Bible Desktop User Manual

1. Introduction
   Bible Desktop is a java-based program Bible study program. Bible Desktop is part of the JSword project (http://www.crosswire.org/jsword/). It has been developed as an 'open-source' project, meaning that it is freely redistributable. However, some modules may not be. See the project home page for details.

2. Installation
   Installation of Bible Desktop requires the Sun Java Plug-in, version 1.4.2 or later (see http://java.sun.com if you do not have the plug-in). Bible Desktop uses the Webstart feature of the Java Plug-in to install the program on your machine.
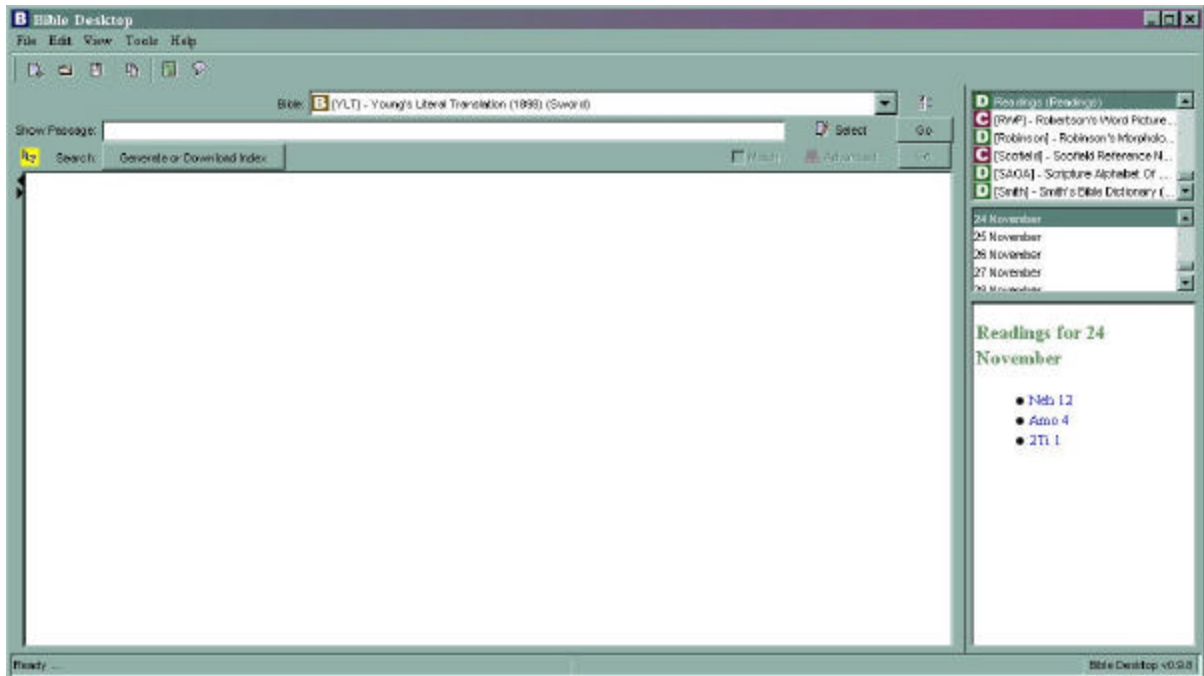
3. Startup Screen
   The splash screen below is displayed as Bible Desktop initializes. An initialization status bar is present at the bottom of the splash.


