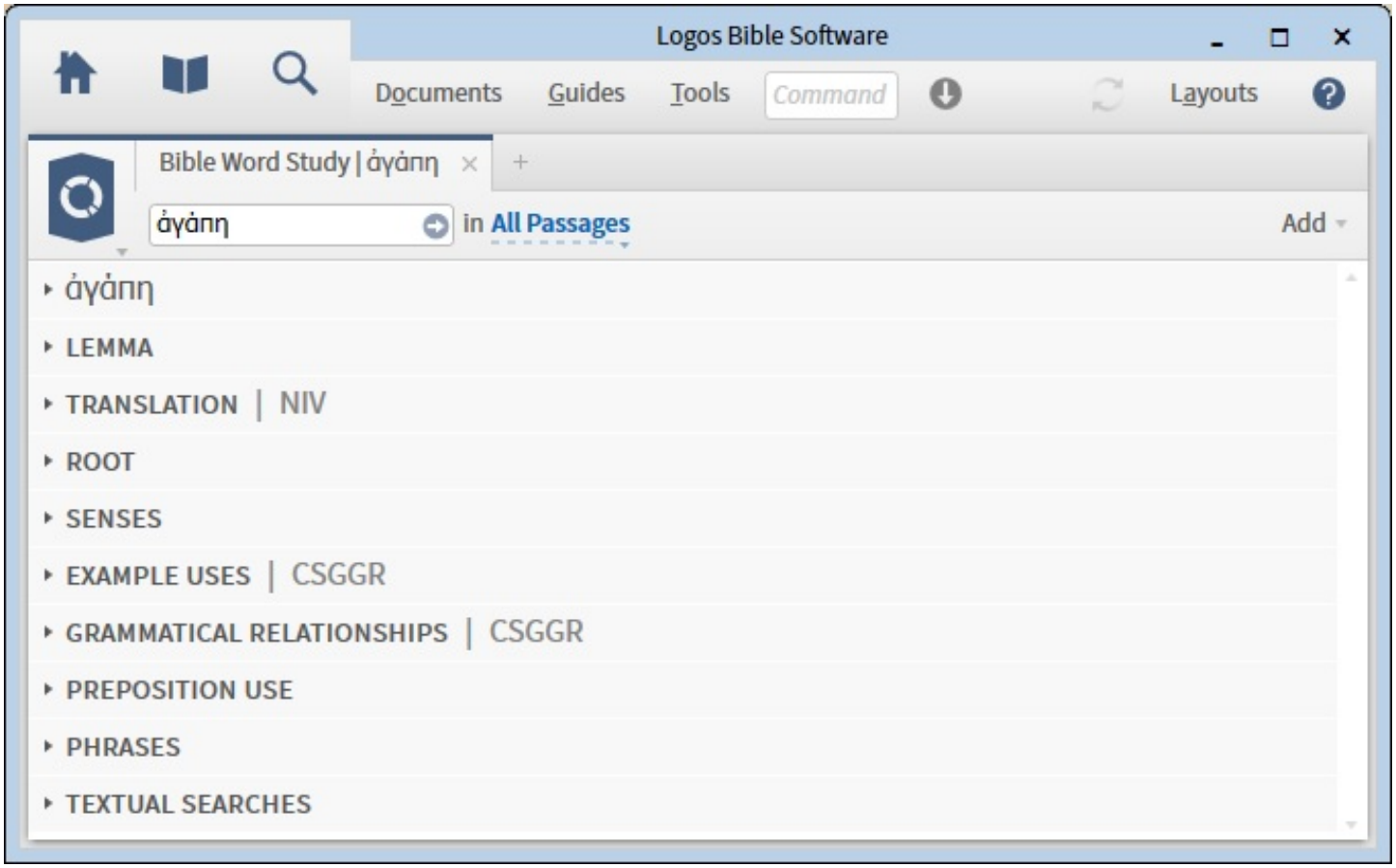
Studying Hebrew and Greek Words Using the Bible Word Study Guide

The Bible Word Study Guide helps you to find information about a specific word. In this case, we will look for information on a Greek word. The same directions apply when you look for information on a Hebrew word. If you want to study an English word, see the module, “Studying English Words Using the Bible Word Study Guide”.

