

Comparing Contents of Logos 3 and Logos 4

NOTE: I am primarily approaching this as a New Testament scholar interested in original language resources and also English translations. I also have a interest in maps and images related to the biblical texts. I teach at a seminary, and my choices reflect my work and the kind of work I anticipate my students needing to be able to do. This listing barely touches the full contents of the Logos libraries. The headings are from the [Logos upgrade comparison page](#), and I have added comments after each section.

For my purposes and those of my students, I have determined that the Original Languages (OL) library should be the entry point. If they have extra money, I encouraged them to move up to the Gold collection. (Cf. comments at the end.) I have only included here resources that are new to Logos4 and have *asterisked* ones that I think are particularly important additions. Items marked with a † are part of the [miminal crossgrade](#).

Here is the complete list of resources in the OL Library:

<http://www.logos.com/contents/originallanguages#001>

Here is the complete list of resources in the Gold Library:

<http://www.logos.com/contents/gold#001>

Note that if you only do a minimal crossgrade you will not get all the resources listed on these pages. From my list, then, you can see which resources you will get with the minimal crossgrade (marked with †) and those that are part of the true crossgrade for OL or Gold (*Again: this listing of resources only indicates new resources in Logos4 and only those that I think are particularly relevant for biblical studies.*

ENGLISH BIBLES

- *Douay–Rheims Bible (OL,Gold)
- †GOD’S WORD Translation (OL,Gold)
- †Lexham English Bible: New Testament (OL,Gold)
- †Holman Christian Standard Bible (OL,Gold)

Comments: I'm glad to see the addition of the Douay–Rheims Bible, because it gives the best view of the Vulgate text for those who do not know Latin. I wish that one of the more 'dynamic' translations (Good News, Message, NLT) were included in the OL library for comparison's sake. (Or is the NLT included in Gold? It appears to be included among the Interlinears.) The Lexham English Bible: NT appears to be a version connected with the Lexham Syntactic GNT.

INTERLINEAR BIBLES

- KJV Cambridge Paragraph English–Greek Reverse Interlinear (OL,Gold)
- KJV Cambridge Paragraph English–Hebrew Reverse Interlinear (OL,Gold)
- †KJV English–Greek Reverse Interlinear (OL,Gold)
- †KJV English–Hebrew Reverse Interlinear (OL,Gold)

- LEB English–Greek Reverse Interlinear (OL,Gold)
- Lexham Greek–English New Testament Interlinear (Gold)
- Lexham Greek–English Septuagint Interlinear (Gold)
- NASB95 English–Greek Reverse Interlinear (OL,Gold)
- NASB95 English–Hebrew Reverse Interlinear (OL,Gold)
- †NIV English–Greek Reverse Interlinear (OL,Gold)
- †NIV English–Hebrew Reverse Interlinear (OL,Gold)
- †NLT English–Greek Reverse Interlinear (OL,Gold)
- †NLT English–Hebrew Reverse Interlinear (OL,Gold)
- †NKJV English–Greek Reverse Interlinear (OL,Gold)
- †NKJV English–Hebrew Reverse Interlinear (OL,Gold)
- †NRSV English–Hebrew Reverse Interlinear (OL,Gold)

Comments: I have not had occasion to make much use of the reverse interlinears, but I can see how they would be helpful for people who do not know Greek or Hebrew. I like that the interlinears are now accessed through the version and appear as panes in the bottom of a tab. (The reverse interlinears for the NIV or NLT are still being completed.)

BIBLE REFERENCE (Gold only)

- Holman Bible Atlas: A Complete Guide to the Expansive Geography of Biblical History
- Holman Bible Handbook
- Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary
- Holman Treasury of Key Bible Words
- Eerdmans Bible Dictionary
- Encyclopedia of Christianity (Vols. 1–4) [vol 4 is now added to complete the set]
- The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church, rev. ed.

Comments: The Holman resources are generally solid and reliable. The Encycl. of Christianity and Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church are not strictly 'biblical' resources, but they are certainly worthwhile to consult. None of these resources are included in the OL library, and I wish that at least one basic Bible dictionary was included. (I recommend Harper's.)

