

Bible Desktop - Open Source and Free Java Bible Study Program

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[Bible Desktop](#) [1] is an excellent cross-platform open-source Bible study application. Bible Desktop is a Java application, so it will run on nearly any operating system, including Windows, Linux and Mac. Bible Desktop uses the [JSword](#) [2] project to read modules in Sword format so there is a huge range of Bibles, Commentaries, Dictionaries, Daily Devotionals and some General Books available for download. It is currently at version 1.6. Some of Bible Desktop's most notable features are:

- Advanced search
- Side-by-Side comparison
- Tabbed mode
- Sword Project module downloader

Bible Desktop is a great alternative to many of the [expensive commercial Bible study programs](#) [3]. It has most of the same great features as well.

To download, install, and run on Linux, run the following commands:

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wget http://www.crosswire.org/ftpmirror/pub/jsword/release/bibledesktop-latest-bin.tar.gz  
tar -zxvf bibledesktop-latest-bin.tar.gz  
chmod +x ./jsword-1.6/BibleDesktop.sh  
./jsword-1.6/BibleDesktop.sh
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Windows:

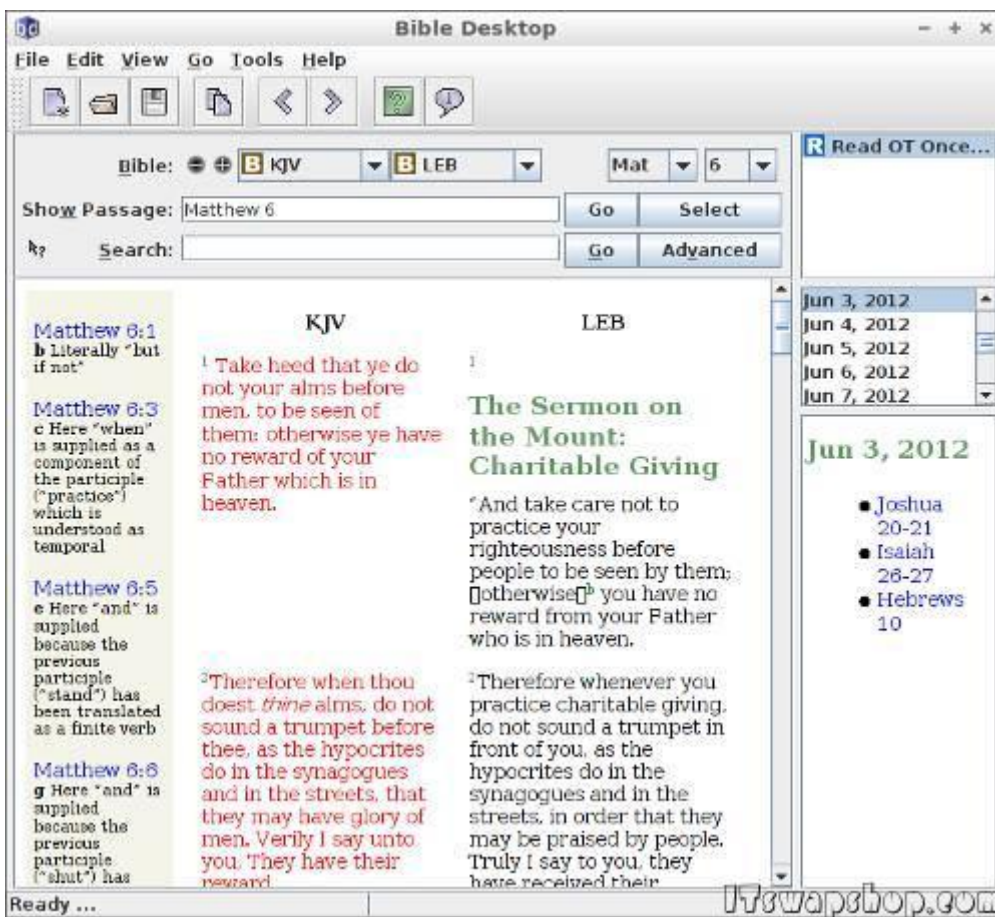
Download the installer [here](#) [4].