Open the Bible Word Study Guide by clicking on the menu, **Guides**, at the top of the Logos Bible Software application. Then select **Bible Word Study**.

As an example, assume that you want to find information on the Greek word “ἀγάπη”. This word is translated into the English word “love”. The transliteration of this Greek word is “agape”. You can study this word using the **Bible Word Study Guide**, by entering “ἀγάπη” or “g:agape” (without the quotes) into the Reference window. Then you can either press the enter key on your keyboard, or click the search arrow, , to do the search. Click on **Layouts** on the right side of the Toolbar, and choose the layout for **1 Tile** to make the **Bible Word Study** fill the whole window in the Logos Bible Software application. Here is an example of what you may see:



To search within a specific range of passages, click on **All Passages** and choose from the drop-down list, which will include ranges that you have defined. To define a custom range:

1. Click on **All Passages** and type a range in the **New reference range** field. For example, type “Matt-John” (without the quotes).
2. Type a name for the custom range in the **Title** field. For example, type “Gospels” (without the quotes). (Note: If the name matches another custom range title, a “(2)” will be added to the end of the title).
3. Click the **Save** button.

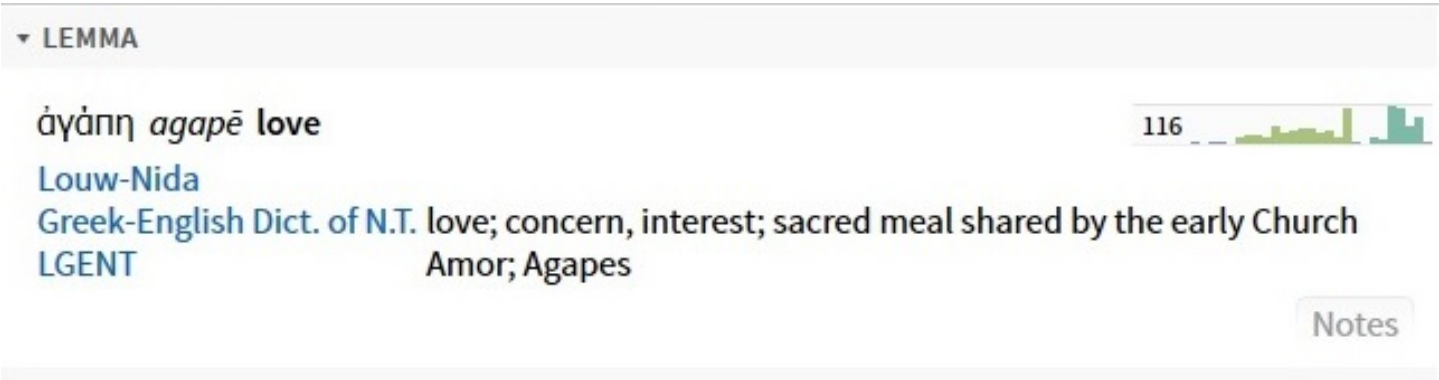
The **Bible Word Study Guide** includes the following default sections for the Greek word, “ἀγάπη”.

ἀγάπη

This section lets you provide a title and description for your word study.

LEMMA

The lemma is the form of a word that you are likely to find in a lexicon or dictionary. This is sometimes called a “root word.” Information for **LEMMA** looks like this:



