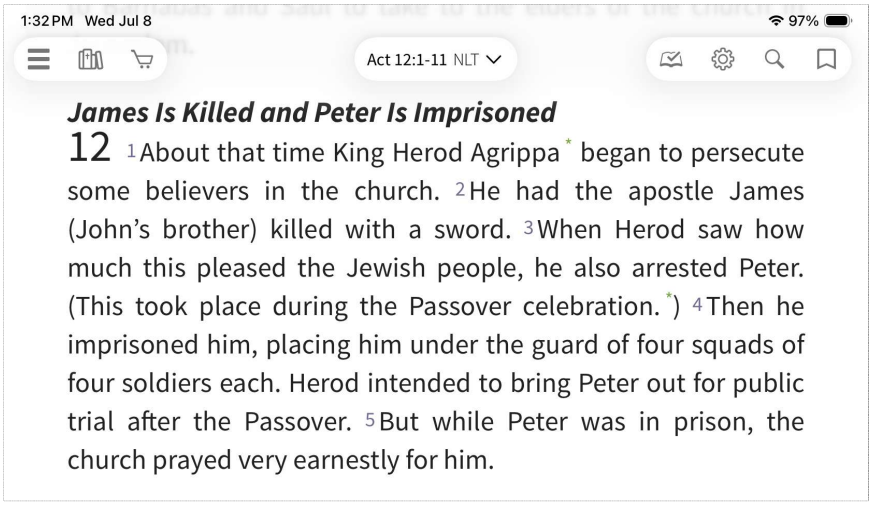
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Select ACTS 12:1



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Acts 12:1 in the NLT is selected

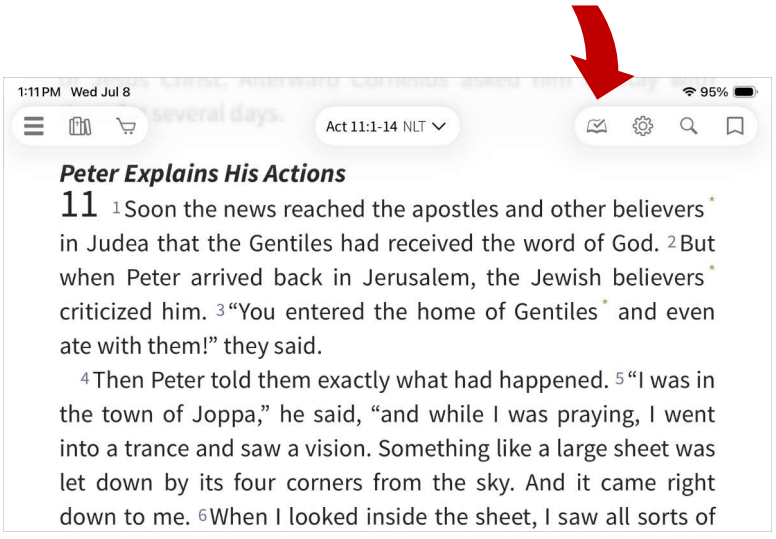


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Read the Bible every day with Olive Tree

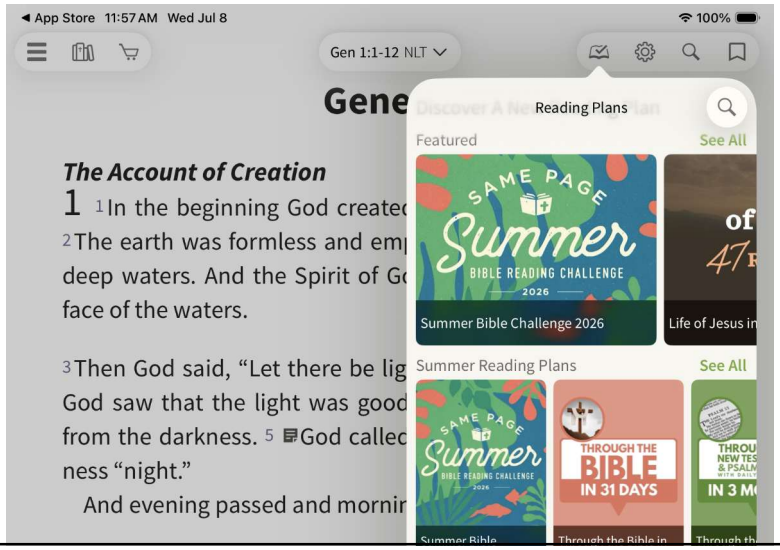
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Select **Reading Plans** (Bible+Check)



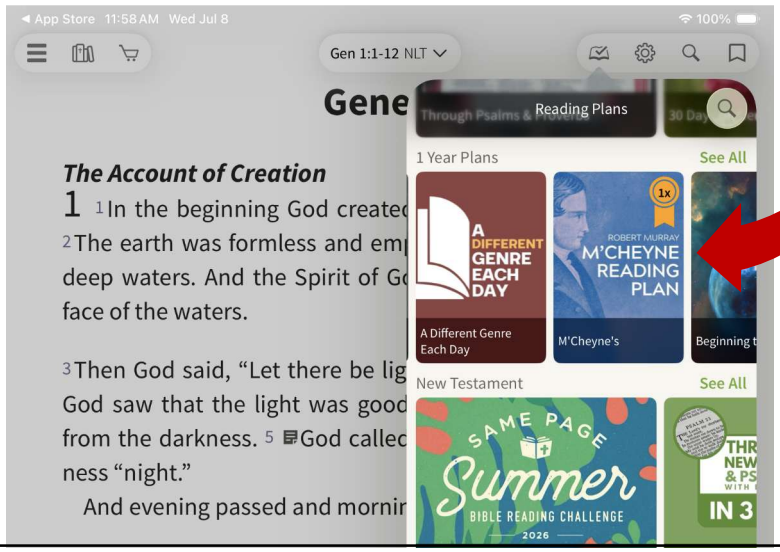
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Scroll down to **1 Year Plans**



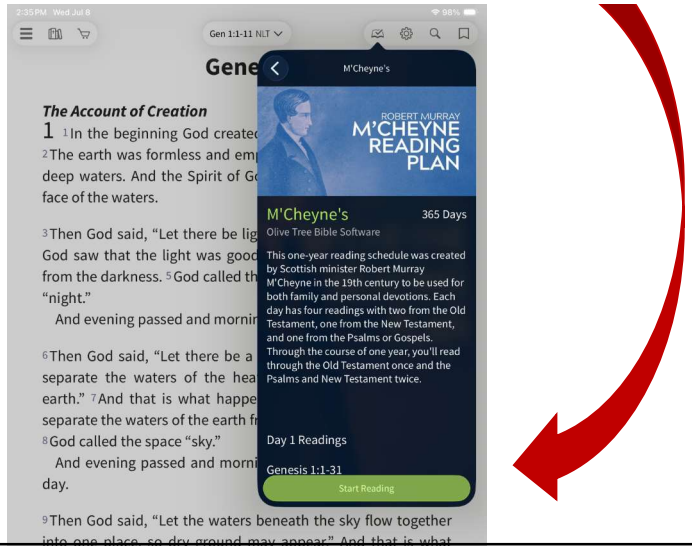
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Dale recommends **M'Cheyne's**



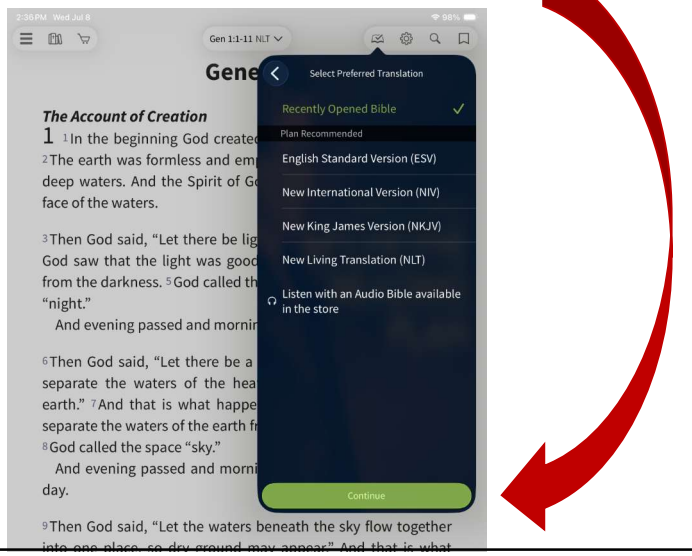
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Select **Start Reading**



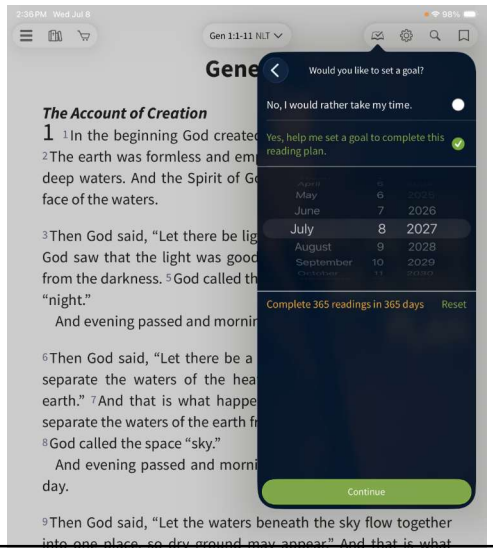
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Select a Bible translation