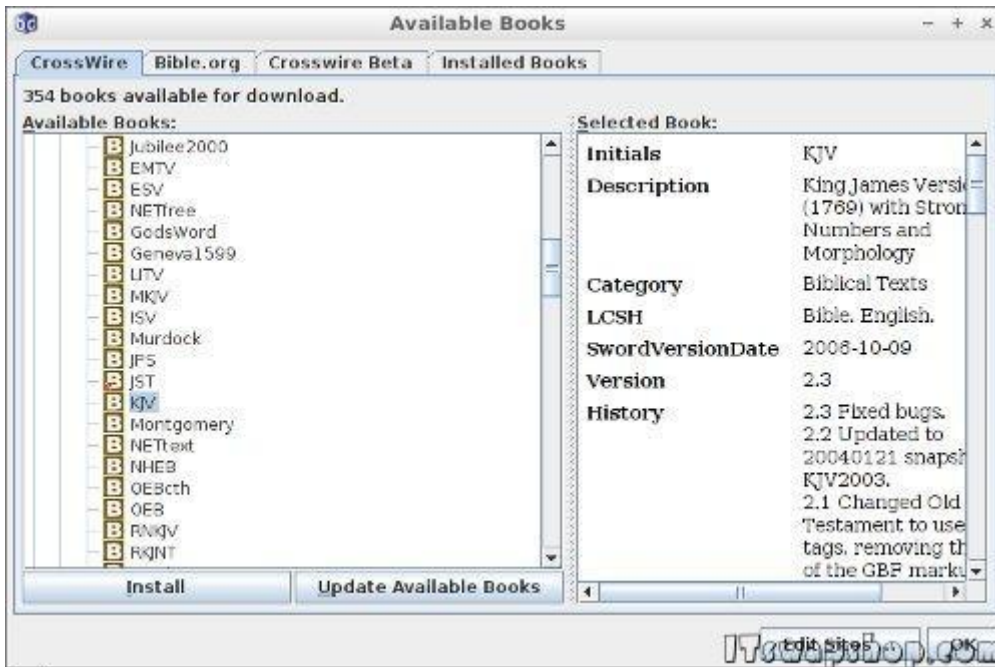
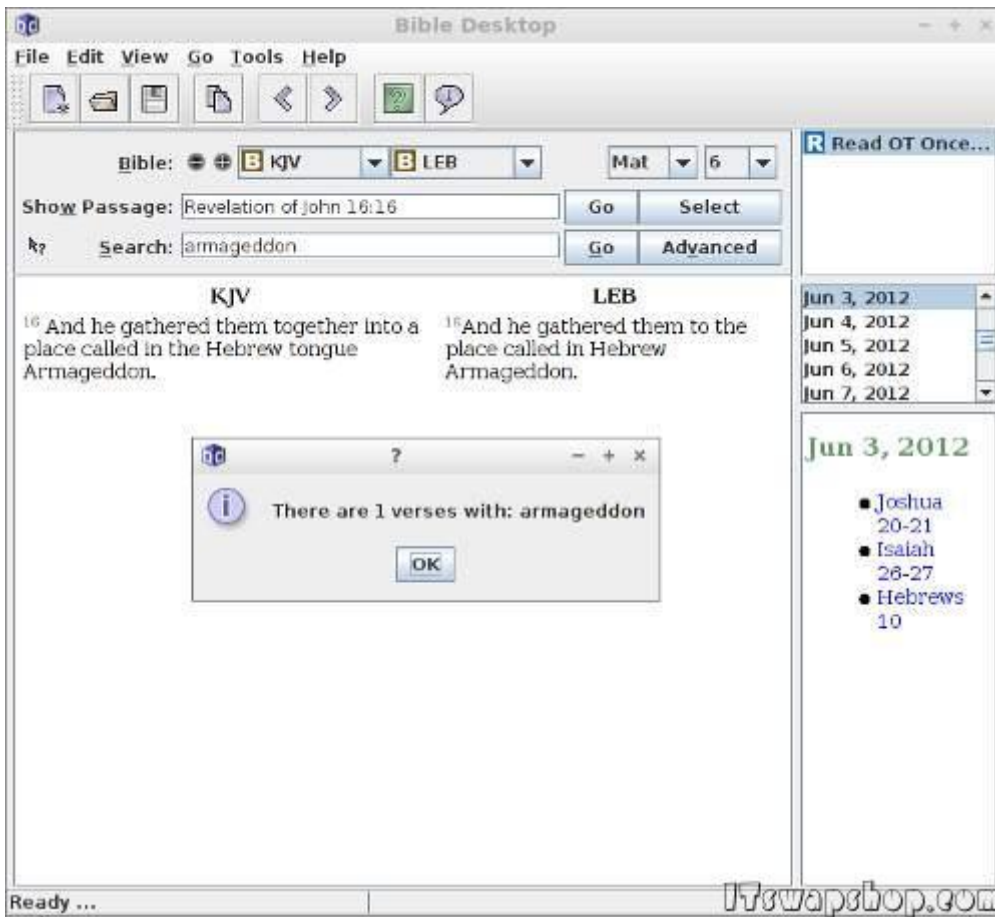
*** You need Java installed to run Bible Desktop. To install Java, run the following:

openSUSE: **sudo zypper install java-1_6_0-openjdk**

Ubuntu: **sudo apt-get install openjdk-7-jre**

Windows: If you do not have java installed, the installer will download it automatically





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[1] <http://www.crosswire.org/bibledesktop/>

[2] <http://www.crosswire.org/jsword/>

[3]

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[4] <http://www.crosswire.org/bibledesktop/stable/BibleDesktopSetup.exe>