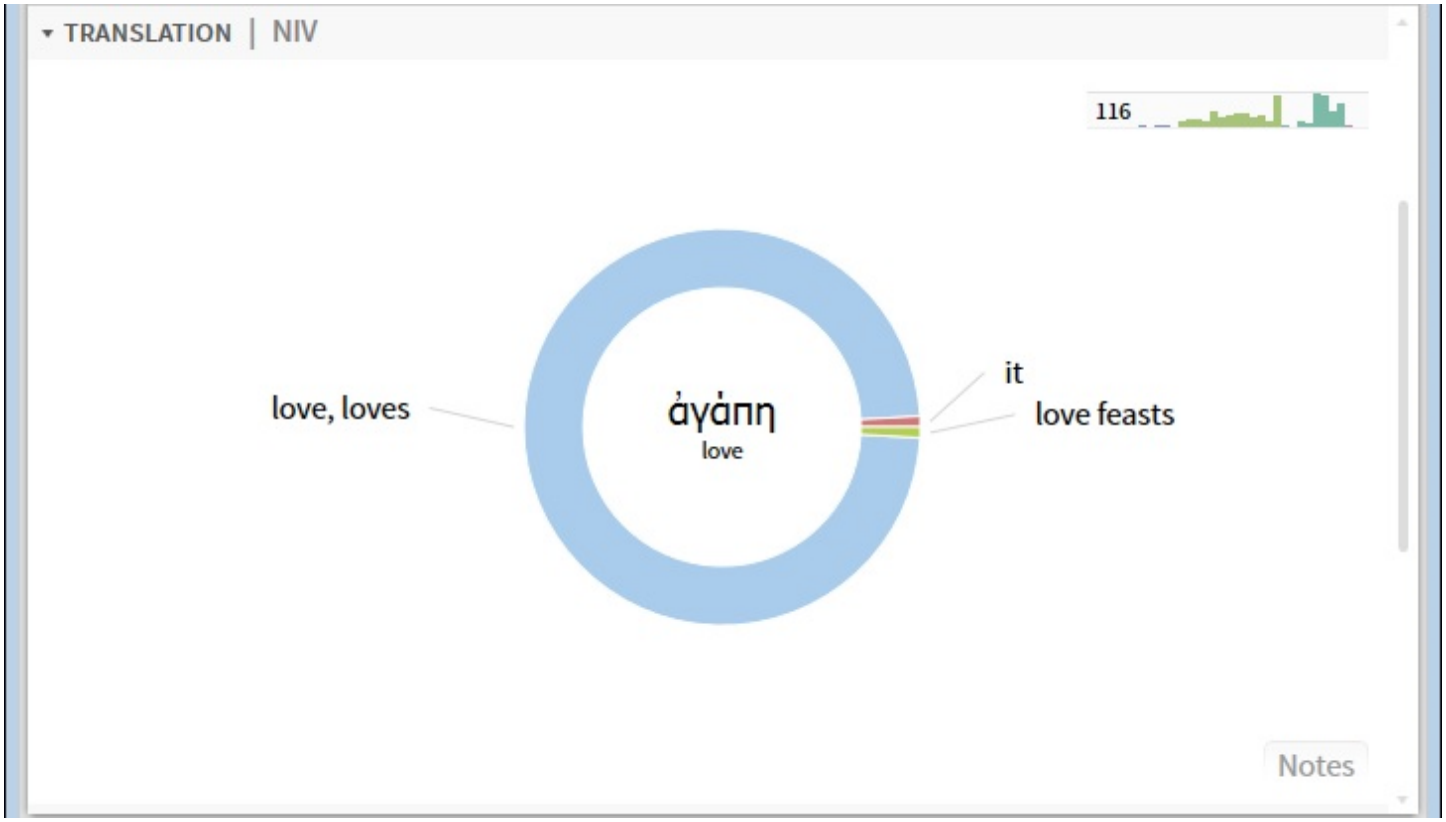
Links are given to three resources:

1. “Louw-Nida” (“Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament based on Semantic Domains”)
2. “Greek-English Dict. of N.T.” (“A Concise Greek-English Dictionary of the New Testament”)
3. “LGENT” (“Léxico Griego-Español del Nuevo Testamento”).

Each resource gives a definition for the Greek word “ἀγάπη”.

