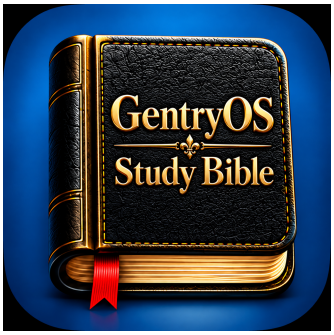

GentryOS Study Bible

User Guide

KJV reading with Hebrew and Greek original-language study, syntax, notes, attachments, Study Library, search, and private backup/restore.

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This guide explains the major features of GentryOS Study Bible and provides practical steps for everyday reading and deeper word study. The app is designed as an offline-first study tool; no account is required.

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1. Getting Started

GentryOS Study Bible opens directly into the Bible reader. The top area contains quick-access controls for reading display, recent passages, Study Library, search, Study Center, and app information.

Quick start

- Choose Old Testament or New Testament.
- Select a book, chapter, and verse.
- Read the KJV text in the main reader.
- Turn on Hebrew in the Old Testament or Greek in the New Testament when you want original-language text.
- Tap an English, Hebrew, or Greek word to open Word Study.

Tip: The app remembers your reading position, so you can return to the passage where you left off.

2. Reading the Bible

The default reading text is the King James Version (KJV). Use the testament selector and the book/chapter/verse controls to move through Scripture. Previous and Next navigation lets you continue through nearby passages without reopening the picker.

Verse controls provide access to verse notes, attachments, bookmarks, and syntax. Page-level controls allow notes and attachments that apply to the current reading page rather than one specific verse.

3. Hebrew and Greek Original-Language Display

In the Old Testament, enable **Hebrew** to display the original-language text beneath or alongside the KJV reading. In the New Testament, enable **Greek** for the equivalent Greek display.

The original-language text is interactive: tapping a Hebrew or Greek word opens a detailed Word Study view with lexical and grammatical information.

4. English Word Study

Tap an English word in the KJV to open English Word Study. When a tagged original-language alignment is available, the app shows the aligned Hebrew or Greek word or phrase and related study information.

Area	What it shows
Alignment	KJV tagged phrase, aligned Hebrew/Greek text, alignment type, and alignment source.
Meaning	Original-language lexical definition when an aligned word is available.
Grammar	Part of speech, Strong's number, original lemma, and morphology.
Syntax / Role	Word-level syntax or role when the English token maps reliably to original-language data.

Area	What it shows
My Word Note	A personal note attached to that word study.

No direct syntax match: Some English words do not have a one-to-one tagged Hebrew or Greek match. In that case the app may show “No direct alignment” and “No direct syntax match.” This does not mean the app is still loading. Use the verse-level Syntax view to examine the complete original-language structure.

5. Hebrew and Greek Word Study

Tap a Hebrew or Greek word to open original-language Word Study. Depending on the available source data, the view can include lexical definition, lemma, Strong's number, part of speech, morphology, gloss, semantic/participant role, domains, clause, phrase, and other linguistic details.

Use the speaker button when available to hear pronunciation. The pronunciation tool is a study aid and should not be treated as a replacement for formal language instruction.

6. Syntax

Syntax is based on the original biblical language: **Hebrew for the Old Testament** and **Greek for the New Testament**. The app does not use a separate KJV English syntax parser.

Open verse-level Syntax to explore grammatical hierarchy such as Sentence -> Clause -> Phrase -> Original-language words. This is useful when an individual English word has no direct one-to-one alignment.

7. Notes and Bookmarks

You can keep notes at multiple levels: page, verse, and word. Status dots help indicate whether a note or attachment exists. Verse bookmarks provide a fast way to mark passages for later study.

Study Center brings notes, bookmarks, and files together. Use its filters and search field to narrow results by testament, book, or text, then use Open Reference to return directly to a passage.

8. Attachments and OCR

Page and verse attachments can include documents, photos, OCR scans, and video. Depending on device capability, the Add menu can provide Files, Photo Library, Camera Photo, Camera OCR, Video Library, and Record Video.

Camera OCR uses Apple's Vision framework locally on the device. An OCR capture can save both the source image and recognized text as a separate text attachment. Tap an attachment to preview it with the system previewer.

Permissions: Camera, Photo Library, and Microphone access is requested only when you choose a feature that needs it. Permissions can be changed later in iPhone Settings.

9. Study Library

Study Library is a private collection of study materials stored in the app. Use the + button to add files, photos, OCR captures, or videos. Use the search field to locate a saved item.

Tap a Study Library item to preview it. Use the share button to send or save a copy through the iOS share sheet.

Rename: Swipe left and choose Rename, or long-press and choose Rename. The app changes the display name without moving the underlying stored file, which protects the file from being lost. Delete is available from the long-press menu and requires confirmation.

10. Search and Recent Passages

Bible Search searches the KJV text and returns matching references. Tap a result to open that passage.

Recent Passages keeps a history of recently visited references (up to the app's recent-history limit). You can search that list, clear it, or tap an entry to return to the passage.

11. Reading Display Preferences

Use the reading display controls to adjust KJV font size, Hebrew/Greek font size, verse spacing, and theme. Available appearance modes include System, Light, Sepia, and Dark. Preferences persist between sessions.

12. Backup, Verify, and Restore

Study Center includes export and backup tools for protecting your study data.

Tool	Purpose
Study Report	Creates a human-readable text report of study information.
JSON Backup	Portable metadata backup for notes, bookmarks, reading history, and related records.
Full Archive	Includes metadata plus embedded attachment and Study Library file content.
Verify Backup	Checks archive structure and file integrity, including stored checksums.
Restore Backup	Restores data with duplicate-safe merge behavior rather than blindly replacing everything.

Recommended habit: Create a Full Archive periodically and use Verify Backup before relying on it. Save important backups somewhere outside the app, such as Files/iCloud Drive or another destination you control.

13. Sources, Privacy, and Offline Use

The app includes an About Study Data area with Sources & Attributions. The Bible and linguistic datasets are credited there, including KJV/CrossWire source material, Open Scriptures Hebrew Bible, MACULA Hebrew, MACULA Greek, and STEP Bible Greek lexical data as applicable.

The app is designed as an offline-first study application. No account is required. Notes, bookmarks, reading history, attachments, Study Library files, and backups remain local unless you explicitly export or share them.

14. Troubleshooting and Tips

A word has no Strong's or lemma

The English word may not have a direct tagged original-language match. Try the verse-level Syntax view or tap the original Hebrew/Greek word.

Syntax says no direct match

This is an alignment limitation for that specific English token, not a loading error.

Camera option is unavailable

Camera capture is not available in the iOS Simulator and may require permission on a physical iPhone.

An attachment will not open

Confirm the underlying file still exists. Current versions use the system previewer for supported local files.

A Study Library item has a confusing name

Use Rename to assign a meaningful display name without moving the stored file.

Backup restore seems to add nothing

The restore process is duplicate-safe. Existing/current items may be skipped rather than duplicated.

Support
Website: gentryosapps.com
For support, use the contact information published on the GentryOS support page.

GentryOS Study Bible is a study and reference tool. Original-language, lexical, grammatical, and syntax information is provided as a study aid.