4. Main Window

   Upon initialization, the main window is displayed. The controls and display areas of the window are described in the following sections.
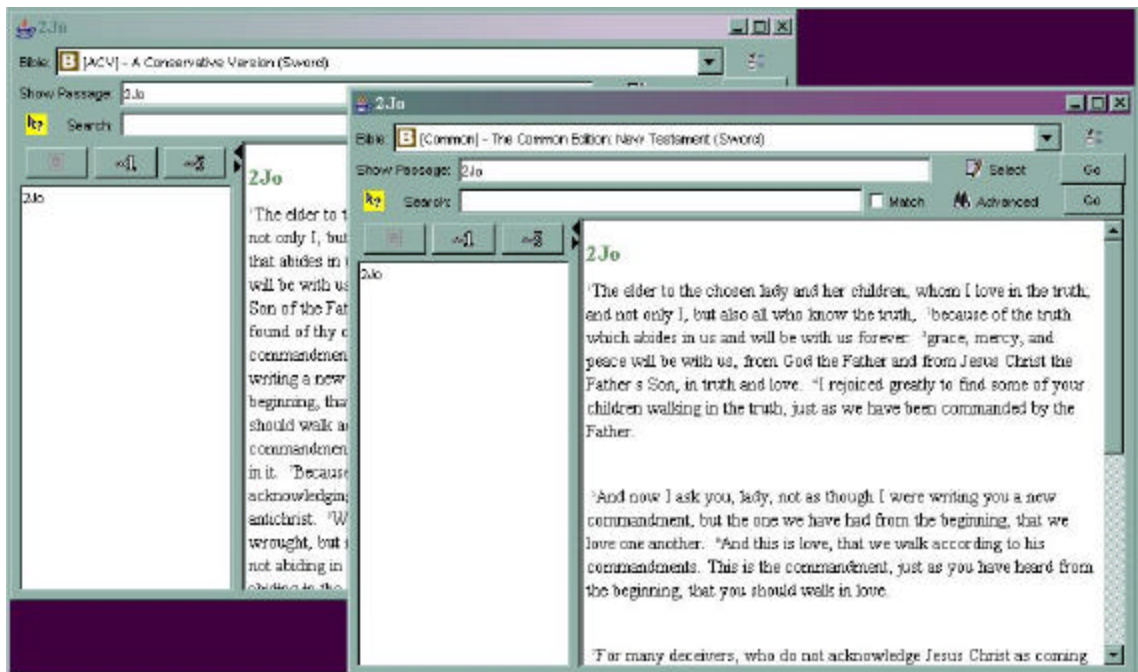
4.1. Bible Display Area

The Bible Display Area consists of a Bible selection menu, a passage selection area, a search area, a search sidebar, and a text display area. It is available in two formats—tabbed and sub-window (see View Menu, below).

The figure below shows the Bible Display Area in Tabbed Mode. This format is helpful for examining a large number of passages, if you do not need to view them simultaneously. Each tabs contains all of the text selection and display controls.
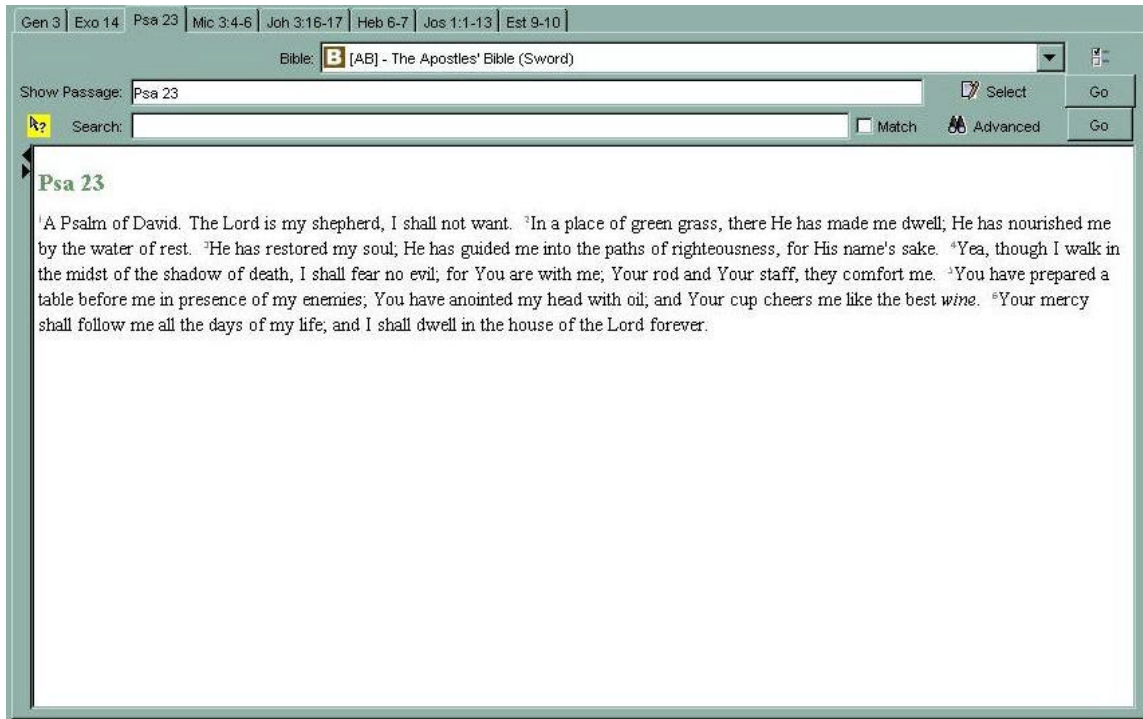
The figure below shows the Bible Display Area in Sub-window Mode. This format is helpful for multiple passages simultaneously (e.g. when comparing a passage in two or more translations).

