Study a Word Using a Morphology Search

See the module with the title, “Study a Word Using a Reverse Interlinear”, for another way to do a morphology search.

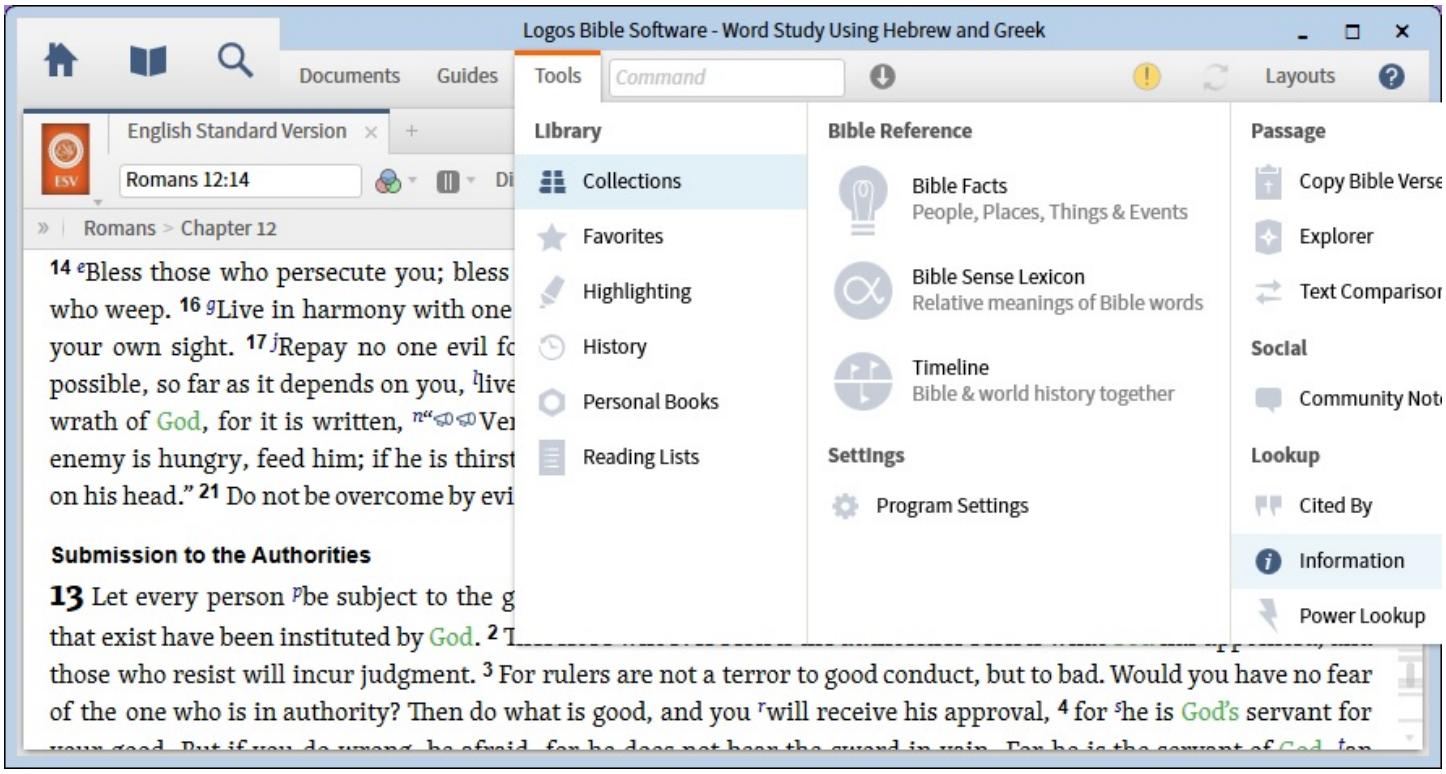
See the module with the title, “Studying English Words Using the Bible Word Study Guide”, to learn how to use the Bible Word Study to study a word.

