King's Online Bible School
Introductory Course

Books of the Bible

Each time you quote from the Bible or refer to it, include the book, chapter and verse(s) in parentheses (John 3:16). Books of the Bible with longer names may be abbreviated.

Commonly Used Abbreviations

Old Testament

Gen	2 Chr	Dan
Exod	Ezra	Hos
Lev	Neh	Joel
Num	Esth	Amos
Deut	Job	Obad
Josh	Ps; Pss (plur)	Jonah
Judg	Prov	Mic
Ruth	Eccl	Nah
1 Sam	Song	Hab
2 Sam	Isa	Zeph
1 Kgs	Jer	Hag
2 Kgs	Lam	Zech
1 Chr	Ezek	Mal

New Testament

Matt	Eph	Heb
Mark	Phil	Jas
Luke	Col	1 Pet
John	1 Thess	2 Pet
Acts	2 Thess	1 John
Rom	1 Tim	2 John
1 Cor	2 Tim	3 John
2 Cor	Titus	Jude
Gal	Philm	Rev

Chapter and Verse Notations

Rom 3:12 or Rom 3:12 NASB   = Romans chapter 3, verse 12 from the *New American Standard Bible*.

Chapter and verse are separated by a colon. The abbreviated initials of the version (NASB in the above example) follow.

Rom 8:1-4   = Romans 8, verses 1 through 4

Rom 8:1, 3 and 9a   = Romans 8, verses 1, 3, and the first statement in verse 9

Rom 8:1-9:3   = Romans chapter 8, verse 1 through chapter 9, verse 3

Rom 7:1; 8:2   = Romans chapter 7, verse 1 *and* chapter 8, verse 2 (A semicolon separates two different references.)

chap. = chapter

v.   = verse   vv. = verses