4.1.1. Bible Selection Menu

This pull-down menu lists the available Bible translations. The selected translation is used for all verses displayed in the text display area for the tab/sub-window.

4.1.2. Passage Selection Area

The text field labeled "Show Passage" allows the user to enter the passage(s) to display in the bible text area (see ?? below). The user enters the desired verse(s) and clicks the button labeled 'Go' to the right of the text field. Alternatively, the user can choose passages using the 'Select Passage' dialog (see below).
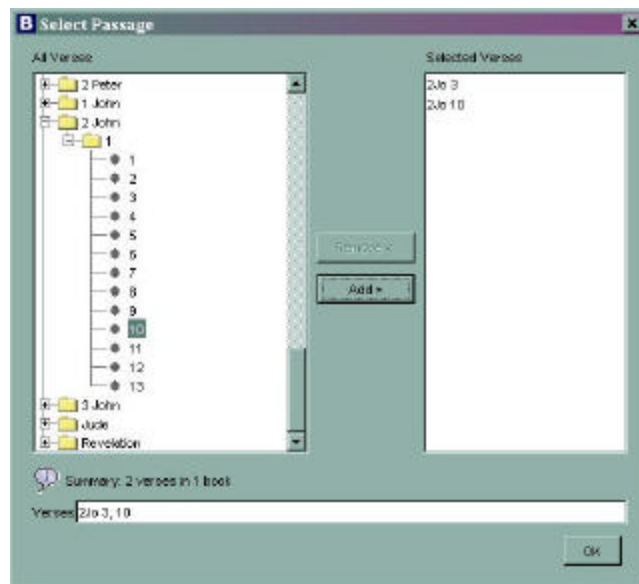

To use this dialog, the user clicks the 'Select' icon adjacent to the text field. The 'Select Passage' dialog presents the user with a collapsible tree view of the Bible in the left column of the dialog. When collapsed, each book is represented by a file folder icon with a '+' next to it. Clicking on the '+' expands the tree to show each chapter as another file folder, indented under the book's folder icon. Clicking on a '+' next to a chapter's folder icon expands the tree to show the numbers of each verse in the chapter, indented under the chapter's icon. Note: For 1-chapter books, the chapter folder automatically expands. When the user clicks on a '+', it turns to a '-'. Clicking on a '-' collapses the contents of the associated folder. The user can select (## can we multiselect?) verses to add to the display. The user adds verses by selecting one or more verse numbers, then clicking the 'Add >' button. The right column displays the currently selected verses. The verses are also shown in the text field at the bottom of the dialog. Verses can be removed by clicking on an entry in the right column, then clicking on the 'Remove <' button. When the desired verses are listed in the 'Selected' column, the user clicks 'OK' to dismiss the dialog and loads the values into the "Show Passage" field of the Passage Selection Area. Clicking on the 'GO' button to the right of the text field loads the verse text into the text display area.
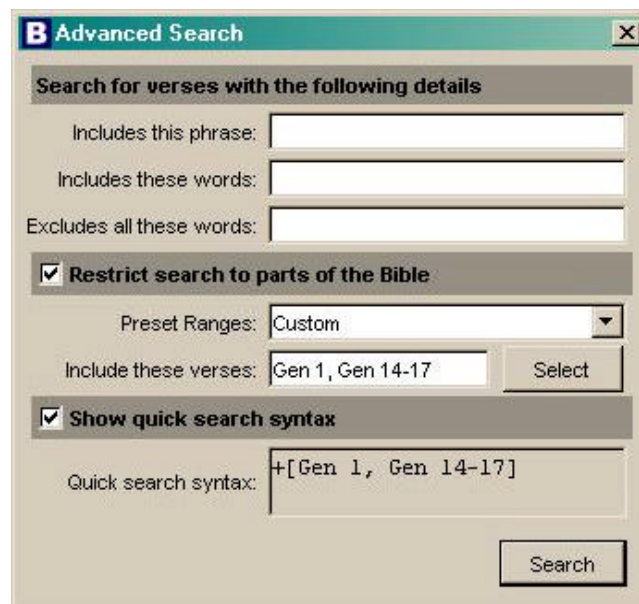
4.1.3. Search Area