The form of a word is called its **morphology**. Sometimes you need to know whether a word is singular or plural. Or you may need to know whether the tense of a word is past, present, or future. Or you may need to know other different meanings of a word. Identifying these differences is discovering the **morphology** of a word.

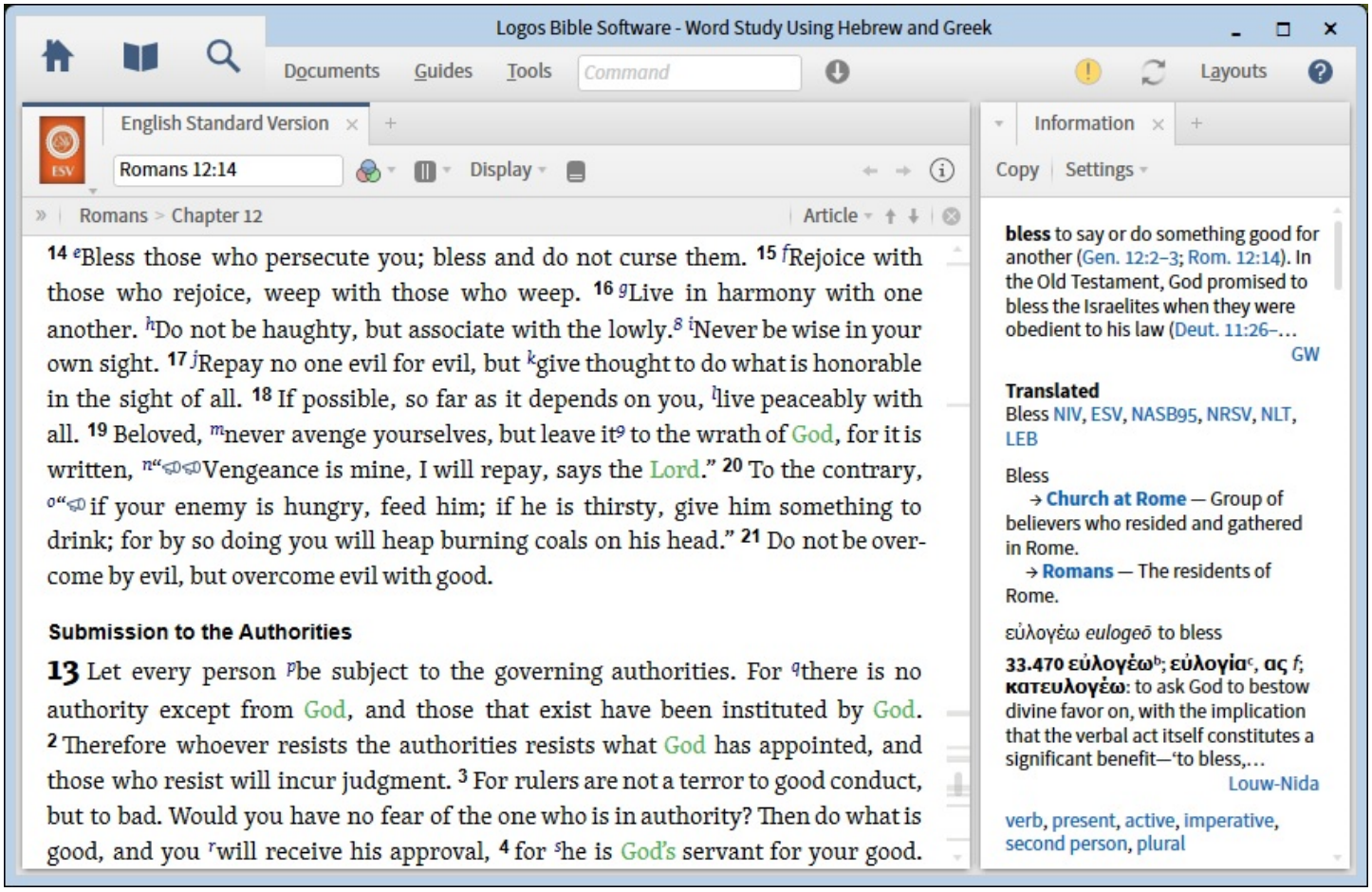
Here are some tools in Logos Bible Software that help you a morphology search.

