**Citing the Bible in Turabian**

* In running text, always spell out the names of the books.
	+ The flight of the Jews to Egypt is recorded in **Jeremiah 42-44**.
	+ **Romans 8:28** has conflicting interpretations.
* When citing the Bible in footnotes or parenthetically, include the abbreviated name of the book, the chapter number, and the verse number. (Accepted abbreviations, traditional and shorter, are listed below.)
	+ 1. **1 Thess. 4:11, 5:2–5, 5:14.**
* The first time you quote scripture, note the version in parenthesis using abbreviations (if needed). Footnote the first occurrence and identify the version.
	+ “Trust in the Lord with all your heart” **(Prov. 3:5a NIV).1**
	+ **1 Unless otherwise noted, all scripture references are from the NIV.**
* Thereafter, only identify the version when quoting from a version other than your primary one.
	+ “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart” **(Prov. 3:5a KJV).**
* Do not include the Bible in your bibliography (17.8.2) unless citing study notes or other supplemental portions of a Bible. In these cases, format citations as you would parts of an edited collection (17.1.8.2).
* Capitalize Bible, Holy Scriptures, Word of God, Gospel of Mark (i.e., specific gospels).
* Do not capitalize biblical, scripture, scriptural, gospel (i.e., the content of scripture).

**Abbreviations for Old Testament Books (24.6.1)**

**Traditional Shorter Full Name**

Amos Am Amos

1 Chron. 1 Chr 1 Chronicles

2 Chron. 2 Chr 2 Chronicles

Dan. Dn Daniel

Deut. Dt Deuteronomy

Eccles. Eccl Ecclesiastes

Esther Est Esther

Exod. Ex Exodus

Ezek. Ez Ezekiel

Ezra Ezr Ezra

Gen. Gn Genesis

Hab. Hb Habakkuk

Hag. Hg Haggai

Hosea Hos Hosea

Isa. Is Isaiah

Jer. Jer Jeremiah

Job Jb Job

Joel Jl Joel

Jon. Jon Jonah

Josh. Jo Joshua

Judg. Jgs Judges

1 Kings 1 Kgs 1 Kings

2 Kings 2 Kgs 2 Kings

**Abbreviations for Old Testament Books (Cont’d)**

Lam. Lam Lamentations

Lev. Lv Leviticus

Mal. Mal Malachi

Mic. Mi Micah

Nah. Na Nahum

Neh. Neh Nehemiah

Num. Nm Numbers

Obad. Ob Obadiah

Prov. Prv Proverbs

Ps. (plural Pss.) Ps (plural Pss) Psalms

Ruth Ru Ruth

1 Sam. 1 Sm 1 Samuel

2 Sam. 2 Sm 2 Samuel

Song of Sol. Sg Song of Solomon (Song of Songs)

Zech. Zec Zechariah

Zeph. Zep Zephaniah

**Abbreviations for New Testament Books (24.6.3)**

### Traditional Shorter Full Name

### Acts Acts Acts of the Apostles

### Col. Col Colossians

### 1 Cor. 1 Cor 1 Corinthians

### 2 Cor. 2 Cor 2 Corinthians

### Eph. Eph Ephesians

### Gal. Gal Galatians

### Heb. Heb Hebrews

### James Jas James

### John Jn John

### 1 John 1 Jn 1 John

### 2 John 2 Jn 2 John

### 3 John 3 Jn 3 John

### Jude Jude Jude

### Luke Lk Luke

### Mark Mk Mark

### Matt. Mt Matthew

### 1 Pet. 1 Pt 1 Peter

### 2 Pet. 2 Pt 2 Peter

### Philem. Phlm Philemon

### Phil. Phil Philippians

### Rev. Rv Revelation

### Rom. Rom Romans

### 1 Thess. 1 Thes 1 Thessalonians

### 2 Thess. 2 Thes 2 Thessalonians

### 1 Tim. 1 Tm 1 Timothy

### 2 Tim. 2 Tm 2 Timothy

### Titus Ti Titus