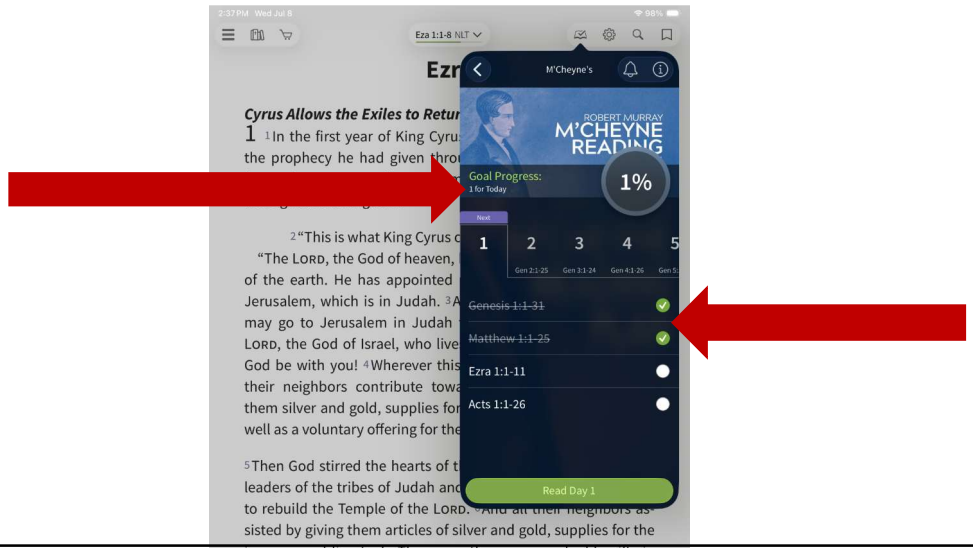
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Set a completion goal



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Olive Tree will keep track of progress

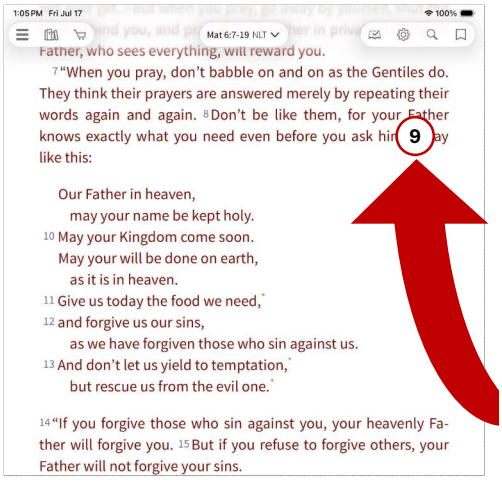


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Create Notes on Bible verses in Olive Tree

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Add a Note on a verse number

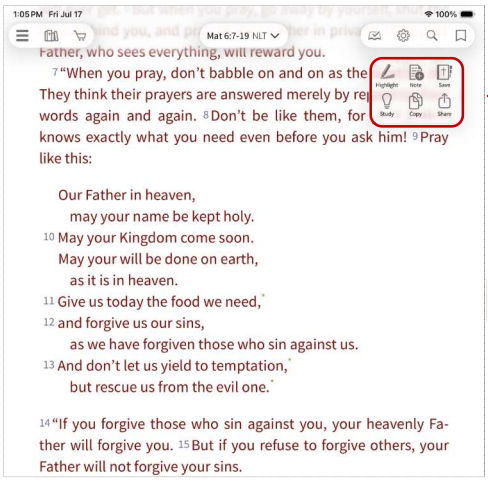


Let's say you have a thought on Matt 6:9 that you want to remember

Touch the verse number (right-click in Windows)

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Select the **Note** option on a verse



A menu appears near the verse number (9)

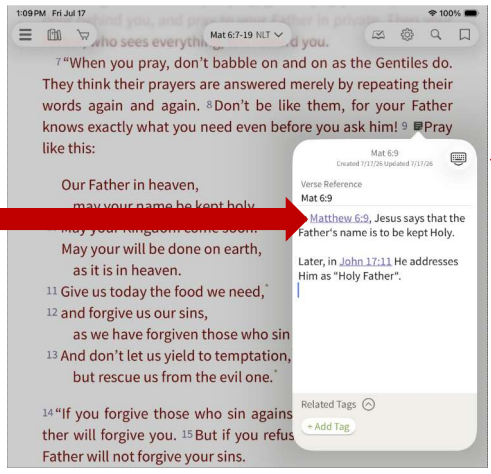
Select "Note" or "Add Note"

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Type anything, including references

As you type, any verse references will become links!

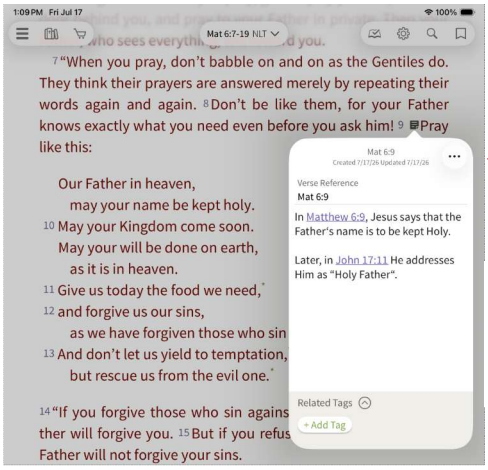
You can insert any hyperlink (https://a.org)



Select the keyboard icon when you are done typing

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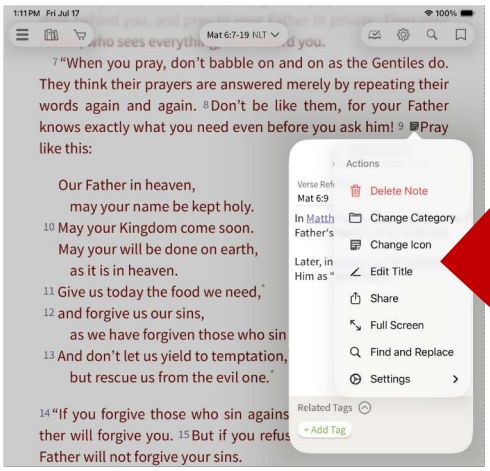
Review the **Options** for your Note



Select the three dots (options)

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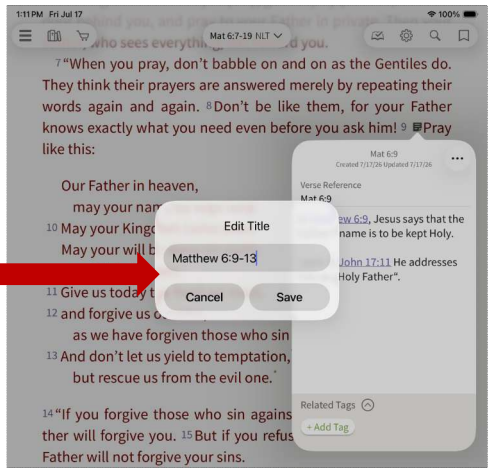
Edit Title and **Change Icon**



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Edit the Title for your note

Type the new title then select "Save"

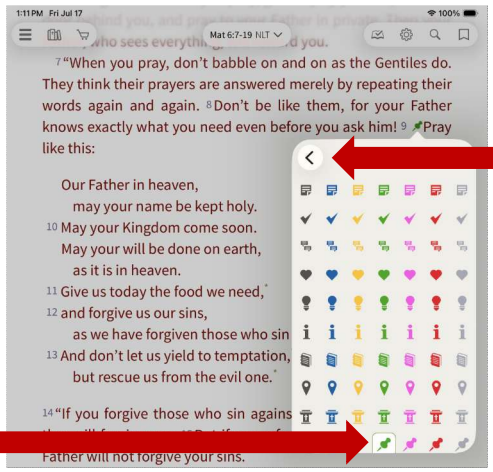


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Select a different **Icon** for your Note

Select the back arrow when you are done

Select a new icon



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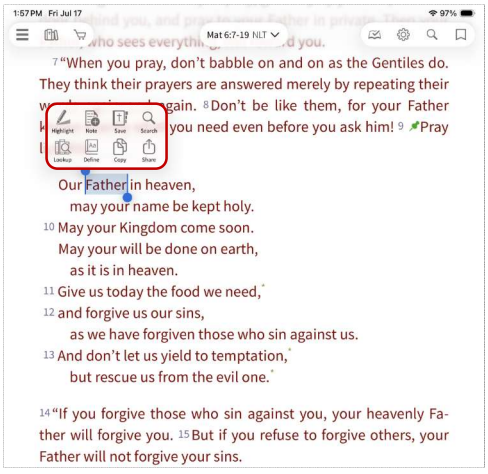
Create Notes or Highlights on words
(BUT understand the limitations)