Find Information for a Word

Open the *English Standard Version*. Enter the Bible verse *Romans 12:14*. Select **Tools** in the menu. Then select **Information** under **Lookup** in the lower right, as shown here.



A window pane will open to the right, with the title *Information*. Next, move the mouse cursor over the word *Bless*, the first word in verse 14. The details for the word, *Bless*, are displayed in the Information pane, as shown here.

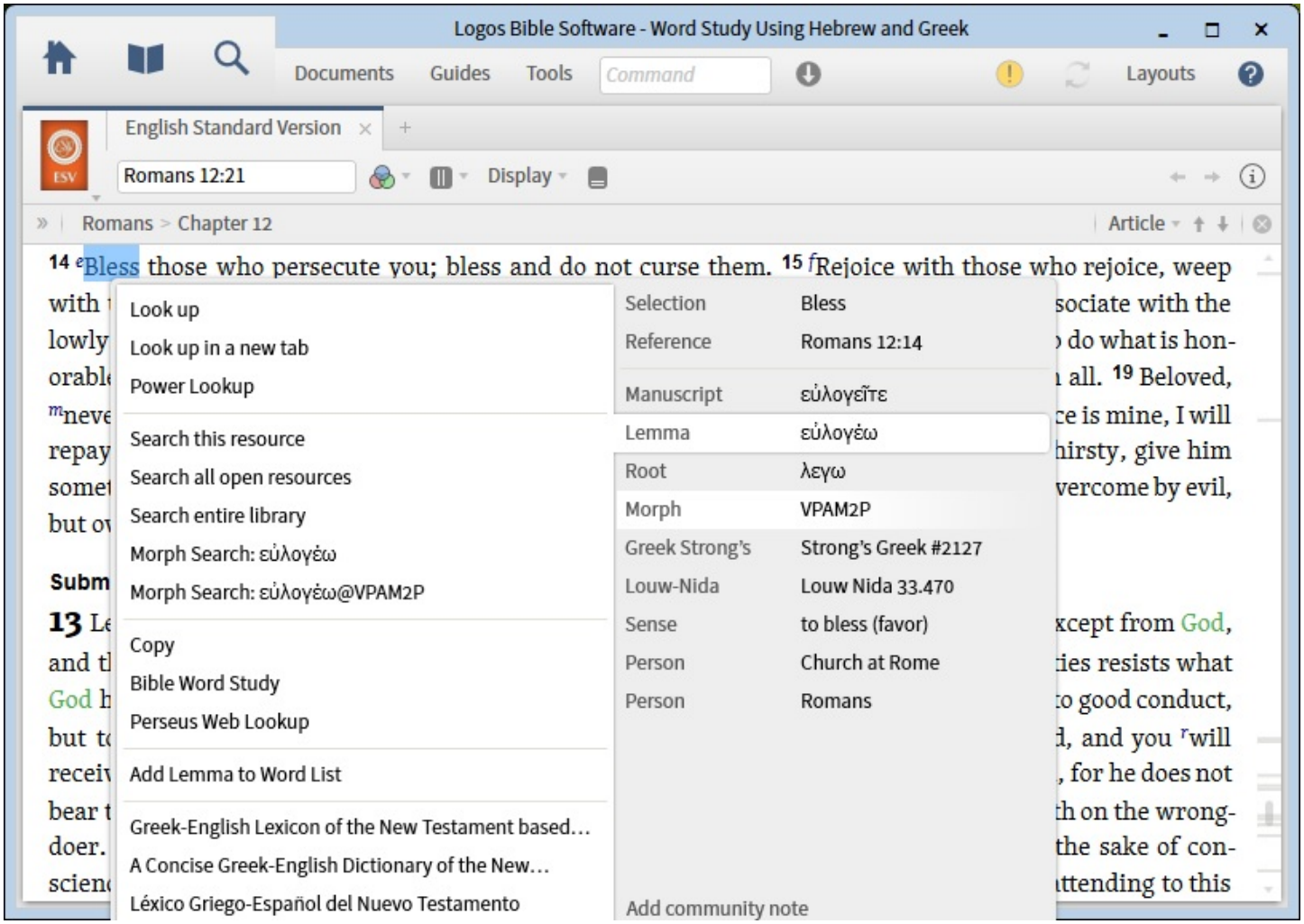


You can see a definition for the word *bless*, followed by ways the word is translated. Note that the Louw-Nida