MAPS, PHOTOS, and MEDIA (included in both OL and Gold except where indicated)

- 1,000 Bible Images (Gold only)
- †*BiblePlaces.com Image Library
- †*Biblical People
- †*Biblical Places
- †*Biblical Things
- †Holbein's Bible Woodcuts
- Holman Bible Atlas: A Complete Guide to the Expansive Geography of Biblical History
- Holman Book of Biblical Charts, Maps and Reconstructions (Gold only)

- †Images from A Dictionary of the Bible
- †Images from An Illustrated History of the Holy Bible
- †Images from The Bible Hand–Book
- †Images from The Illustrated Bible Treasury
- †Images from The People’s Bible Encyclopedia
- Images of the Holy Lands (Gold only)
- Logos Bible Software Infographics
- *Logos Bible Software Maps
- Logos Digital Hymnal
- †Stereoscopic Images of the Middle East
- The Bible and Its Story (10 Vols.)
- †Traveling in the Holy Land through the Stereoscope
- †Traveling in the Holy Land through the Stereoscope: Media Resource

Comments: I think the new Biblical Places tool is excellent. The module/browser provides outstanding linking of maps, places, dictionary entries, links to Google maps, and more. (I'll provide a fuller report on this module later...) I am also very happy that this tool (including the new, attractive Logos maps) is included in the OL library.

Images—which includes both actual photos and artistic works—are of varying quality, but it's very nice to have them handy.

The Logos Bible Software Infographics are a new addition that provides, as you might guess, infographics: simplified visuals that are a right-click away to be sent into PowerPoint. Mixed bag of usefulness and accuracy... (E.g., looking up "leaven" in Biblical Things does not provide a link to the infographic on the Parable of the Woman and the Leaven, because it uses "yeast" instead of "leaven." The infographic shows "three measures" as three measuring cups, but the "sata" in the Greek is nearly 50 times as much.)

ANCIENT TEXTS IN TRANSLATION (Gold only)

- Apocryphal New Testament (MR James)
- New Testament Apocrypha (Hone)
- Brenton Septuagint
- Septuagint Variants with Logos Morphology
- Septuagint Variants with Logos Morphology Reverse Interlinear
- Swete Septuagint

Comments: They are old editions, but it's good to have the NT Apocrypha now included. If you are doing serious LXX study, the additional texts are quite welcome. All of these only appear in the Gold, but it would be nice to have at least one of the NT Apocryphas in the OL.

ORIGINAL LANGUAGE GRAMMARS and TOOLS

- Lexham Analytical Lexicon of the Greek New Testament (Gold)

- Cascadia Syntax Graphs of the New Testament (Gold)
- Lexham LXX: MT Parallel Alignment (OL, Gold)

Comments: It appears that the Lexham Analytical Lexicon of the Greek New Testament replaces Friberg's Analytical Lexicon of the Greek New Testament used in Logos3. (The Analytical Greek New Testament w/ Friberg Morphology has also been dropped.) It's a handy resource for initial lexical work. Unfortunately, this basic resource is not included in the OL library. (The OL library does include the Barclay/Newman Concise Dictionary, Louw-Nida, LEH Lexicon of the LXX, 'Middle Liddell,' and the full TDNT.)

I do not know what "The Lexham LXX: MT Parallel Alignment" unless it is the same thing as Tov's "The Parallel Aligned Hebrew–Aramaic and Greek Texts of Jewish Scripture."

I will have to work more with Cascadia Syntax Graphs of the New Testament (only in Gold) to see how they compare to the other GNT syntax tools (namely, OpenText and Lexham Syntactic GNT which both are in OL).

ANCIENT LANGUAGE TEXTS

- Rahlfs' Septuagint with Logos Morphology (2 Vols.) (OL, Gold)

Comments: Though this is not listed as a new resource, this is a very important update. The morphological coding in the Logos3 Rahlfs' Septuagint had serious problems that rendered it completely unreliable for exegetical work. Some quick checking indicates that the problems have been corrected with this edition using Logos Morphology. The only limitation at this time (and one I suspect will be corrected eventually) is that the new LXX text is lacking the following texts included in Rahlfs: Joshua (text family A readings lacking), Judges (text family B readings lacking), Tobit (text family BA readings lacking), Susanna (Old Greek text family readings lacking), Daniel (Old Greek text family readings lacking), and Bel (Old Greek text family readings lacking).

CONCLUSIONS – Getting the Logos3 > Logos4 Crossgrade:

Logos 4 is still getting everything together (cf. [Missing Features](#)), and this short analysis has a very limited scope of considering only content from a biblical resources perspective. The [\\$70 minimal crossgrade](#) is going to get you a lot of additional functionality, and that alone may be worth the cost (and it does include iPhone access).