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You can also **Add a Note** on a word

Long-press a word (select and right-click in Windows)

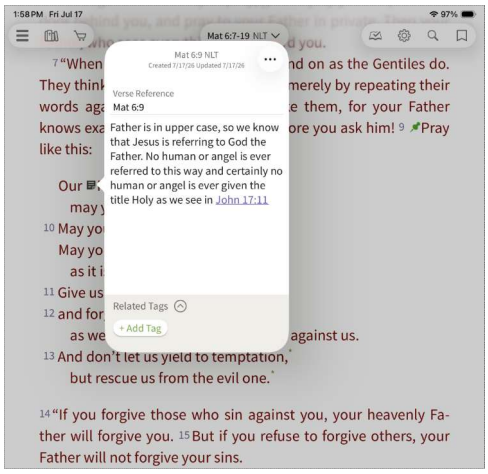
Select "Note" or "Add Note"



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Add a Note on "Father" in the NLT

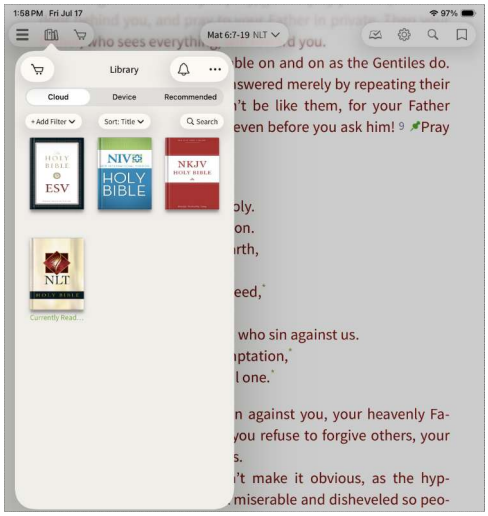
Again, we can type words, verse references or hyperlinks



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But what if you change translations?

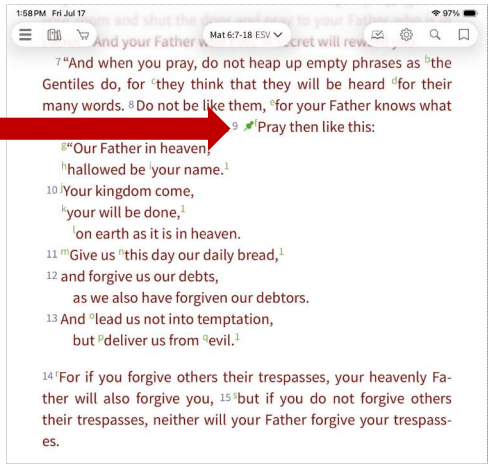
Change from NLT to ESV



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Our **Note** on Father does not appear!

Our note on verse 9 is still there, but our note on "Father" is missing

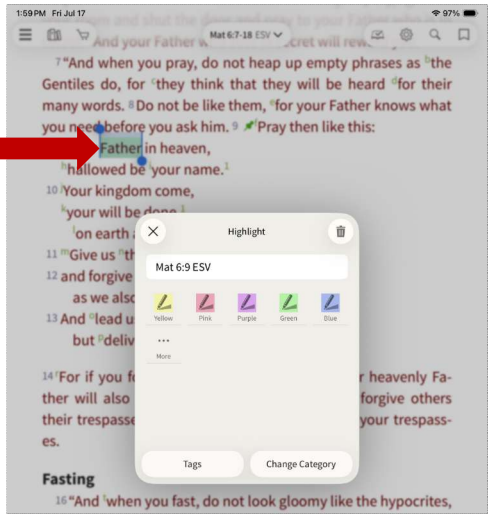


Notes on verse numbers work across Bible translations, but notes on words do not

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Highlights are tied to translations

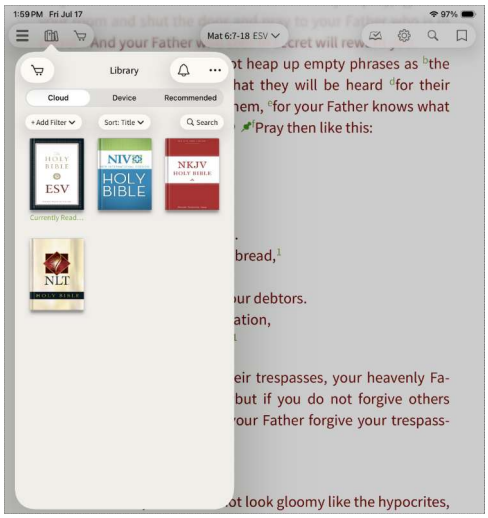
Highlight the word "Father"



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So, if we change back to the NLT …

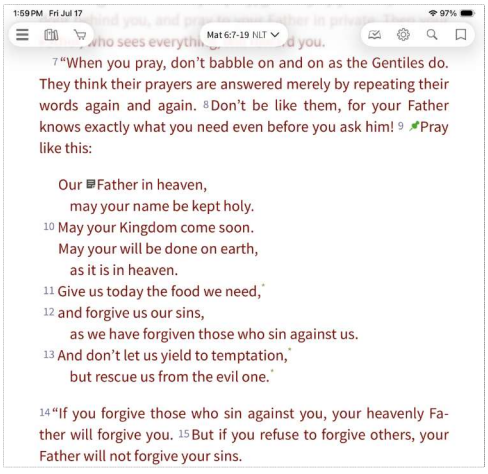
Change from ESV to NLT



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Now our **Highlight** in ESV is gone!

Both notes we made appear in the NLT, but the highlight on "Father" in ESV does not



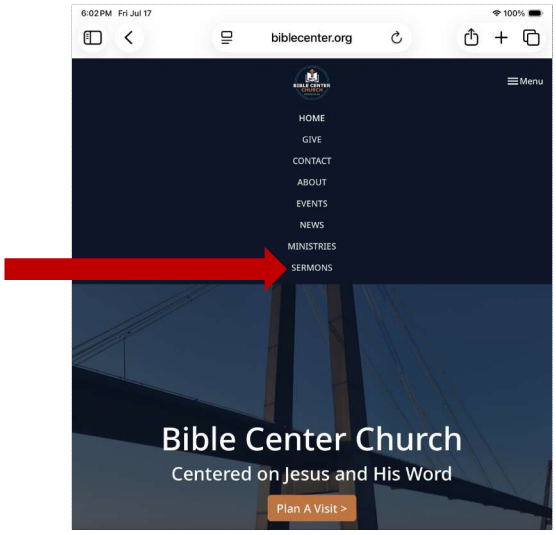
Highlights on words stay with the translation in which the highlights were originally made

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Create Sermon Notes in Olive Tree

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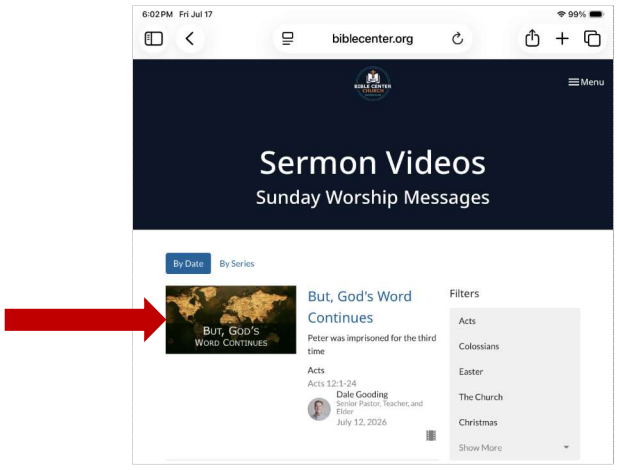
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Select Menu (three bars), then Sermons

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Select a sermon by picture or title



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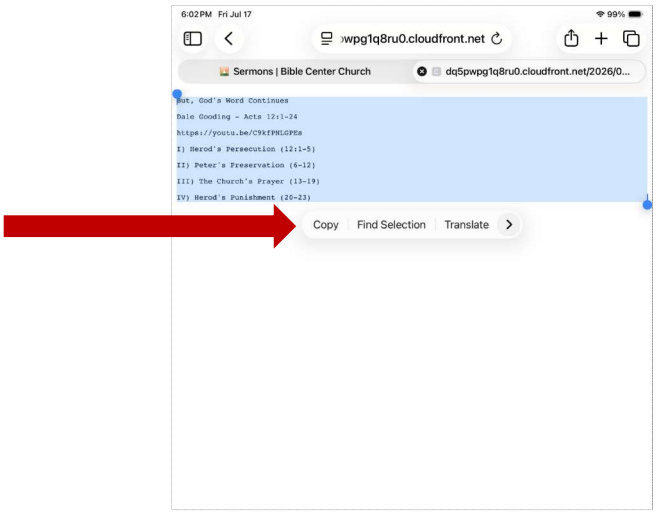
Scroll down to **Sermon Notes**