number for this word is identified by the number, 33.470. If you click on "Louw-Nida", the resource, "Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament based on Semantic Domains", will open to 33.470.

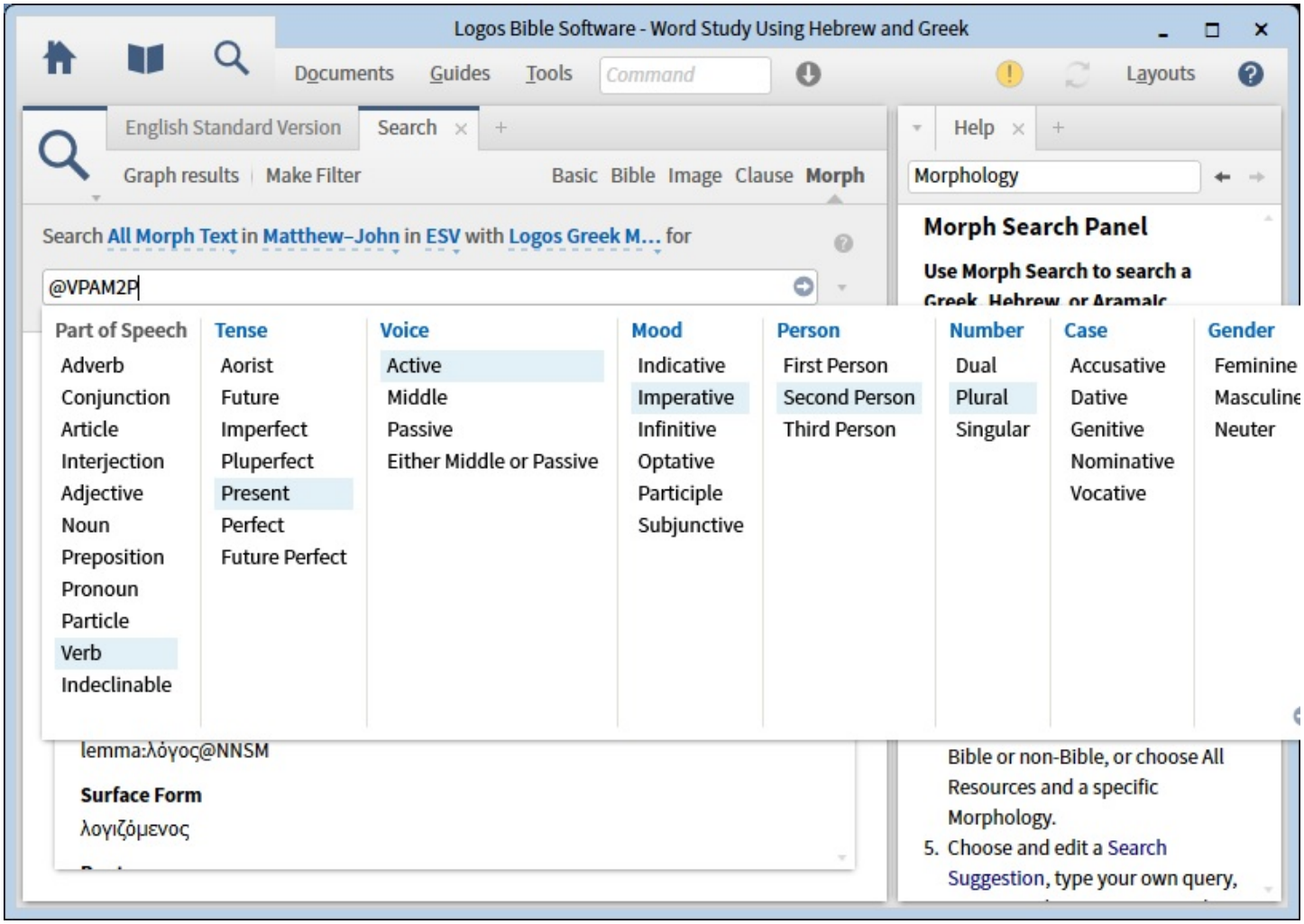
Next the morphology is shown for the word, "bless", with the following information: "verb, present, active, imperative, second person, plural". If you scroll down on the Information pane, you will see "Strong's Greek #2127". This is followed by "Louw Nida 33.470", and a list of Bible verses that contain the word "bless" with this particular morphology.