TRANSLATION

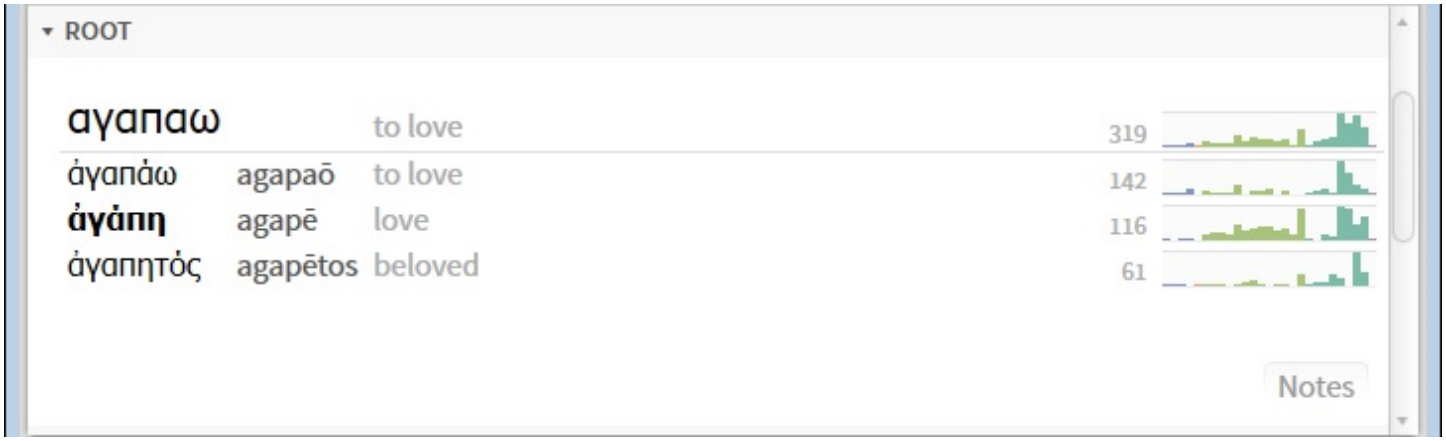
This link generates a graph of English words that are translated into the Greek word being studied, which in this case is the word “ἀγάπη”. A ring or circle is generated around the Greek word “ἀγάπη”, as shown here:



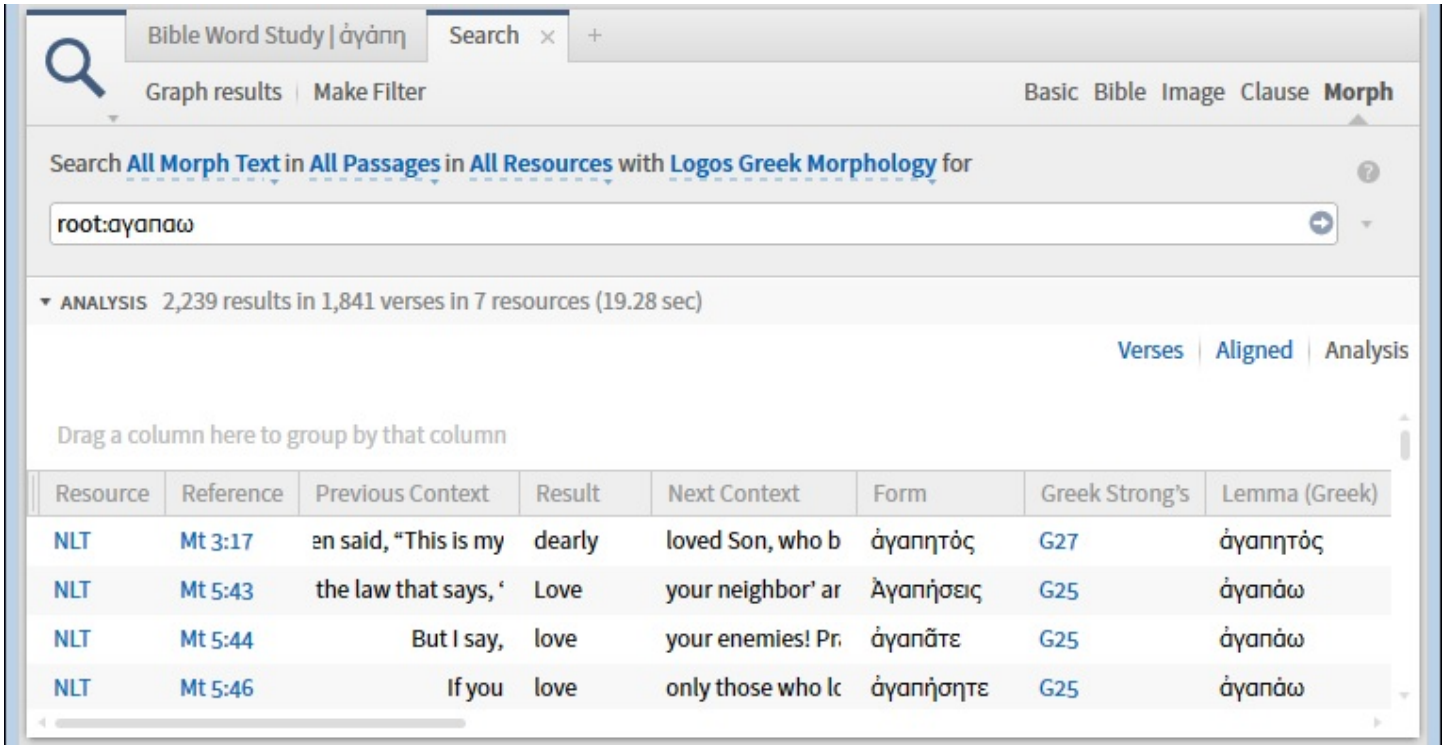
Each piece of the ring represents one of the several English words which have been translated into the Greek word “ἀγάπη”. Click on one of the root words or ring slices to generate a concordance of all the occurrences of that word.