4.1.3.1. Index Button
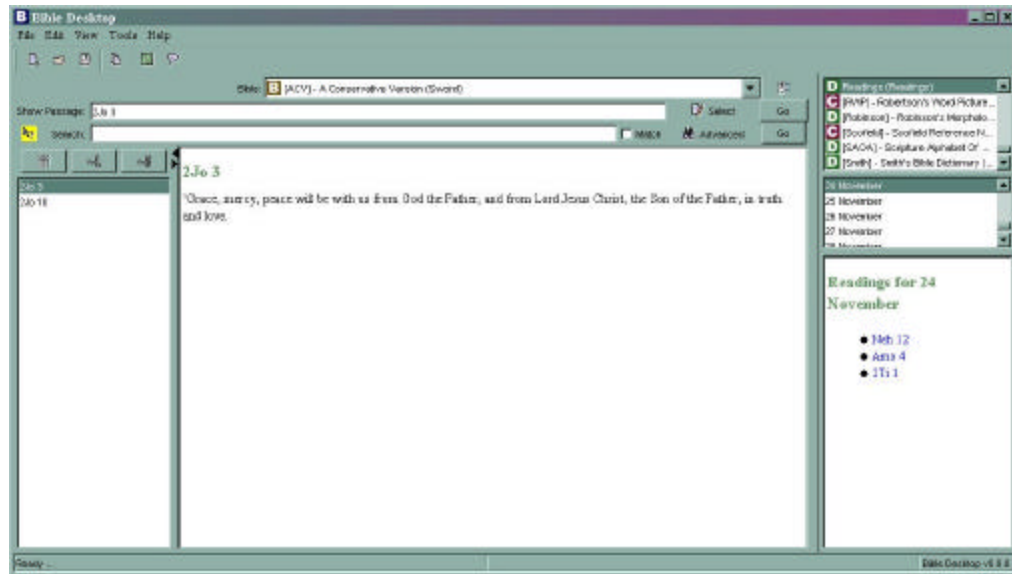
4.1.3.2. Entry Area

4.1.3.3. Quick Search Help
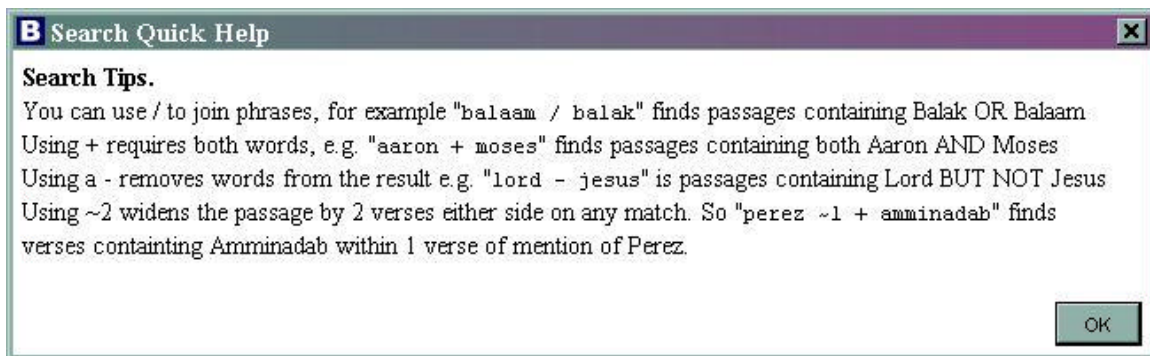
4.1.3.4. Advanced Search Options

4.1.4. Sidebar

4.2. Other Books Area

4.2.1. Book List

4.2.2. Book Refinement

The software version number of Bible Desktop is shown in the lower right corner of the main window. This is the right-most portion of the Status Area (see).
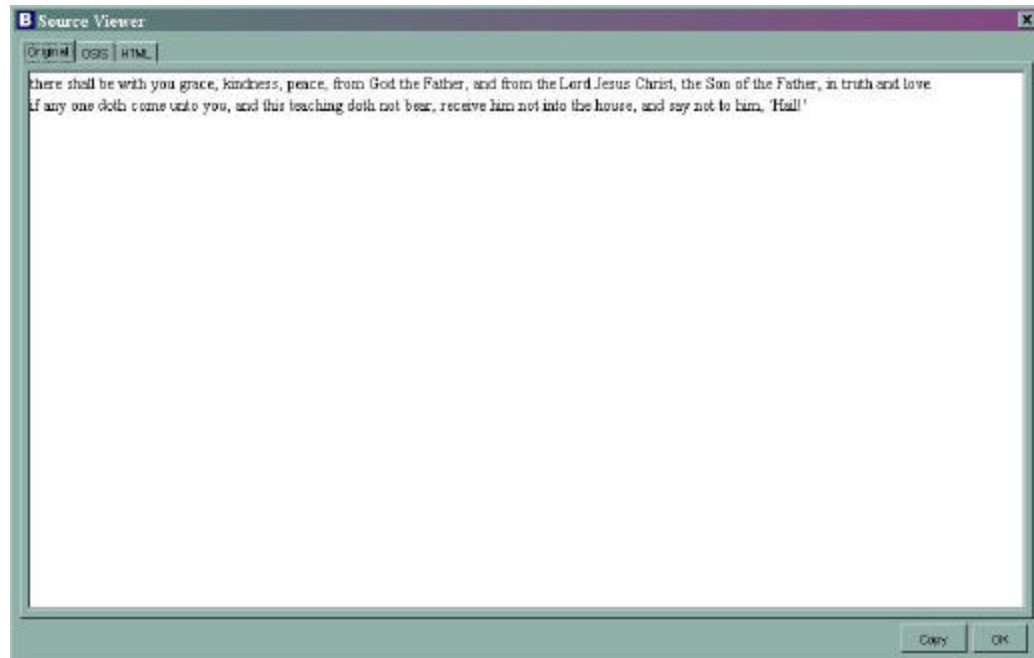
New Bible View	Ctrl+N
Open ...	Ctrl+O
Close the current view	Ctrl+F4
Clear the current view	
Close Other Views	
Close All Views	
Save ...	Ctrl+S
Save As ...	Ctrl+A
Save All	Ctrl+Shift+A
Exit	Alt+F4

Copy Alt+C

• Tabbed Mode	
Sub-Window Mode	
✔ Show Tool Bar	Ctrl+B
Show Tool Bar Text	
Large Tool Bar	
✔ Show Tool Tips	Ctrl+T
✔ Show the Status Area	Ctrl+U
✔ Show the Passage Sidebar	Ctrl+B
View Source	Ctrl+S

Source Viewer

Original | OSIS | HTML |

there shall be with you grace, kindness, peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love
if any one doth come unto you, and this teaching doth not bear, receive him not into the house, and say not to him, 'Hail'

Copy   OK

4.4.4. Tools

📤 Books ...
📝 Options ...

4.4.4.1.Books

Available Books

Download From Crosswire | Installed Books |

Click "Update Available Books" to download an up to date book list.

Available Books: Selected Book:

⊞ 📁 Bible   Keys   Values
⊞ 📁 Commentary
⊞ 📁 Dictionary

Install   Install and Search   Update Available Books

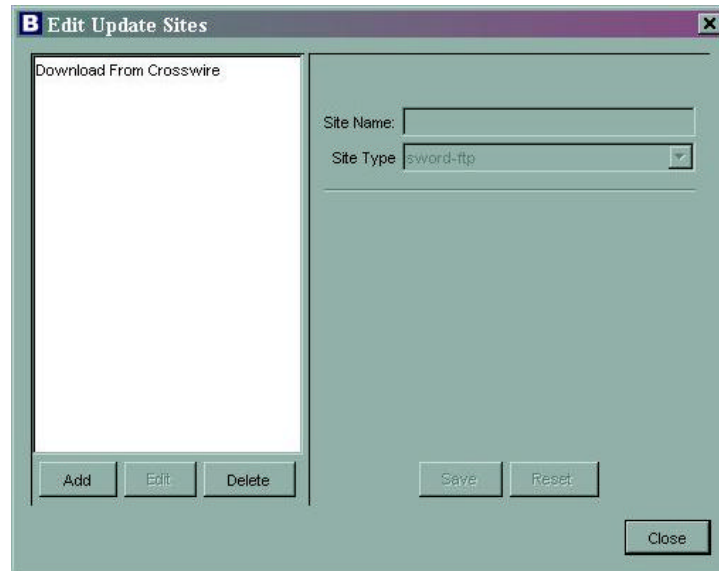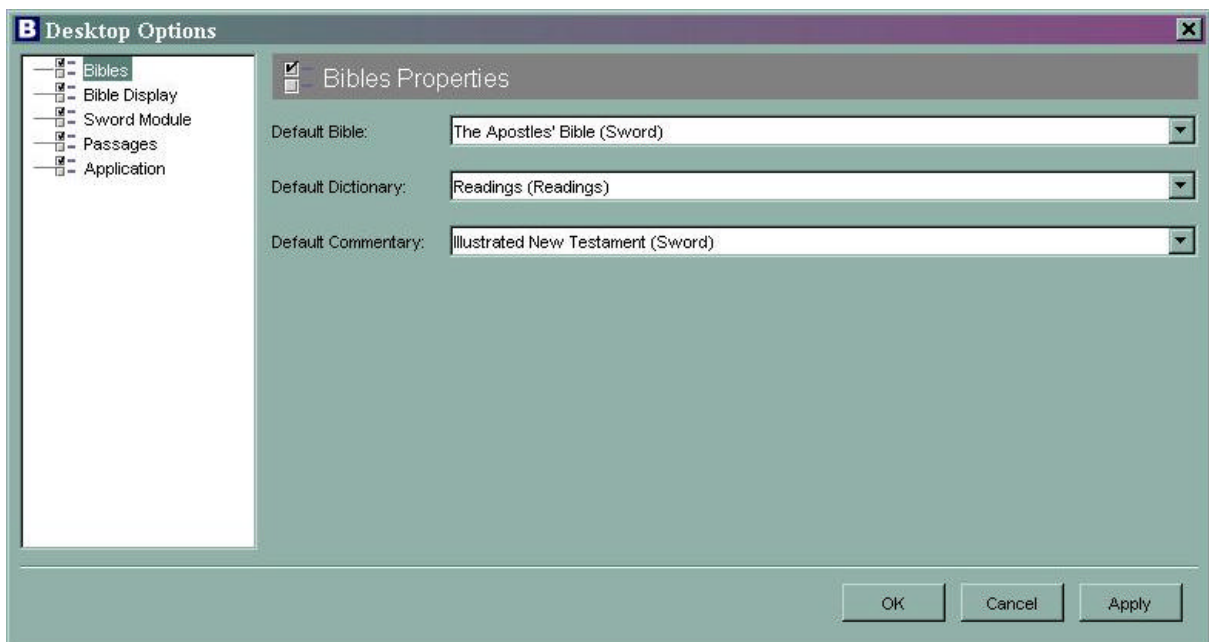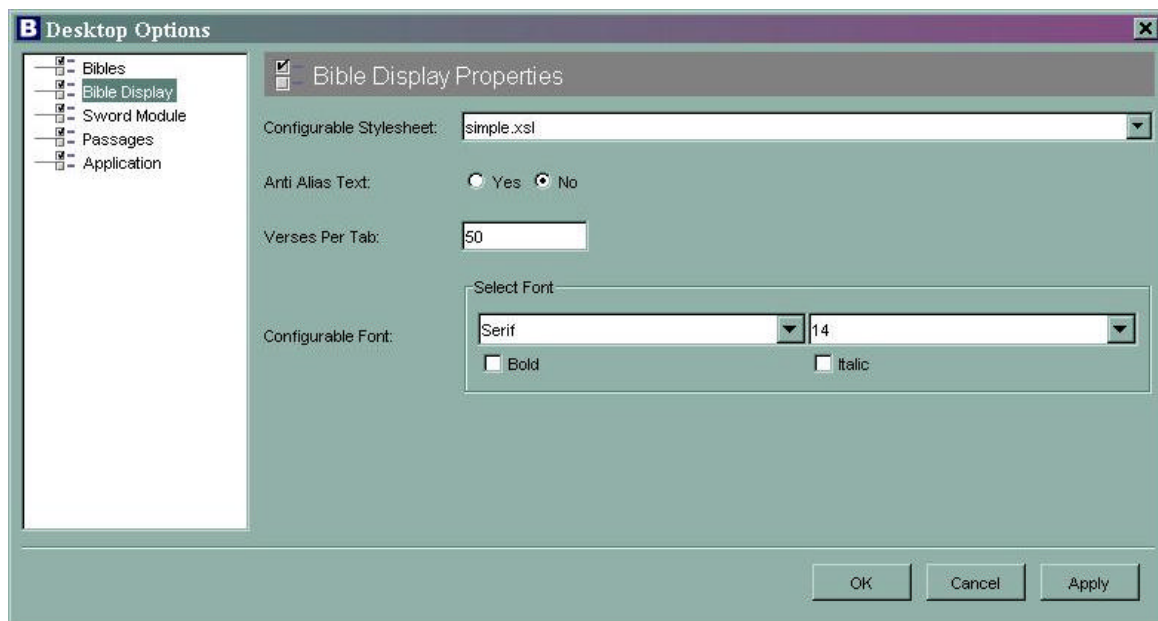Edit Sites   OK