Specific Morphology Search

Now, let's assume you want to find all of the verbs that have the same morphology as the word "bless", as used in Romans 12:14. Right click on the word "Bless", and you will see the following popup window:



Note that the morphology, or “Morph”, for the word *Bless* is “VPAM2P”. To search for other words that have this same morphology, select the magnifying glass icon,  . In the “Find” slot, enter the “@” symbol, by holding down the *shift* key and press 2. After this, enter “VPAM2P”. Also select **Morph** in the upper-right of the Search pane. The following information is shown:



You will see that the part of speech is Verb (V), the tense is Present (P), the voice is Active (A), the mood is Imperative (M), the person is Second Person (2), and the number is Plural (P).

You can change the search string, "Search **All Morph Text** in **Matthew-John** in **ESV** with **Logos Greek M…** for", if you prefer. Each of these bold, blue, short strings can be modified.



Now, if you only want to search the "Surface Text", which is text that is visible using the default view settings, click the box on the left. Also, you can limit the search to just the "Words of Christ".

Now, click on the substring, "Matthew-John". You will see the following dropdown window:

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All Passages

Matthew–John

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Old Testament (Gen–Mal)

New Testament (Matt–Rev)

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Kethuvim (Ruth, 1 Chron–Song, Lam, Dan)

Former Prophets (Josh–Judg, 1 Sam–2 Kings)

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Megilloth (Ruth, Esther, Eccles–Song, Lam)

