BACKGROUND: This instruction sheet provides guidelines for cataloging works about the Bible, works on special topics discussed in the Bible, and works on the theological and ethical teachings of the Bible.

1. **Bible-[subdivision]**. Assign headings of the type Bible-[subdivision], in accordance with H 1188, for historical and critical works about the Bible, including works on the history, interpretation, influence, inspiration, use, etc., of the Bible, for example, Bible-Criticism, interpretation, etc.

Subdivisions of this type may also be used under individual parts of the Bible.

2. **Topics in the Bible**.

   a. **Form of heading**. Establish and assign headings in the form described below for works containing discussions of topics, persons, and places in the Bible and/or lists of Bible verses in which a specific topic, person, or place is mentioned.

      (1) **[Topic] in the Bible**. For works about a topic in the Bible, establish and assign phrase headings of the type [topic] in the Bible, e.g., Colors in the Bible; Teenagers in the Bible.

      (2) **[Person]—In the Bible**. For works about an individual person in the Bible, establish and assign subdivided headings of the type [person]—In the Bible, e.g., Cyrus, King of Persia, -529 B.C.—In the Bible.

      (3) **[Place]—In the Bible**. For works about a particular place in the Bible, establish and assign subdivided headings of the type [place]—In the Bible, e.g., Tiberias, Lake (Israel)—In the Bible.

Do not establish headings in the form Bible-[subdivision] for works on special topics discussed in the Bible. However, existing headings of this type found in the subject authority file may be used and need not be cancelled.
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b. References.  Do not make any "used for," broader term, or related term references.

c. Additional headings.  If the work is limited to a discussion of part of the Bible, such as the Old Testament, New Testament, or an individual book, assign an additional heading for the portion of the Bible discussed, subdivided further, if appropriate in accordance with H 1188, for example, Bible. Psalms--Criticism, interpretation, etc.

Do not assign a heading of this type if the work discusses the topic in relation to the whole Bible.


a. General.  Assign the subdivision –Theology under Bible or its individual parts to general works on the theological teachings of the Bible.  Assign the heading Ethics in the Bible to works on the general ethical teachings of the Bible or its individual parts.

b. Biblical teaching.  Assign the free-floating subdivision –Biblical teaching under religious or secular topics for works on the theological and/or ethical teachings of the Bible, or its individual parts, on that subject, for example, Family—Biblical teaching; Salvation—Biblical teaching.

c. Additional headings.  If the work is limited to a discussion of part of the Bible, assign an additional heading, if appropriate, following the instructions in sec. 2.c.

4. Examples.

Title:  Coins of the ancient world.
650 #0 $a Coins, Ancient.
650 #0 $a Coins in the Bible.

Title:  Eating and drinking with Jesus.
650 #0 $a Lord's Supper $x Biblical teaching.
650 #0 $a Food in the Bible.
650 #0 $a Drinking in the Bible.
630 00 $a Bible. $p Gospels $x Criticism, interpretation, etc.
4. Examples. (Continued)

**Title: God's conflict with the dragon and the sea.**
650 #0 $a Dragons in the Bible.
650 #0 $a Sea in the Bible.
630 00 $a Bible. $p Old Testament $x Criticism, interpretation, etc.

**Title: Salvation in the Gospel of John.**
650 #0 $a Salvation $x Biblical teaching.
630 00 $a Bible. $p John $x Criticism, interpretation, etc.

**Title: Christians and Roman rule in the New Testament**
630 00 $a Bible. $b New Testament $x Criticism, interpretation, etc.
651 #0 $a Rome $x In the Bible.

**Title: The Bible and popular culture in America.**
630 00 $a Bible $x Influence $x History.
650 #0 $a Popular culture $z United States $x History.

**Title: The effective father.**
650 #0 $a Father and child.
650 #0 $a Fathers in the Bible.
650 #0 $a Fathers $x Religious life.