4.4.4.2. Options

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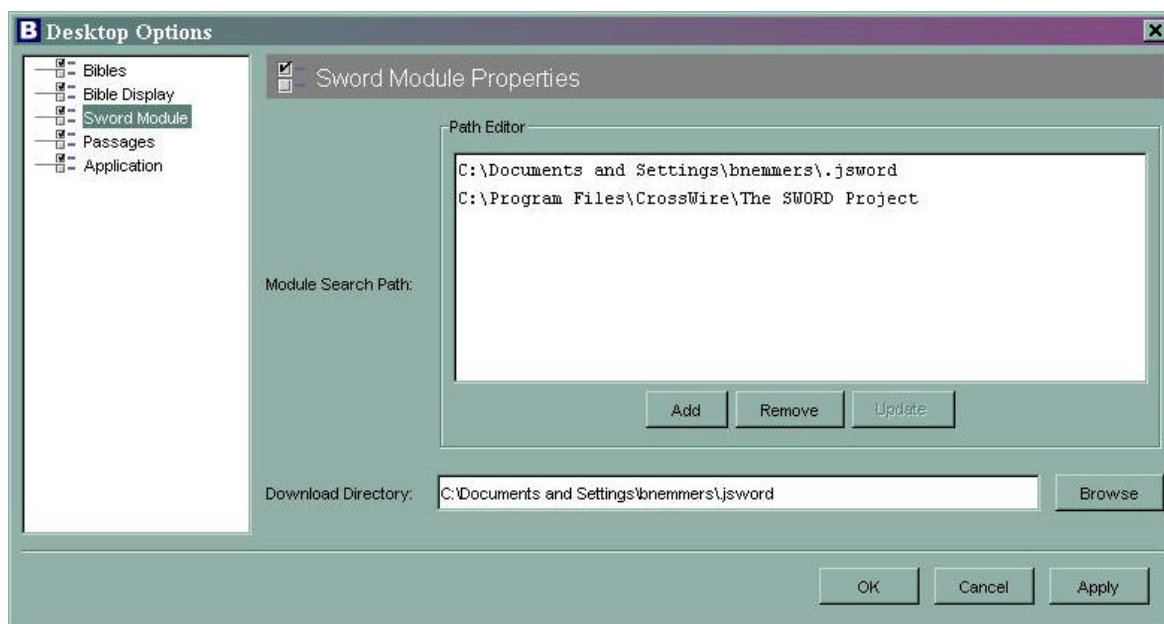
4.4.4.2.1. Options – Bibles