ROOT

This shows all the roots of the word being studied and all the lemmas derived from those roots. Here are the root words and corresponding lemmas for the Greek word “ἀγάπη”:



The left column includes root headings. The middle column includes lemmas. And the next column includes the English translation. Click on the root heading, “αγαπαω” (to love), to do a morph search for that word, as shown here:



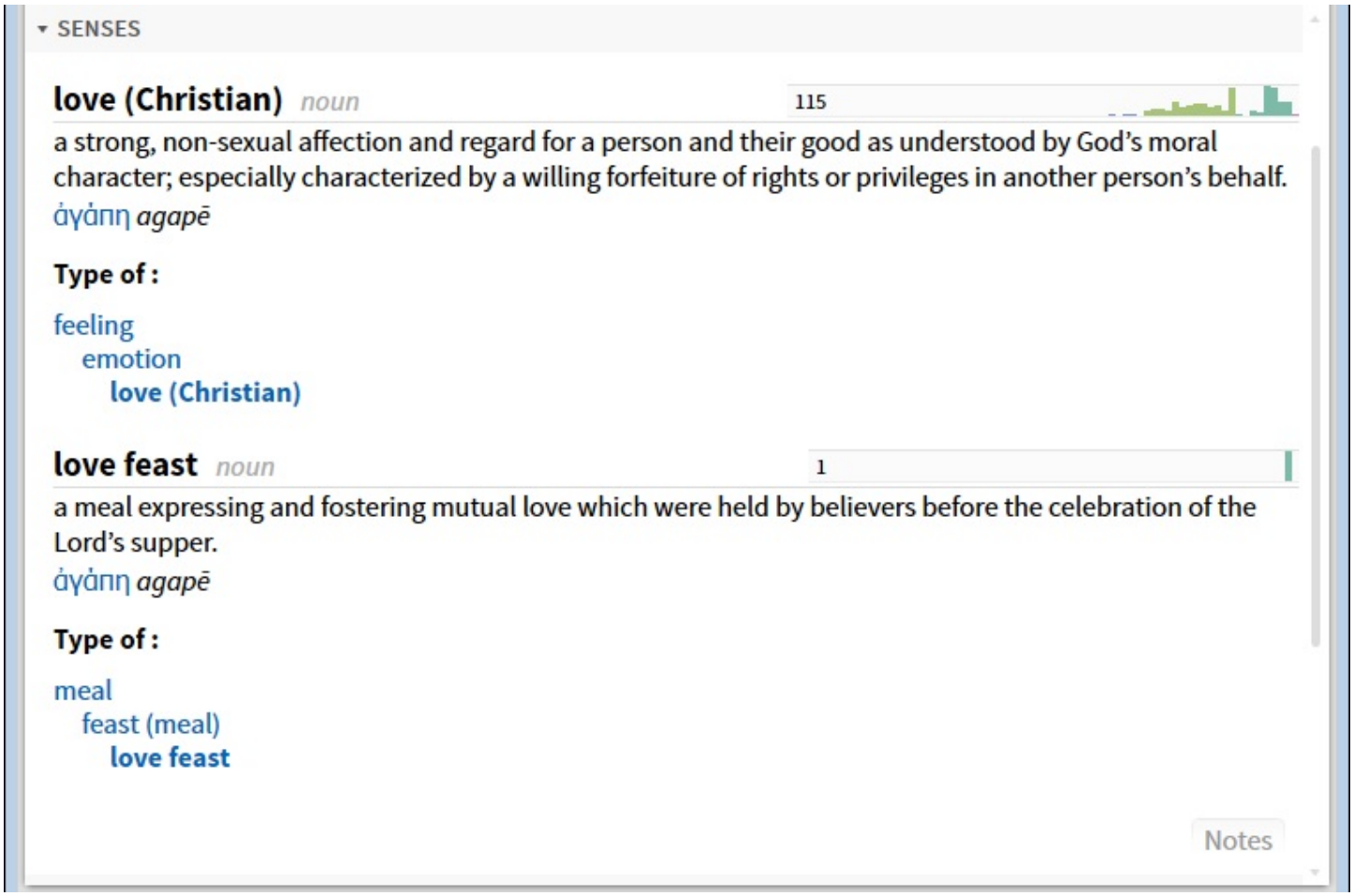
Scroll the table to the right, and you will see other columns for the morph search table, including “Louw-Nida”, “Root”, “Sense”, “Part of Speech”, “Case (Logos Greek)”, “Conjunction Subtype (Logos Greek)”, “Gender (Logos Greek)”, “Mood (Logos Greek)”, “Number (Logos Greek)”, “Person (Logos Greek)”, “Pronoun Type (Logos Greek)”, and “Voice (Logos Greek)”.