Select (click) Sermon Outline and it will be displayed

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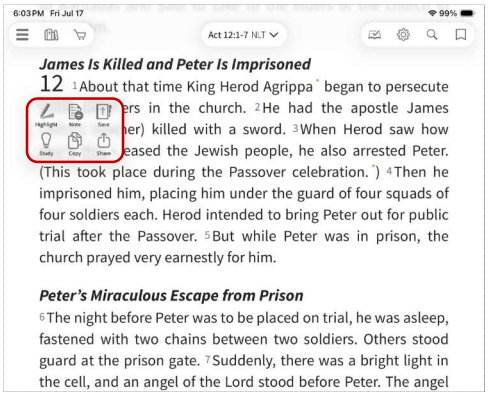
Select the text and **Copy**



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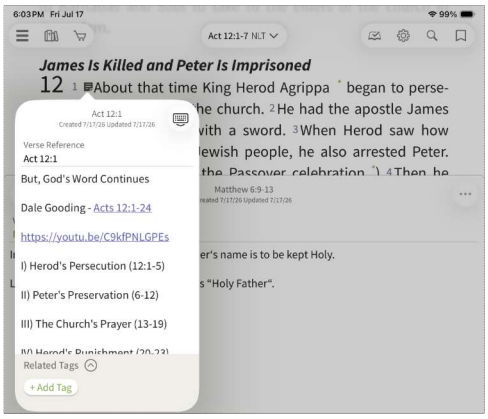
Go to the passage and **Add a Note**

The sermon was on Acts 12:1-24, so select verse 1 (or right-click it), then select "Note" or "Add Note"



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Paste the text you copied earlier

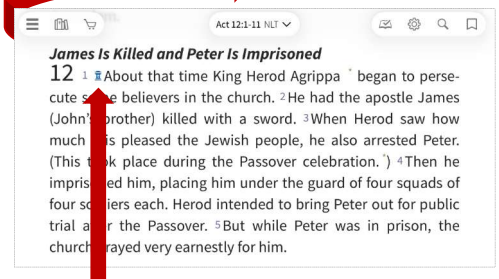


Next, edit the title and change icon using the earlier instructions

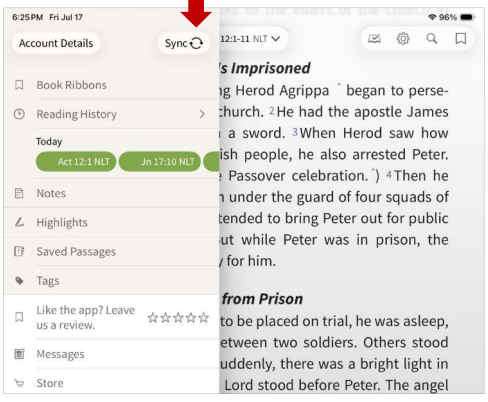
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Use **Sync** to backup your notes

Select Menu (three bars), then **Sync**



Our new note!



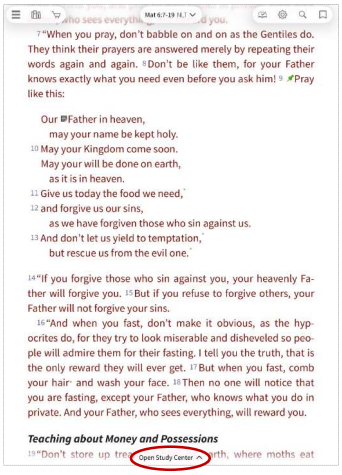
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Create Note Categories in Olive Tree

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Open the **Study Center**

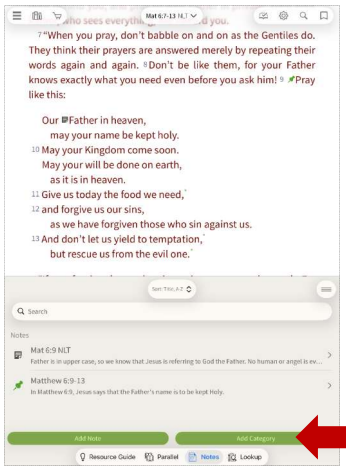
Select "Open Study Center" at the bottom of the screen



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Select the **Notes** tab at the bottom

These 2 notes are in the top-level category "Annotations"



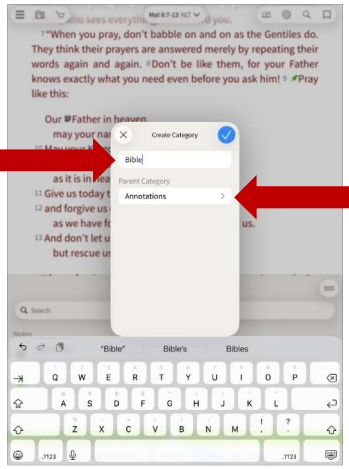
Categories are like file folders

Select "**+**" or "**Add Category**" to create a category under the current one, in this case under "Annotations"

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Create a new **Category**

We will call our new category "Bible"

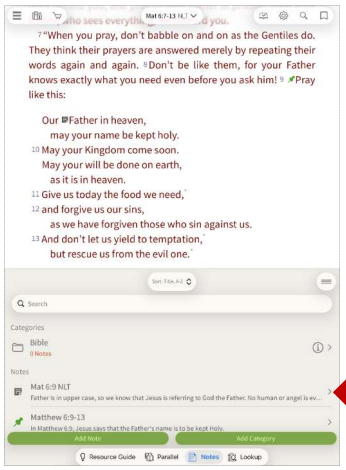


Again, our "Bible" category will be created under "Annotations"

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Now we have a **Category** and **Notes**

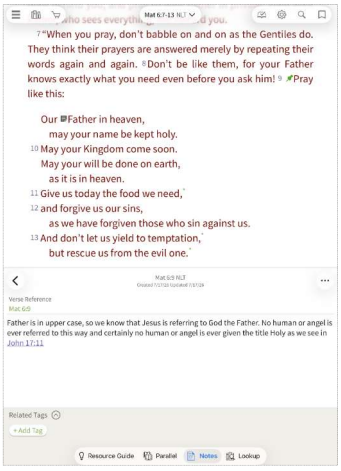
Under the "Annotations" category we now have an empty "Bible" category



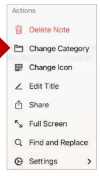
Open the first note so we can move it to the Bible Category

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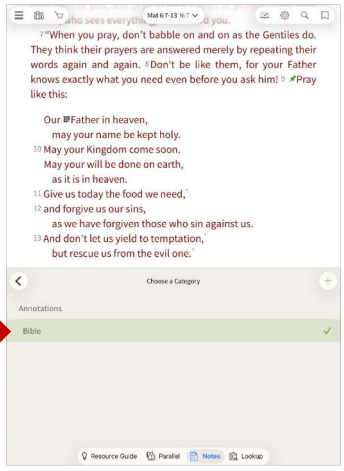
Move the note to the Bible **Category**



Select options (3 dots), then Change Category



Select "Bible"

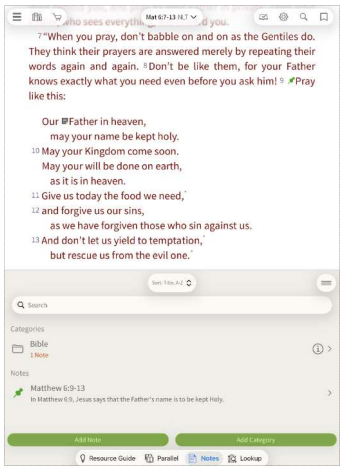


(Scroll to bottom of note on Windows)

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One note is now in the Bible **Category**

The "Bible" category has one note and the other note is still under "Annotations"

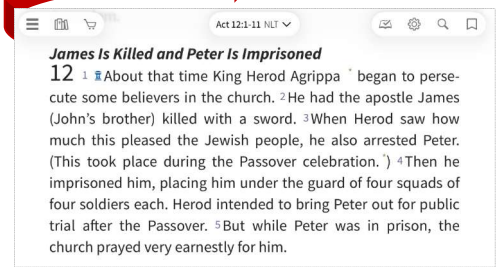


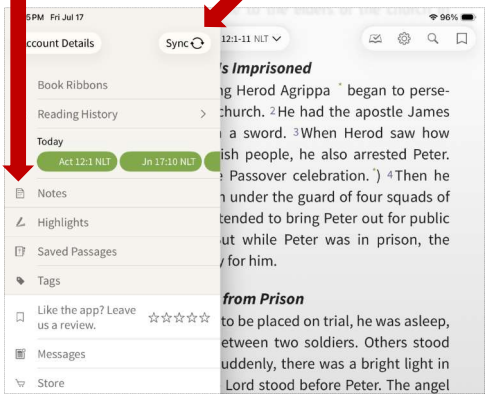
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Notes are also in the **Main Menu**

Select Menu, then "Notes"

Don't forget "Sync"