- *If you have the Original Languages library, the minimal crossgrade gets you most of what you want. The only substantial additions are the Reverse Interlinears, and those may or may not be useful to you.*
- *If you have the Gold library, you do get quite a few additional, excellent resources that will make the true crossgrade very attractive.*

BOTTOM LINE: Go to your account in Logos.com to check what your crossgrade or upgrade prices are and use this listing as a guide for evaluating biblical resources.

Is it worth moving up from Original Languages to Gold?

Here are the additional resources you get that I think are particularly valuable, especially the *asterisked* ones.

- *English Bibles: Good News, Message, NIV, NLT, TNIV
- *The New International Greek Testament Commentary (13 Vols.)
- *The United Bible Societies' New Testament Handbook Series (20 Vols.)
- *The United Bible Societies' Old Testament Handbook Series (21 Vols.)
- *Harper's Bible Dictionary
- Holman Bible Atlas: A Complete Guide to the Expansive Geography of Biblical History
- Encyclopedia of Christianity (Vols. 1–4)
- The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church, rev. ed.
- Treasury of Scripture Knowledge
- 1,000 Bible Images
- Holman Book of Biblical Charts, Maps and Reconstructions
- Images of the Holy Lands
- The Bible and Its Story (10 Vols.)
- *Early Church Fathers (37 Vols.)
- Eusebian Canons
- *Synopsis of the Four Gospels, by Kurt Aland
- The Apostolic Fathers: Revised Texts with Short Introductions and English Translations
- *The Works of Philo: Greek Text with Morphology (2 Vols.)
- *Works of Philo
- Apocryphal New Testament / New Testament Apocrypha
- Brenton Septuagint
- Septuagint Variants with Logos Morphology
- Swete Septuagint
- Cascadia Syntax Graphs of the New Testament
- *Exegetical Dictionary of the New Testament (3 Vols.)
- *Lexham Analytical Lexicon of the Greek New Testament

VERDICT: OL lists for \$416 and Gold for \$1380. So, for about \$950 less discounts (say you get the 30% off which would make it about \$675), you do easily get that much worth of books that you are likely to actually use. For a person who is most interested in working with the Greek of the NT, the bigger question is whether to put your money toward the upgrade or spend \$150 for BDAG. In Gold, you will at least get the EDNT which will go a long way. (Don't forget that Logos provides a customized upgrade calculator. Log in to your account, and get precise pricing.)

Is it worth moving up from Gold to Platinum?

Here are the additional resources you get that I think are particularly valuable, especially the *asterisked* ones.

- *A History of the Jewish People in the Time of Jesus Christ, Volume II by Emil Schürer
- Apostolic Fathers Reverse Interlinear
- The Apostolic Fathers: English Translation (Holmes)
- *The Apostolic Fathers: Greek Texts and English Translations (Holmes)
- Grammar of the Greek New Testament in the Light of Historical Research

VERDICT: Gold lists for for \$1380 and Platinum for \$1690. So, for \$310 less discounts (say you get the 30% off which would make it about \$280), I think one is much better off just buying The Apostolic Fathers. Of course, other titles in the Platinum collection may appeal to you, but there isn't that much from a New Testament perspective.

Is it worth moving up from Platinum to Portfolio?

Here are the additional resources you get that I think are particularly valuable, especially the *asterisked* ones.

- *Josephus in Greek
- *Idioms of the Greek New Testament, 2nd ed.
- Light from the Ancient East
- *A Greek–English Lexicon of the NT and Other Early Christian Literature, 3rd ed
- Liddell and Scott Greek–English Lexicon (BDAG)
- *Legends of the Jews
- Studies in the Dead Sea Scrolls (12 Vols.)
- The Dead Sea Scrolls Study Edition Vol. I: 1Q1–4Q273 – Vol. II: 4Q274–11Q31
- The Encyclopaedia of Judaism: Vols. 1–5
- Dictionary of Deities and Demons in the Bible
- International Standard Bible Encyclopedia (ISBE 1979–1995)

VERDICT: Platinum lists for \$1690 and Portfolio for \$4290. There are some outstanding resources in Portfolio, but, for \$2600 less discounts (say you get the 30% off which would make it about \$1820), I think one is much better off just buying the ones you want. Of course, other titles in the Portfolio collection may appeal to you, but there isn't that much from a New Testament perspective to make it worth the cost. As Logos notes, [Portfolio is not for everybody](#).

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