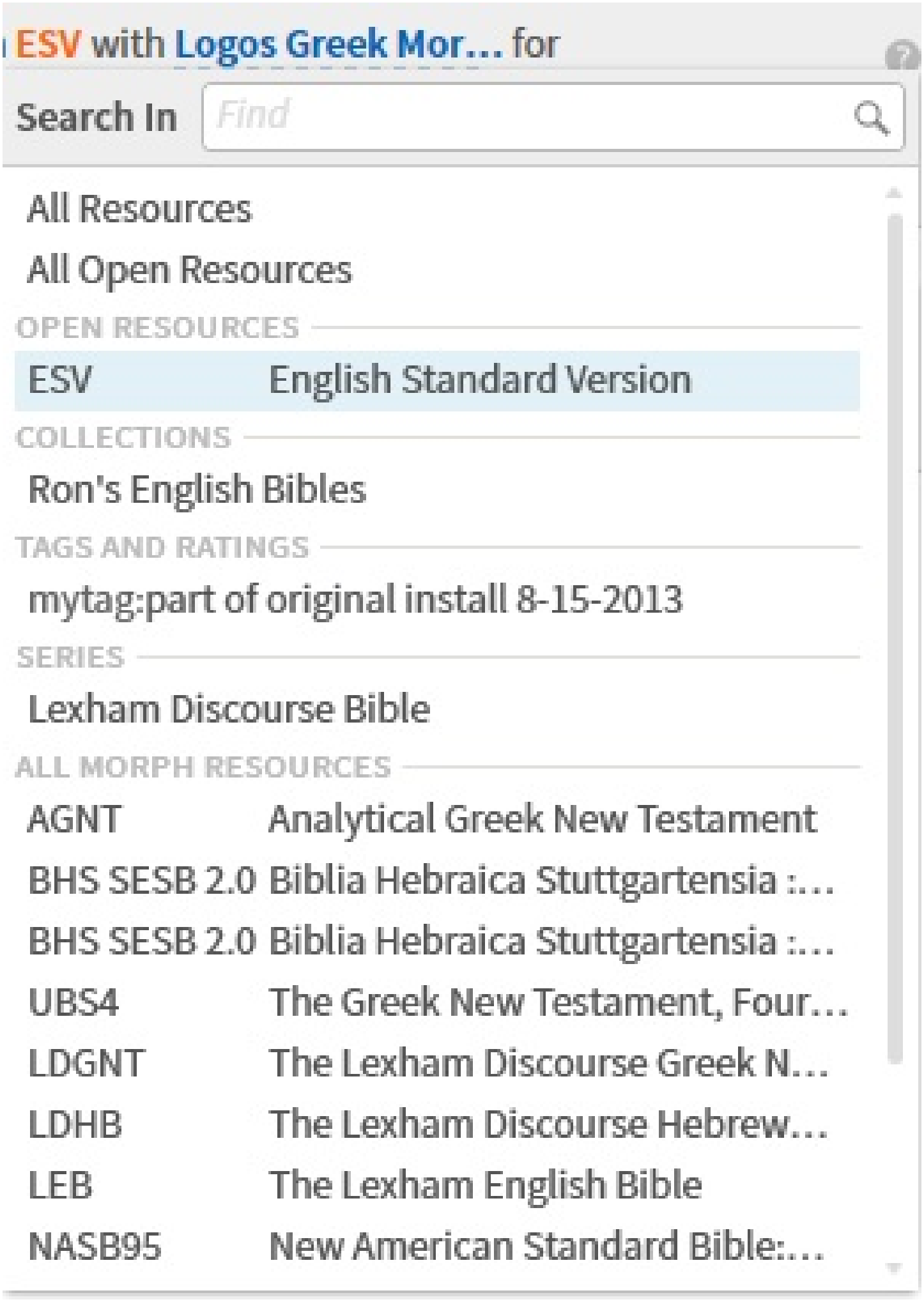
New reference range

Range title

Save

You can narrow your search to “Entire Bible”, or to a particular subgroup of books, such as “Old Testament”, “New Testament”, “Law”, or other selections. You can even define your own subgroup by entering the range in the subpane, “New reference range”, and by giving a name to your new subgroup by entering a name in the subpane, “Range title”.

Now, click on the substring, “ESV”, (English Standard Version), to select a different resource to be searched. You will see the following dropdown window:


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AGNT Analytical Greek New Testament
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UBS4 The Greek New Testament, Four...
LDGNT The Lexham Discourse Greek N...
LDHB The Lexham Discourse Hebrew...
LEB The Lexham English Bible
NASB95 New American Standard Bible:...

You can narrow your search to any one of the selections shown in the list.

Finally, click on the substring, “Logos Greek M…”, to select one of three morphologies for the search. You will see the following dropdown window:



Once you have narrowed down your search, click the mouse on the right arrow, . The chart that is generated lists the Bible verses that contain words with the morphology, “VPAM2P”, in this case.