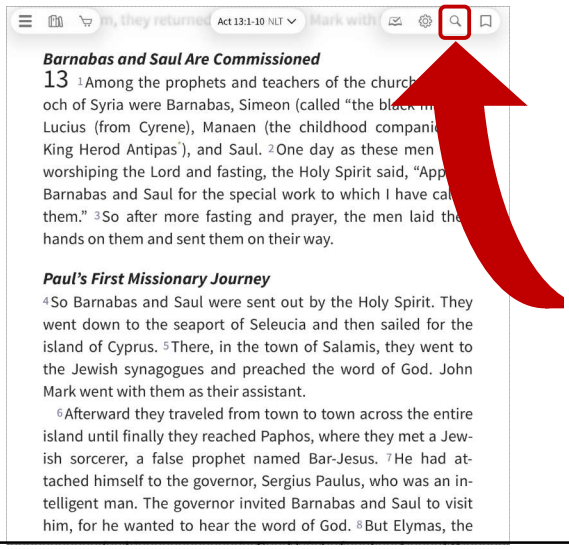
BUT, Notes are more useful when accessed from **Study Center**

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Search the Bible with Olive Tree

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Search first with the toolbar icon

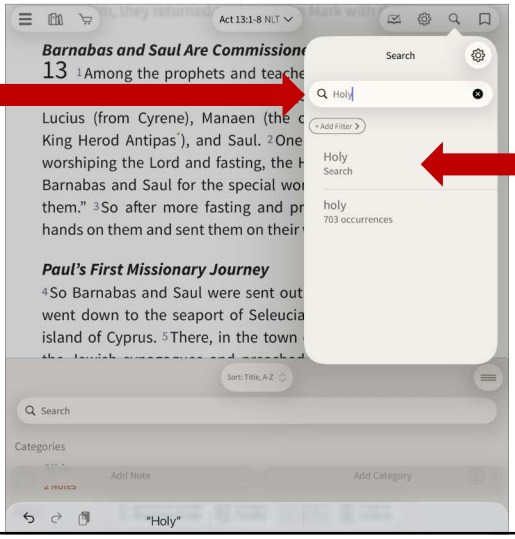


Select search icon (magnifying glass) and a pop-up appears

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Type a word; select it to see **results**

Type a word or phrase



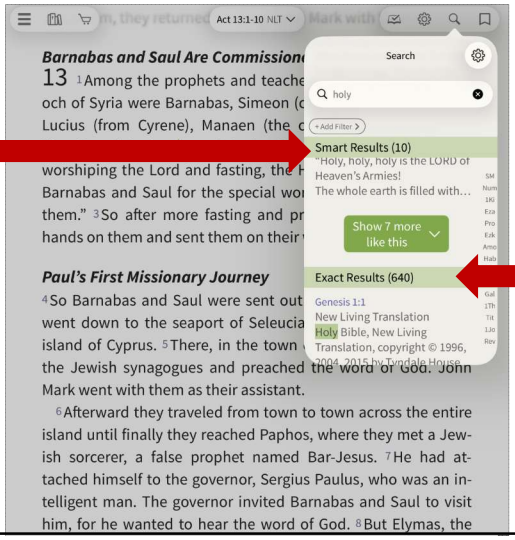
Select here to complete your search.

Below that we see the number of occurrences.

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Understand **Smart** vs **Exact** results

Smart results include similar ideas, topics, etc.

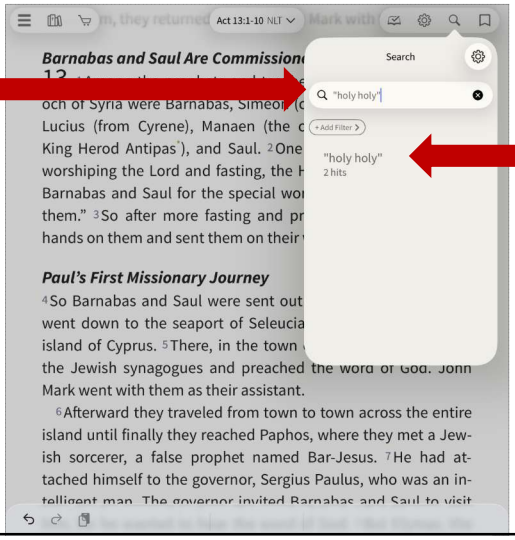


Exact results are all verses containing the word holy

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Search for “holy holy” (in quotes)

Searching for **“holy holy”** in quotes finds verses that contain those words separated only by spaces or punctuation

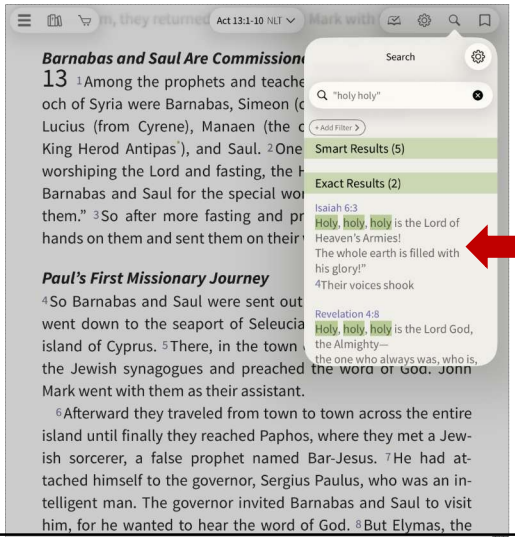


There are only two verses in the Bible that match

Select the result to see the text of the verses

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Only two verses contain “holy holy”

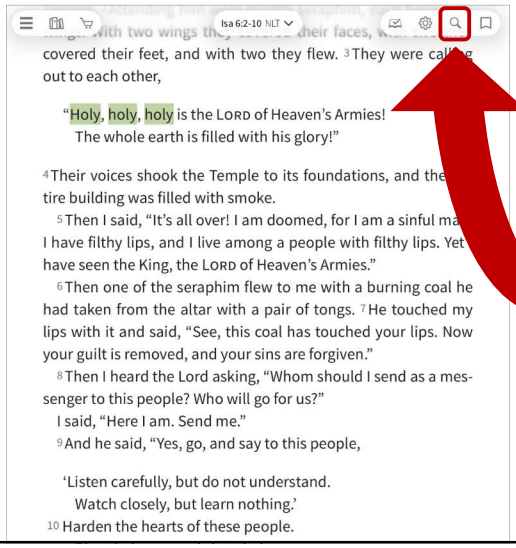


Select this verse and Olive Tree will go to it

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The first “holy holy” search **result**

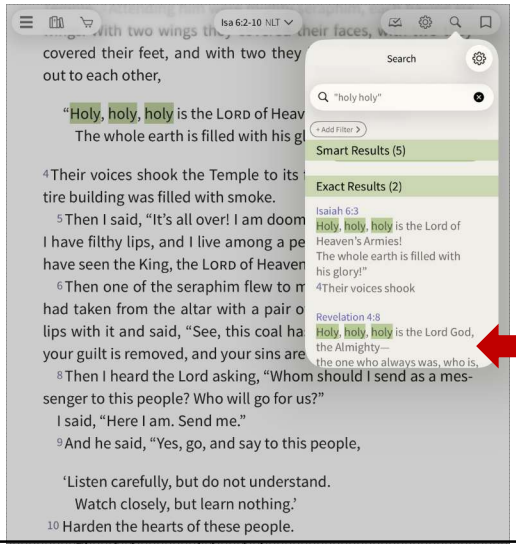
Notice how the Search pop-up closed?



Select search icon (magnifying glass) again to re-open search results

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Select the next search **result**



Select this verse and Olive Tree will go to it

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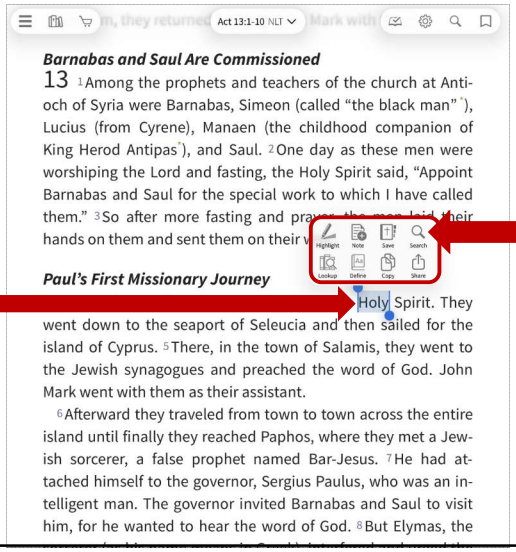
Olive Tree Search versus Lookup
(and device differences)

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Search by just selecting a word

Long-press a word on mobile

Use the mouse to select words on Windows



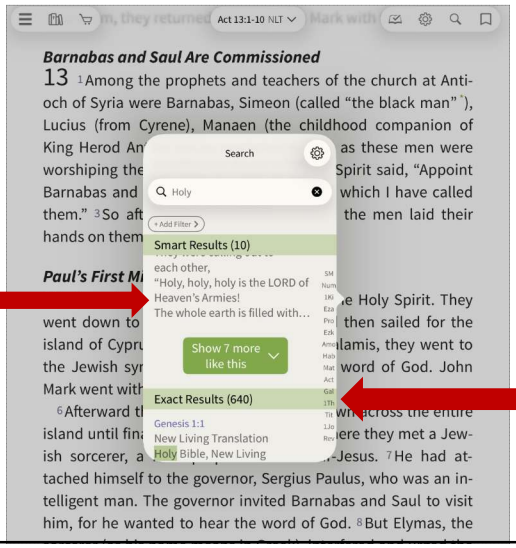
On the pop-up, choose Search

On Windows, right-click and choose Search

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The search **results** are the same