Click on a lemma, in the middle column of the **Bible Word Study**, to open another **Bible Word Study** for the root heading.

SENSES

This shows the label, the part of speech, the definition, and a list of lemmas for each sense of the Greek

word “ἀγάπη”. In this case, there are two senses: “love (Christian)” and “love feast”, as shown here:



The hierarchies shown above are a series of trees where each tree expresses one lineage within one relationship for the word you are studying.

Click on a lemma, such as “ἀγάπη”, in the **Bible Word Study**, to open another **Bible Word Study** for the root heading. Or, click a link under the **Type of:** header to open the **Bible Sense Lexicon** to each of these words.

EXAMPLE USES

This shows examples of how the word is used in different verses. They are displayed in aligned view, and grouped grammatically. You can choose to show the verses in English or the original language (Greek).

The Greek word “ἀγάπη” is used as a subject, an object, and an indirect object in various verses, as shown here:

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English | Greek

Subject

Mt 24:12 cause of the increase of wickedness, the **love** of most will grow cold,
1 Co 13:4 is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, **it** does not boast, it is not proud.

Object

Jn 5:42 ow you. I know that you do not have the **love** of God in your hearts.

Indirect Object

3 Jn 6 They have told the church about your **love.** Please send them on their way in a man

Notes

Click on a verse, for example, “Mt 24:12”, to open a Bible to the specific verse.

GRAMMATICAL RELATIONSHIPS

This shows how the Greek word “ἀγάπη” is used in relationship to other words and parts of speech. This word can be used as the “Subject of…”, or “Object of…” as shown here:

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Subject of …

εἰμί	eimi	to be	6
τελειόω	teleioō	to complete	3
βάλλω	ballō	to throw; to put	1
φανερόω	phaneroō	to reveal	1
μένω	menō	to stay; to reside	1

more »

