Citing the Bible

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In-Text Citation:

For your first citation, you should make sure to include the version of the Bible and the book, chapter, and line numbers. In the example below, *New International Version*, Gen. 1.1-3 means this quote came from the New International Version of the book of Genesis, chapter 1, lines 1-3.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light” (*New International Version*, Gen. 1.1-3).

After the first citation, you do not need to give the version of the Bible. In this example, you would continue further citations like (Gen. 1.1-3) with whichever book, chapter, and lines you want to cite.

Works Cited:

*The Bible. Version of The Bible*, edition number (if available), publisher, year published.


If you have a Bible that lists editors, this is an example of how you would add that information: