

COOL TECH TIPS FOR THE BUDDING THEOLOGIAN

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Zotero

Zotero is a citation management tool. Zotero stores citations from library catalogs, research databases and websites. You can also import and export citations, create bibliographies, and insert citations into Microsoft Word.

Cost: **Free to use** Download at [zotero.org](https://www.zotero.org) Get help at [the Office of Digital Learning](#)

Accordance

Accordance is a Bible study software that provides a variety of tools for biblical interpretation. Accordance facilitates word studies and offers research resources as well as images and graphics to enhance your study. The Greek and Hebrew Collections provide for close study of the text in the original languages with lexical help, parsing resources, and scripture parallels for comparison. You can access Accordance in the Digital Learning Lab or on Library Workstation computers.

Cost: **Free to use** Access in the [DLL](#) Get help at [the Office of Digital Learning](#)

Quizlet

Quizlet is a digital flashcard study tool that allows you to create your own flashcard sets or use sets created by other users. You can find premade study sets for biblical language based on the book and chapter you are currently studying.

Cost: **Free to use** Study at [quizlet.com](https://www.quizlet.com) Get tips from [the Office of Digital Learning](#)

Grammarly

Grammarly is an online tool for highlighting any grammar and spelling issues in your written work. It is more comprehensive than Word and provides helpful information on exactly what issue is showing up in your paper and offers suggestions for how you might fix it. Grammarly also offers both a Safari and Chrome extension for your web browser. It will work in the background to check your writing anywhere online.

Cost: **Free to use** Download: [grammarly.com](https://www.grammarly.com) Get help at [the Office of Digital Learning](#)



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YOUR CREATIVITY

Wix

Wix is a web development platform that will allow you to create and host a website or blog site. There are a variety of templates to choose from, and there is a useful ADI (artificial design intelligence) that can walk you through the design by answering a few questions

Cost: **Free to use**

Create at [wix.com](https://www.wix.com)

Get help from [the Office of Digital Learning](#)

Pixlr X

Pixlr X is a web-based photo editing program. With it, you can apply overlays, effects, filters & borders to edit pictures.

Cost: **Free to use**

Design at pixlr.com/x/

Get tips from [the ODL](#)

Piktochart

Piktochart is a web-based program that allows you to design infographics, presentations, and printable flyers with pre-set templates or from scratch.

Cost: **Free to use**

Design at [piktochart.com](https://www.piktochart.com)

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Adobe Photoshop

Adobe Photoshop is a powerful photo editing and graphic design software. With it, you can make a wide variety of advanced image adjustments such as manipulating color and tone, applying filters, and fixing perspectives.

Cost: **Free to use**

Access in the [Digital Learning Lab](#)

Find help at helpx.adobe.com/support

GarageBand

GarageBand is an Apple product that allows you to create and record your own multi-track audio files. It can be used to record and edit interviews, podcasts, or music. It includes software instruments, controlled by a musical keyboard and a collection of over 1000 pre-recorded loops. Garage band also supports the recording of real instruments.

Cost: **Free to use**

Access in the [DLL](#)

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YOUR PRODUCTIVITY

Inside PTS

Access seminary resources, departmental websites, course registration, and employment documents.

Cost: **Free to use** Login at inside.ptsem.edu Support available at confluence.ptsem.edu

Office 365*

Microsoft Office is available for all students and faculty. Office 365 includes Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, as well as tools for collaboration, sending forms, storing documents, and productivity.

Cost: **Free to use** Login at office.com Get help at [the Office of Digital Learning](#)

Dropbox Paper

Paper is a tool for online collaboration and presentation. Paper can present your online document or notes as a slideshow, and offers tools to remotely share your presentation or project.

Cost: **Free to use**

Create at paper.dropbox.com

Get tips at help.dropbox.com

PDF Expert

PDF expert offers markup support, optional editor features to revise text within PDF documents, and supports the Apple Pencil for easy notetaking, highlighting, and commenting on iOS tablets.

Cost: **\$9.99**

Create at pdfexpert.com

Get help at pdfexpert.com/how-to



Adobe Premiere Pro

Adobe Premiere is a professional timeline-based video editing application. It is extremely powerful, which is why it is used by many professionals for detailed cinematic production.

Cost: **Free to use** Access in the [DLL](#) Find help at helpx.adobe.com/support

iMovie

iMovie is a timeline-based video editing application. This Apple product is ideal for shorter projections or beginners to movie editing.

Cost: **Free to use**

Access in the [Digital Learning Lab](#)

Get help from [the ODL](#)

VideoScribe

VideoScribe is a creative, customizable whiteboard video creator. You choose the images, words, audio, hand and writing utensil, and it animates for you.

Cost: **Free to use**

Access in the [Digital Learning Lab](#)

Get help from [the ODL](#)

GoSoapBox

GoSoapBox allows teachers to write quizzes, polls, or discussion questions for instant learner feedback. There is also a confusion meter so that teachers can see if learners are understanding what is being taught in real time. Learners input a 9-digit code on the website to participate.

Cost: **Free to use** Teach with gosoapbox.com Get help at [the Office of Digital Learning](#)

Mentimeter

Mentimeter is an online presentation tool that focuses on learner interaction with quizzes and questions. Learners enter a 6-digit code on their computers or phones to provide instant feedback or answers.

Cost: **Free to use** Present at mentimeter.com Get help at [the Office of Digital Learning](#)

Prezi

Prezi is an online presentation tool that uses motion and zoom to highlight information. Instead of moving from slide to slide like Keynote or PowerPoint, Prezi moves through space on the screen.

Cost: **Free to use** Design with prezi.com Get help at [the Office of Digital Learning](#)

Padlet

Padlet is a canvas or bulletin board that allows users to post and collaborate with text, images, links, videos, etc. It can be used to create mindmaps or to share information in creative ways.

Cost: **Free to use** Collaborate at padlet.com Get help at [the Office of Digital Learning](#)

Coggle

Coggle allows you to create and share mindmaps and flowcharts. You can build these on your own or work in real-time collaboration.

Cost: **Free to use**

Build at coggle.it

Get help at [the Office of Digital Learning](#)

HiHaHo

HiHaHo is a tool to create interactive videos. You can add things like quizzes, clickable hotspots, text, and links to your videos.

Cost: **Free to use**

Create at hihaho.com

Get help at [the Office of Digital Learning](#)

THE DIGITAL LEARNING LAB

Access these cool tools and more in the Digital Learning Lab on the 3rd floor of the Library across the Atrium (3132). The Digital Learning Lab is a creative and collaborative workspace open to all students. During select hours, find hands-on support from one of our team members when you need it. Go to learning.ptsem.edu to learn more about the Office of Digital Learning.