Object of …

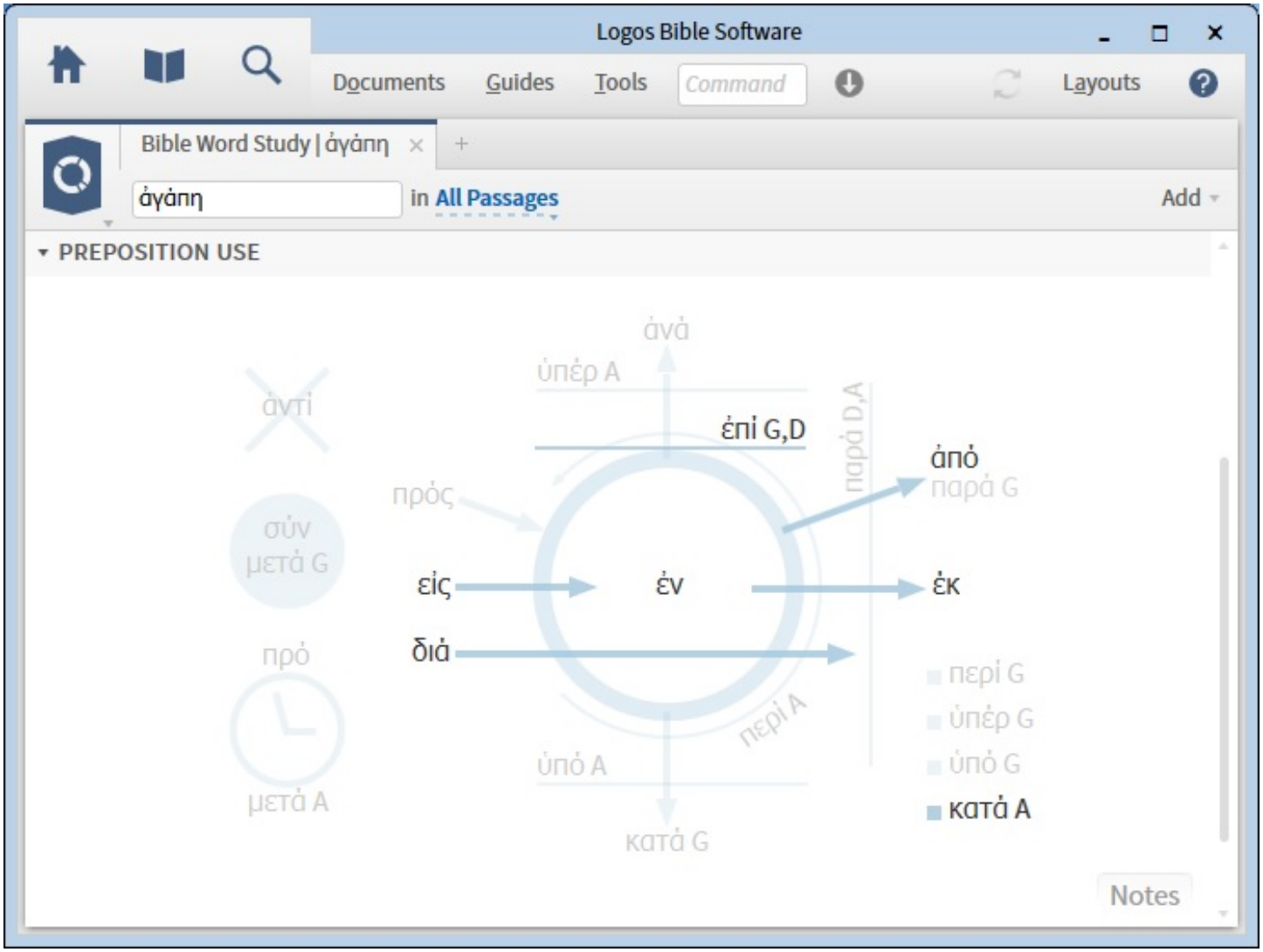
ἔχω	echō	to have	8
γινώσκω	ginōskō	to know	3
ἀφίημι	aphiēmi	to leave	1
δίδωμι	didōmi	to give	1
ἀκούω	akouō	to hear	1

more »

The Greek word “ἀγάπη” can also be used in the following relationships: “With Preposition”, “Used Adjectivally”, “Modified by Adjective”, and “Indirect Object of”. When you click on one of the words, a list of Bible references is shown where the word is used in the given relationship. The Bible references are given in the original language with English translations next to it.