Smart Results

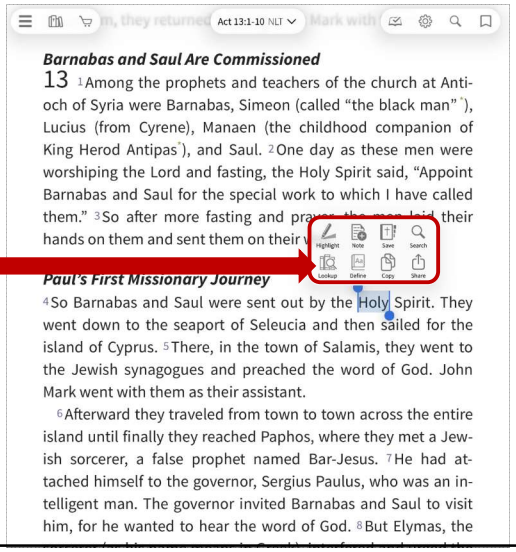


Exact Results

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Now try choosing **Lookup** instead

Choose the Lookup option

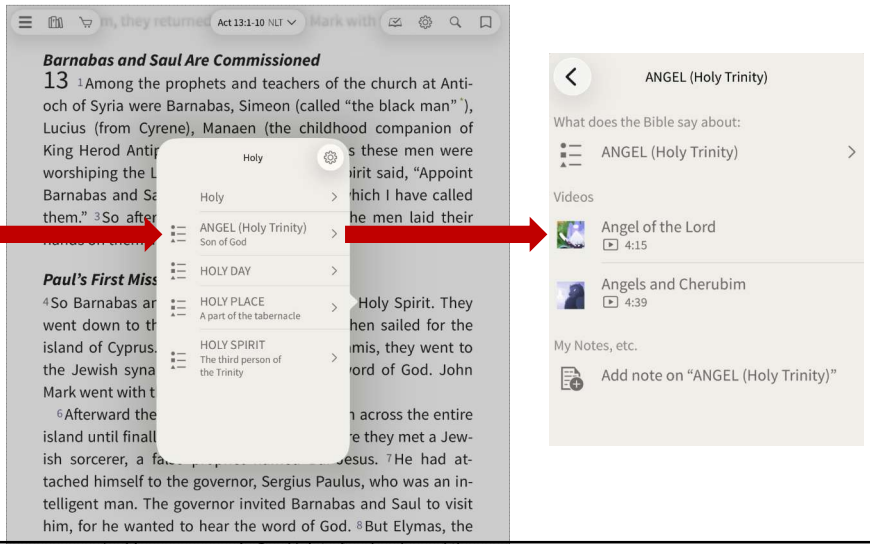


On Windows, you may have to open Study Center first (more on this later)

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Lookup is different than **Search**

Select one of these results to get cross-references, videos, etc.



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On Windows, the pop-up is different

Right-click a word and see familiar options …

Search

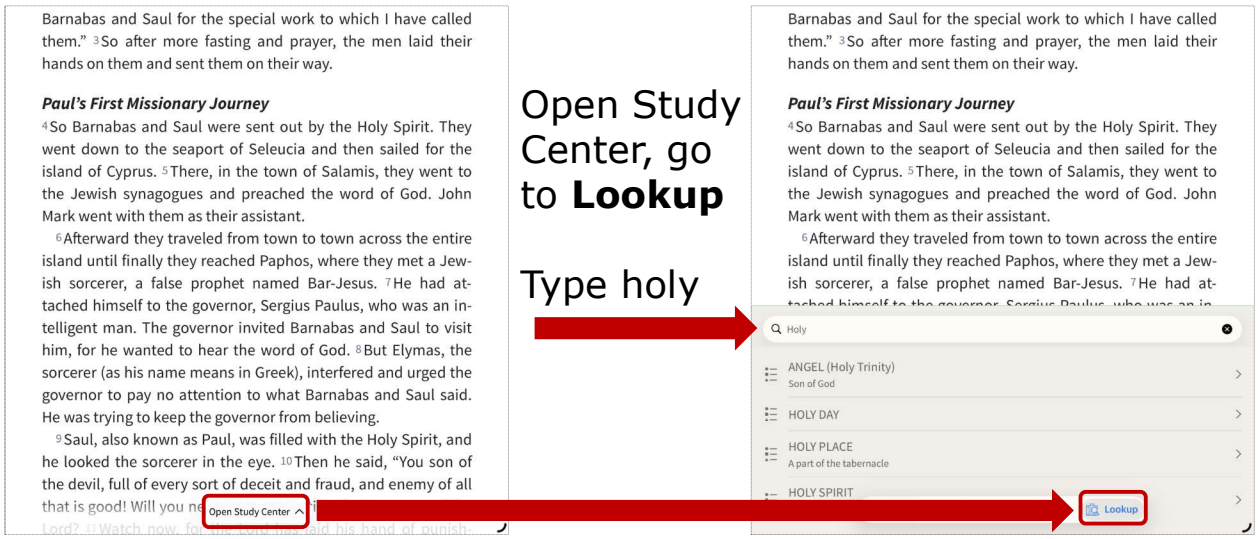
Lookup



This is called **Search All** (more on this later)

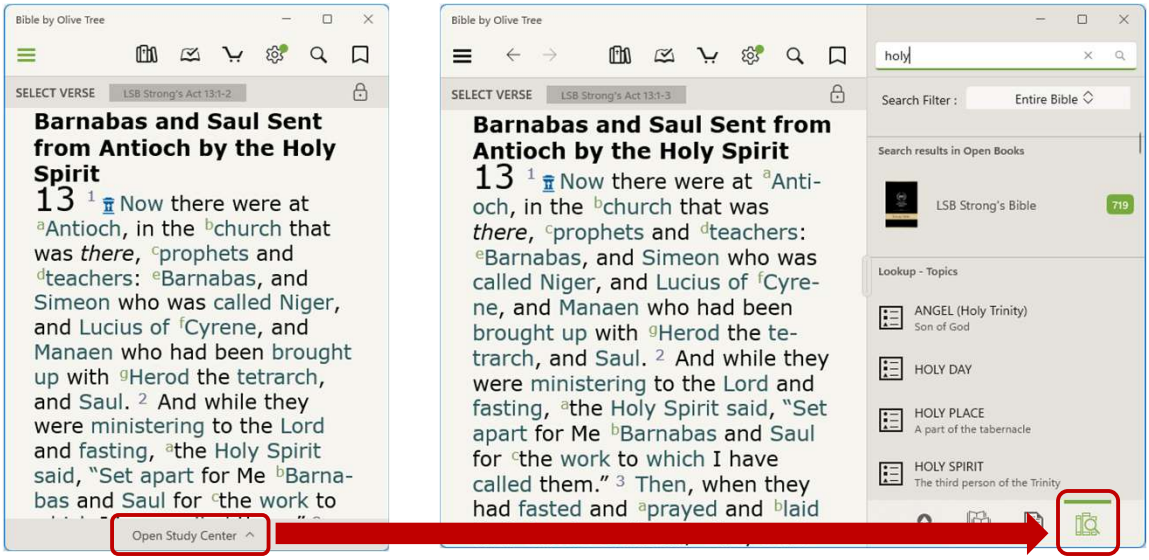
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Study Center on Mobile has **Lookup**



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Study Center on Windows has **Search All**

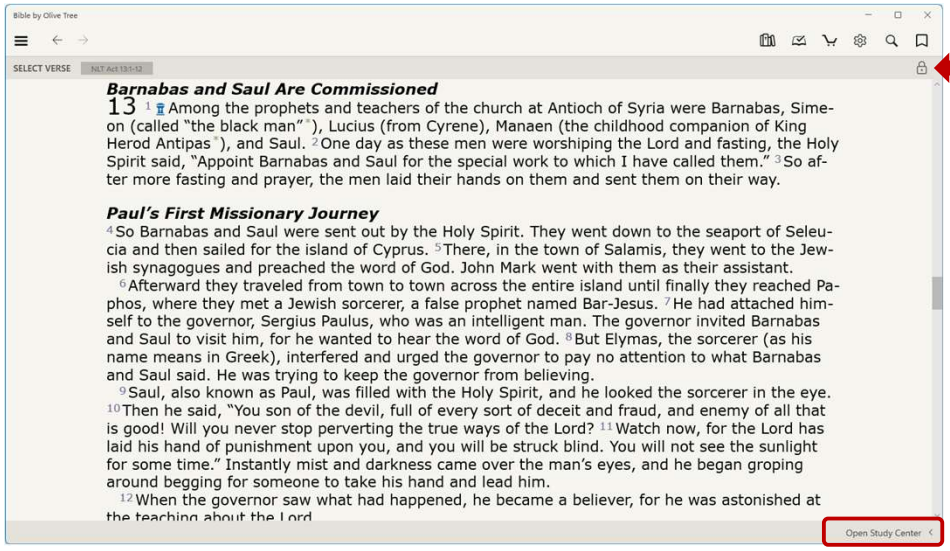


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Use Olive Tree “Search All” on Windows