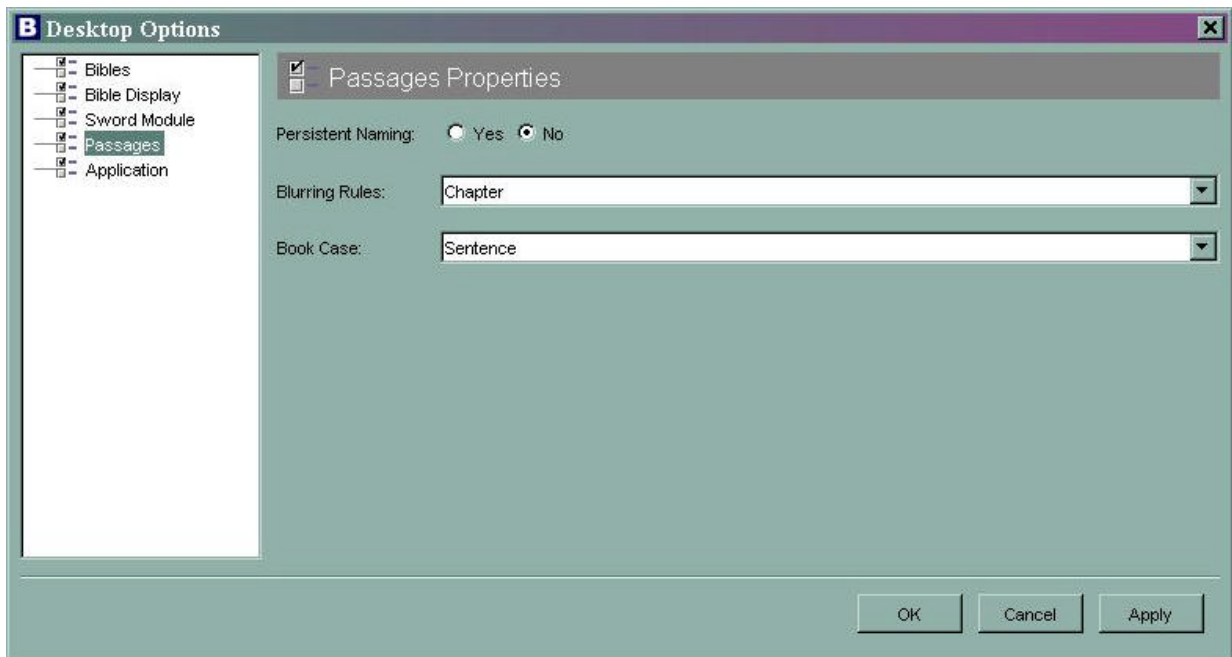

4.4.4.2.2. Options – Bible Display

Style applied to Books when using the configurable styler (simple.xsl, cutandpaste.xsl, cutandpaste2.xsl)
Anti-alias text?

4.4.4.2.3.   Options – Sword Module

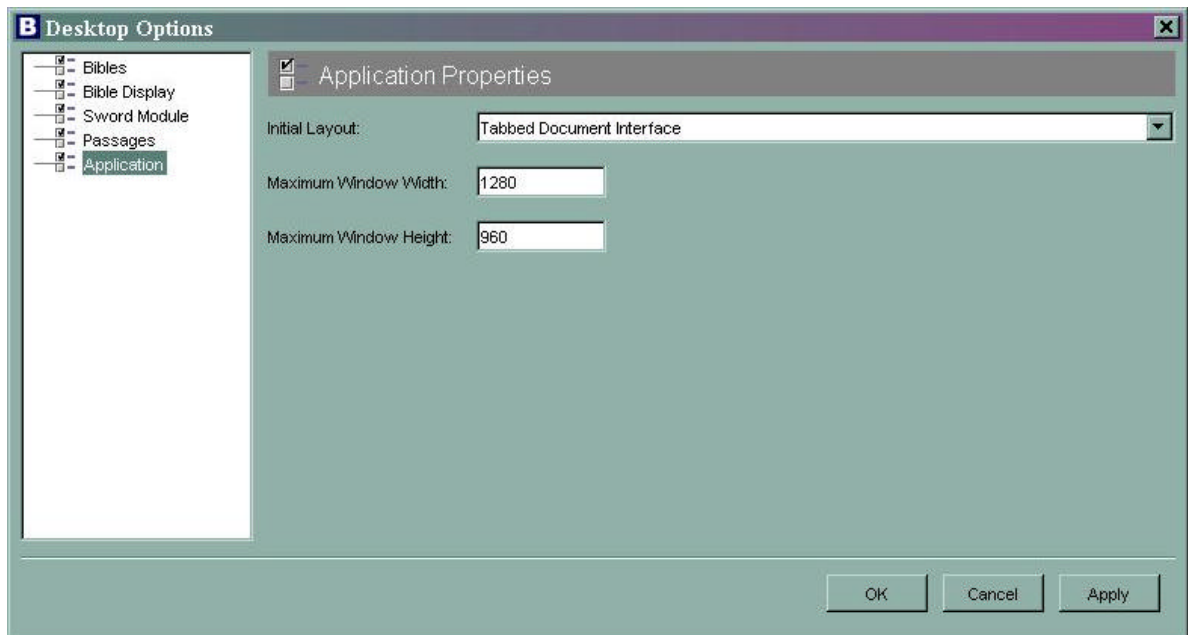
4.4.4.2.4.   Options - Passages

Persistent Naming?

Blurring – Default blurring-Should we blur across chapters or not (None, Book, Chapter)

Book Case – what case should we use to display references? (lower, Sentence, UPPER, mIXeD)

4.4.4.2.5. Options - Application

TDI/MDI at startup

4.4.5. Help

4.4.5.1.Help Contents
4.4.5.2.About

4.5. Toolbar

4.5.1. New Bible View

4.5.2. Open

4.5.3. Save

4.5.4. Copy

4.5.5. Help Contents

4.5.6. About

5. Conclusion/Feedback