PREPOSITION USE

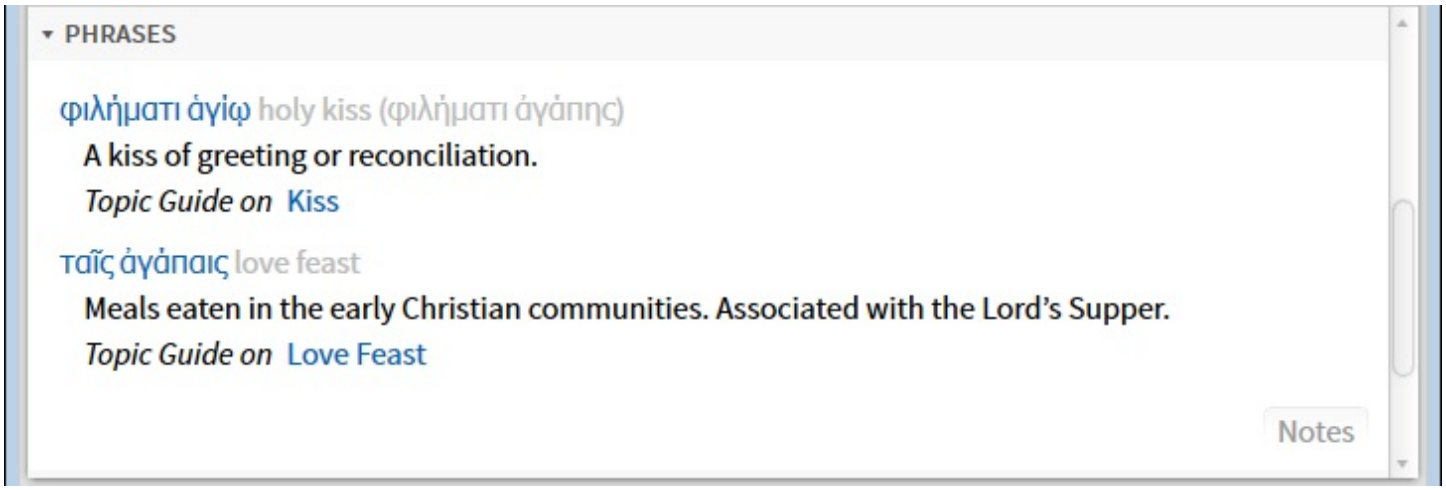
This shows how your word is used in relationship to various prepositions. The prepositions are shown in a diagram, as follows:



If you move the cursor over one of the Greek prepositions, a popup windows shows the use of the preposition. If you click on a proposition, a list of Bible references is given where the preposition is used.

PHRASES

This link lists any phrases containing the word as generated by the **Bible Word Study Guide**. For the Greek word “ἀγάπη”, this leads you to the phases “holy kiss” and “love feast”, as shown here:

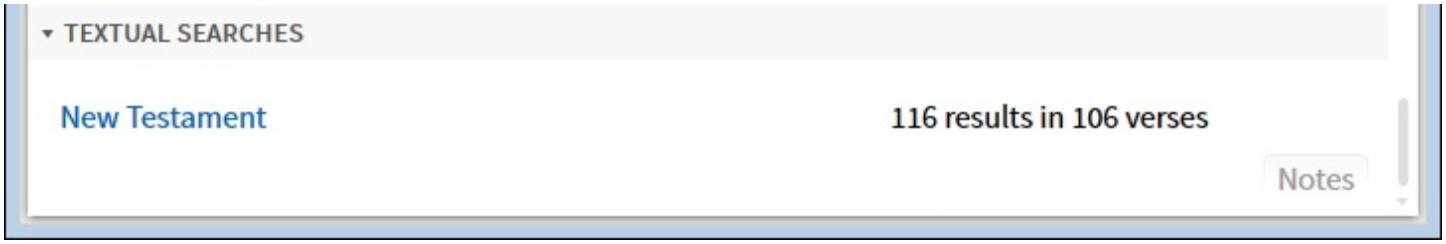


When you click on one of the Greek phrases, for example “ταῖς ἀγάπαις”, a **Bible Search** is done on the phrase. You can also open a **Topic Guide** on the English translation of the Greek phrase.

TEXTUAL SEARCHES

Finally, this link collects phrases that use the Greek word “ἀγάπη” from bibles that are contained in your

Logos library. Here is an example:



When you click on the title of a bible, for example “New Testament”, a list is generated that contains the bible verses that use the Greek word “ἀγάπη”.