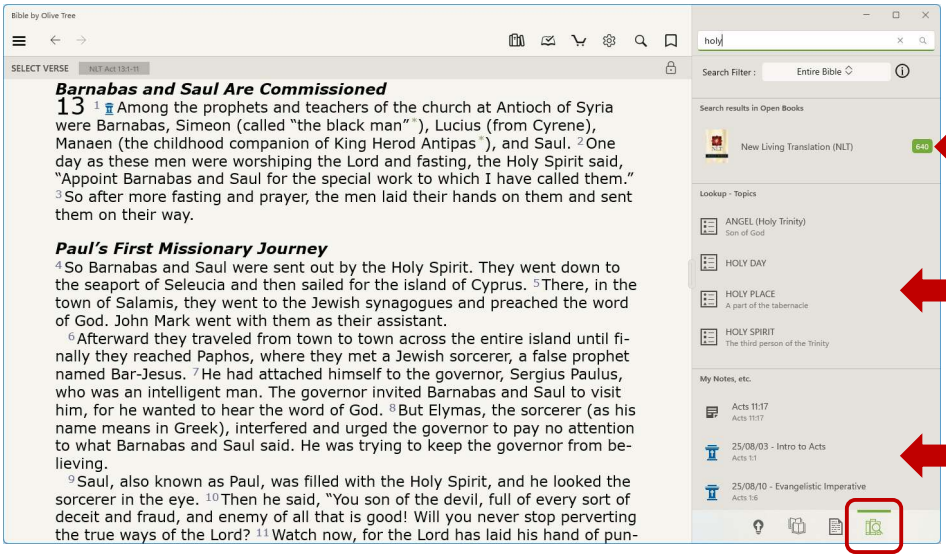
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Open **Study Center** on Windows



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Go to **Search All**, then type holy



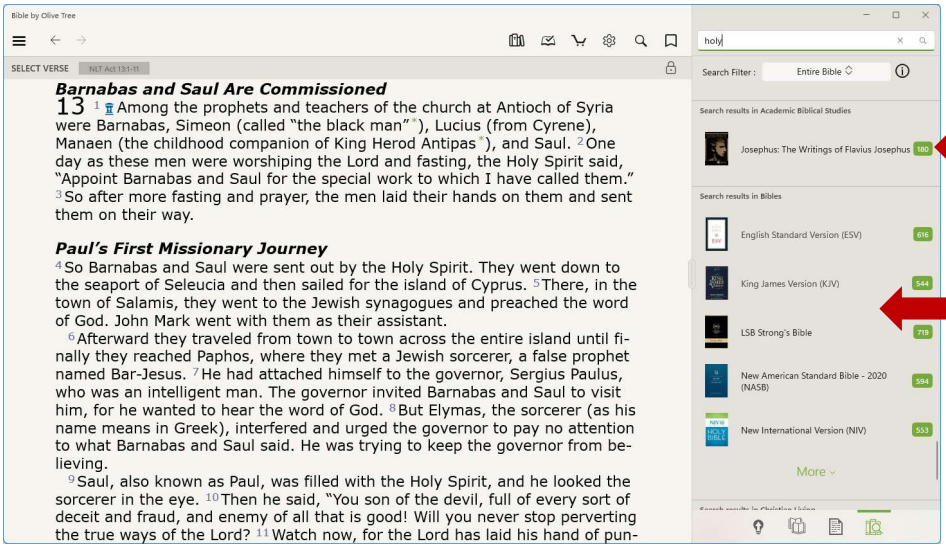
Search

AND **Lookup**

AND **Notes** Search

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Scroll down for more Search All **results**



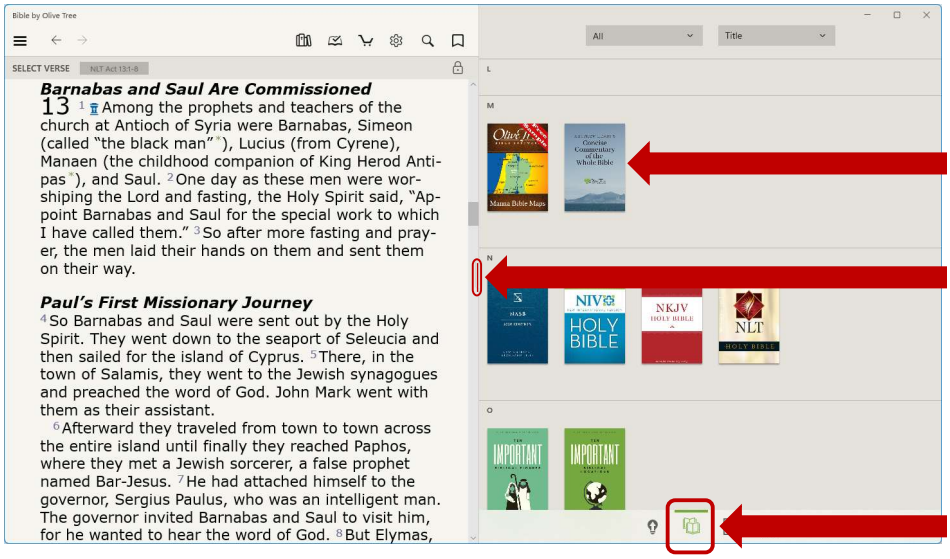
Search **books**

AND Other **Bibles**

AND MORE!

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Now go to Study Center **Parallel**



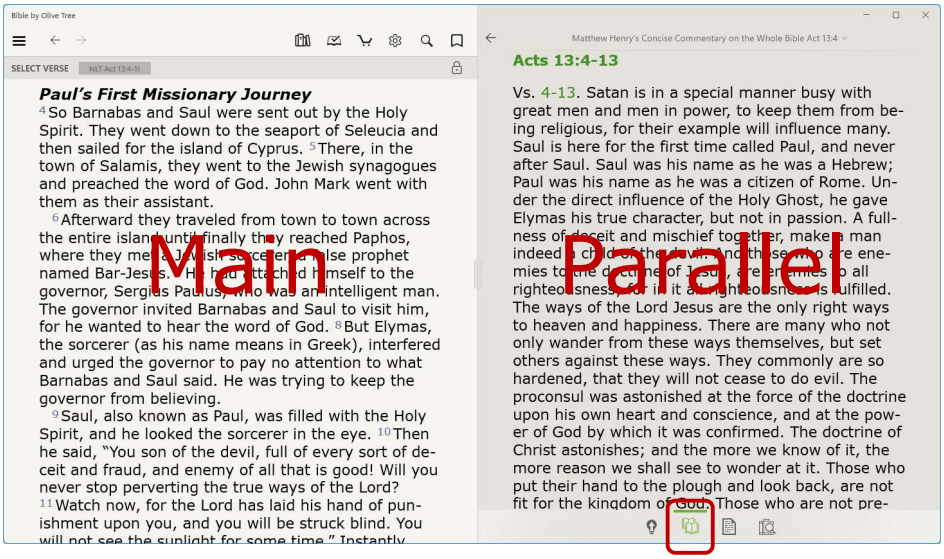
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Adjust the width here

Parallel is the second icon

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Parallel (right) follows Main (left)

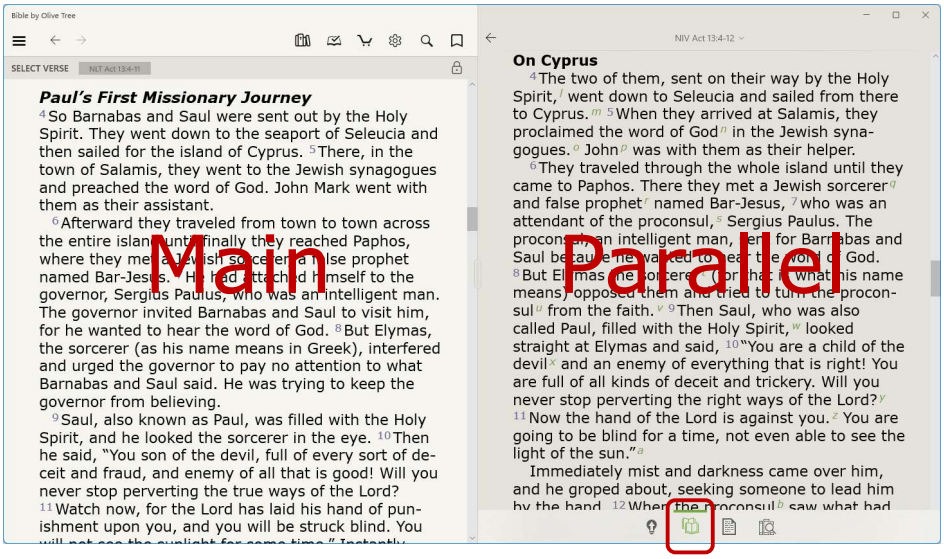


Commentary on the right follows the scrolling of the Bible on the left side

BUT, on a phone, you must select this icon:

