ASU Library Guide to Citing Biblical Dictionaries and Encyclopedias
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Two Examples:

The Anchor Bible Dictionary (ABD)
ASU Reference Area (Main floor) BS 440 .A54

Six volumes, 7,200-pages, with illustrations. It features more than 6,000 entries from 800 leading international scholars. Covering countless Biblical subjects, the Anchor Bible Dictionary is a tremendous help for in-depth exploration of the Bible.

The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible (NIDB)
ASU Reference Area (Main floor) BS440 .N445 2006

An encyclopedia identifying and explaining all proper names and significant terms and subjects in the Holy Scriptures, including the Apocrypha, with attention to archaeological discoveries and researches into the life and faith of ancient times.

Turabian (Chicago) Style of Citing a Bible Dictionary or Encyclopedia:

Biblical encyclopedias and dictionaries will usually have a contributing author, as well as a general editor for the entire work. Be sure to cite both, clearly distinguishing them apart as illustrated by the examples below.

FINDING THE NAME OF THE AUTHOR OF A DICTIONARY OR ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLE:
The name of the contributing author is usually found at the end of the article. [In some biblical dictionaries the author is noted by an abbreviation of the author’s name at the end of the article. You can then find the name from a list of abbreviations at either the beginning or the end of the work.]

EXAMPLE showing the author of the article on “Sheep” from The Anchor Bible Dictionary, on page 1190:

Guardian of souls (1 Pet 2:25; 5:4), the early church used the symbol to describe the work of its leaders, who were expected to pattern their life and work after that of their chief Shepherd (1 Pet 5:1-4; Heb 13:17, 20-21).

Church leaders were instructed to “lead the flock of God” (1 Pet 5:2), and the titles which were applied to them, such as elder (presbyteros) and guardian, bishop, or overseer (episkopos), are directly linked to the work of shepherding (cf. Acts 1:20; 15:23, 15-2, 6, 22, 23; 16:4; 20:17, 28–29; 1 Tim 3:2; 4:14; 5:17; Titus 1:5; 1 Pet 5:2–3; and the church was to be sustained by the responsible oversight of those leaders, who were the shepherds over God’s flock.

Bibliography


J. W. Vangil

SHEERAH (PERSON) (Heb ‘ire). A descendant of Ephraim (1 Chr 7:24). This passage is part of a fragment,
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