

DABARLINES

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Dabarlines

Dabarlines is the trade name of a series of biblical commentaries and historical-theological studies. Some are expositions of books and/or sections of the Bible, while others are thematic studies relating to Christian theology, history, culture and ethics. The *Debar Yahweh*, the common designation for the "Word of the LORD" in the Hebrew Old Testament, was most fully expressed in Jesus, our Lord, and this is the *raison d'etre* for the trade name.

Dabarlines seeks to interpret areas of the Bible so that their relevance is accessible to the growing Christian. The method chosen is an attempt to bring together the disciplines of evangelical scholarship, the organization of a teaching manual and the readability of a study that is academically respectable but not inaccessible to the serious layperson. It will be left to the reader to assess how successfully this venture has been carried out.

It is my conviction that theology should not be purely ivory tower, but that it should be able to be discussed among the Christians within a local community. All of the subjects in this series first appeared as studies given in such a local congregation made up of a mixture of professional and academic backgrounds.

Some references to Greek and Hebrew words have been transliterated into English, though in other cases the actual Greek and Hebrew fonts are employed. Footnotes will direct the reader to either the source(s) for information in the text or to sources for further research.

Transliteration

It is hoped that the limitations of the following transliteration, using a standard keyboard, are not so severe as to destroy their usefulness. For those who are capable, direct interaction with the Greek and Hebrew text is encouraged. For those who are not (which will be most readers), it is hoped that the transliteration will at least bring the reader closer to the text of the original documents.

For Hebrew, it should be noted that both *aleph* (א) and *ayin* (ע) are indicated by '. Other Hebrew consonants receive their standard transliteration. Only the spirant forms of *peh* (פ) and *taw* (ת) in the *begadkephat* are indicated differently, and they appear as ph and th. Vowels, on the other hand, are more difficult. They are transliterated as follows:

<i>patah</i> = a	<i>holem</i> = o
<i>qames</i> = a or o	<i>qibbus</i> = u
<i>hireq</i> = i	<i>shewa</i> = ' or e
<i>sere</i> = e	reduced vowels = a or e or o
<i>segol</i> = e	

For Greek, the transliteration of consonants is standard throughout. The rough breathing mark is transliterated as "h". Special combinations of consonants with gamma are transliterated as follows:

<i>gamma gamma</i> = ng	<i>gamma xi</i> = nx
<i>gamma kappa</i> = nk	<i>gamma chi</i> = nch

The following should be noted with regard to the vowels.

<i>epsilon</i> = e	<i>omega</i> = o
<i>eta</i> = e	<i>iota subscript</i> = i
<i>omicron</i> = o	

Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used for books, sections or versions of the Bible. Other than these, all references to academic works are given in the footnotes without abbreviation (except where the work has previously been cited in full or where there is a standard abbreviation given by the Journal of Biblical Literature "Instructions for Contributors"). All references to other literature, ancient or modern, are spelled with their full names.

OT = Old Testament	NT = New Testament
LXX = Septuagint	HB = Hebrew Bible
MT = Masoretic Text	

Nu. = Numbers	Eze. = Ezekiel	Ga. = Galatians
Dt. = Deuteronomy	Da. = Daniel	Ep. = Ephesians
Jos. = Joshua	Ho. = Hosea	Phil. = Philippians
Jg. = Judges	Jl. = Joel	Col. = Colossians
Ru. = Ruth	Am. = Amos	1 Th. = 1 Thessal.
1 Sa. = 1 Samuel	Ob. = Obadiah	2 Th. = 2 Thessal.
2 Sa. = 2 Samuel	Jon. = Jonah	1 Ti. = 1 Timothy
1 Kg. = 1 Kings	Mi. = Micah	2 Ti. = 2 Timothy
2 Kg. = 2 Kings	Na. = Nahum	Tit. = Titus
1 Chr. = 1 Chronicles	Hab. = Habakkuk	Phlm. = Philemon
2 Chr. = 2 Chronicles	Zep. = Zephaniah	He. = Hebrews
Ezr. = Ezra	Hag. = Haggai	Ja. = James
Ne. = Nehemiah	Zec. = Zechariah	1 Pe. = 1 Peter
Est. = Esther	Mal. = Malachi	2 Pe. = 2 Peter
Jb. = Job	Mt. = Matthew	1 Jn. = 1 John
Ps. = Psalms	Mk. = Mark	2 Jn. = 2 John
Pro. = Proverbs	Lk. = Luke	3 Jn. = 3 John
Ecc. = Ecclesiastes	Jn. = John	Ju. = Jude
Song = Song of Songs	Ac. = Acts	Rv. = Revelation

Unless otherwise noted, all citations are from the New International Version of the Bible (NIV). Other versions sometimes cited are:

Revised Standard Version	(RSV)	King James Version	(KJV)
American Standard Version	(ASV)	New English Bible	(NEB)
New King James Bible	(NKJB)	Jerusalem Bible	(JB)
New American Standard Bible	(NASB)	New American Bible	(NAB)
English Standard Version	(ESV)	New Revised Standard Version	(NRSV)
Good News for Modern Man	(TEV)	Anchor Bible	(AB)
New Testament in Modern English	(Phillips)		
New Testament in Plain English	(Williams)		
New Testament in Modern Speech	(Weymouth)		

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