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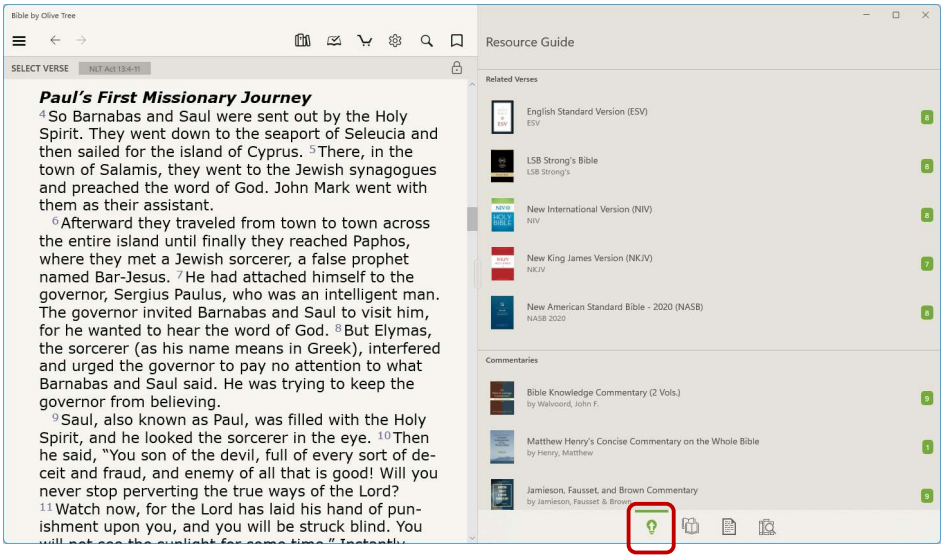
Compare **Parallel** Bible translations



The NIV on the right follows the scrolling of the NLT on the left side

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Study Center **Resource Guide** is similar



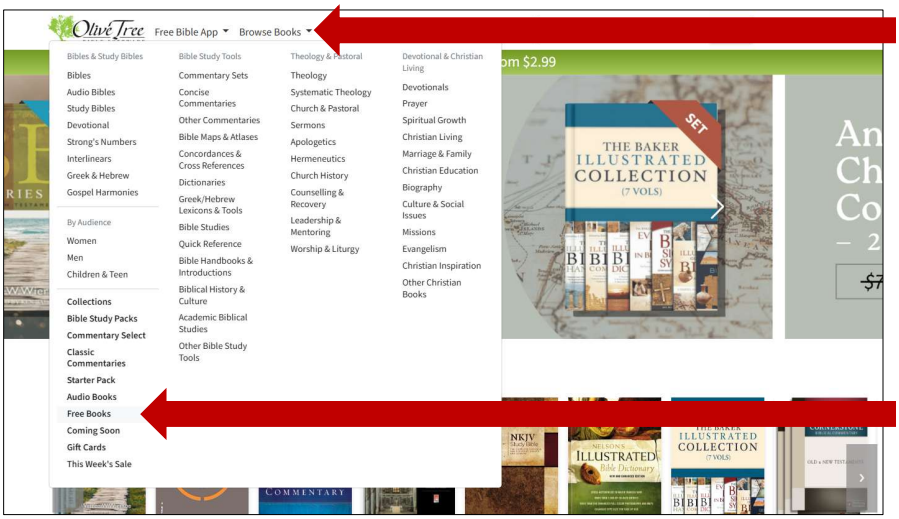
Numbers indicate relevant cross-references, updating as you scroll on the left

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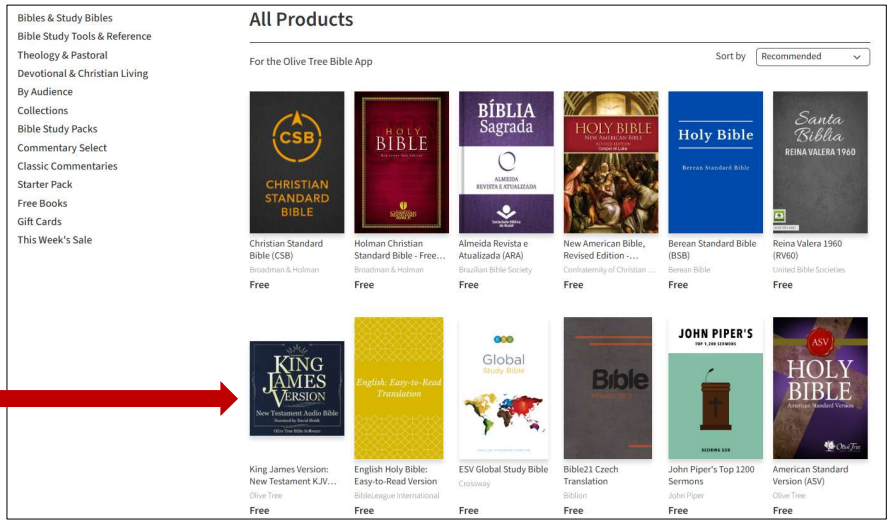
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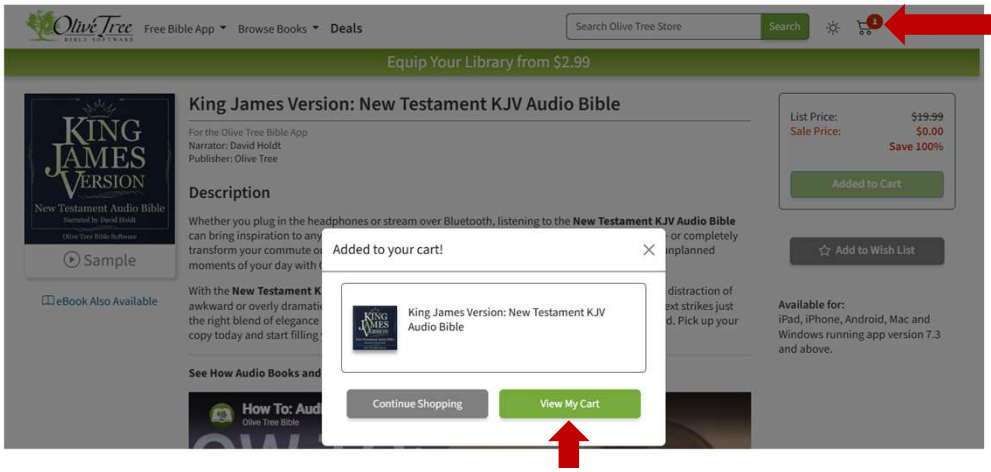
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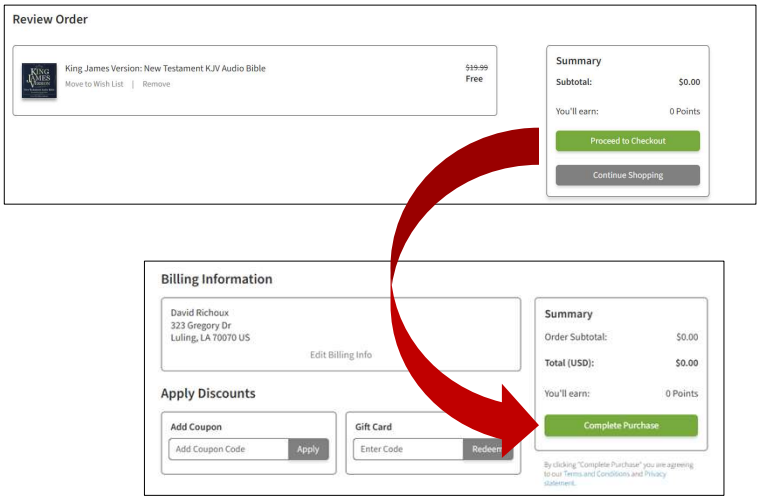


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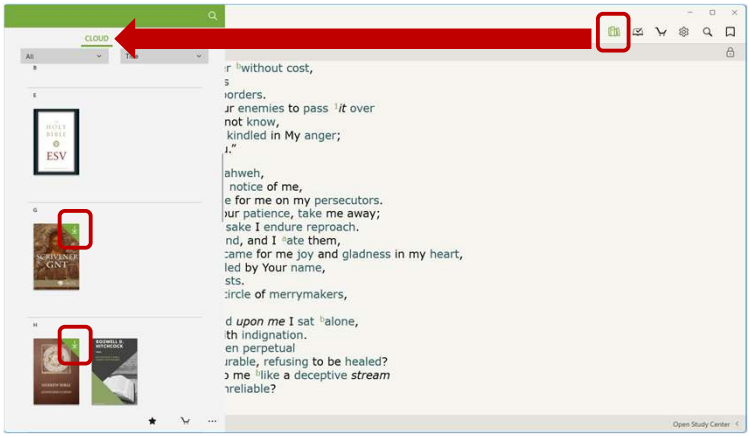
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