

Simple Bible Reader / Converter

User Guide (Version 4.3)

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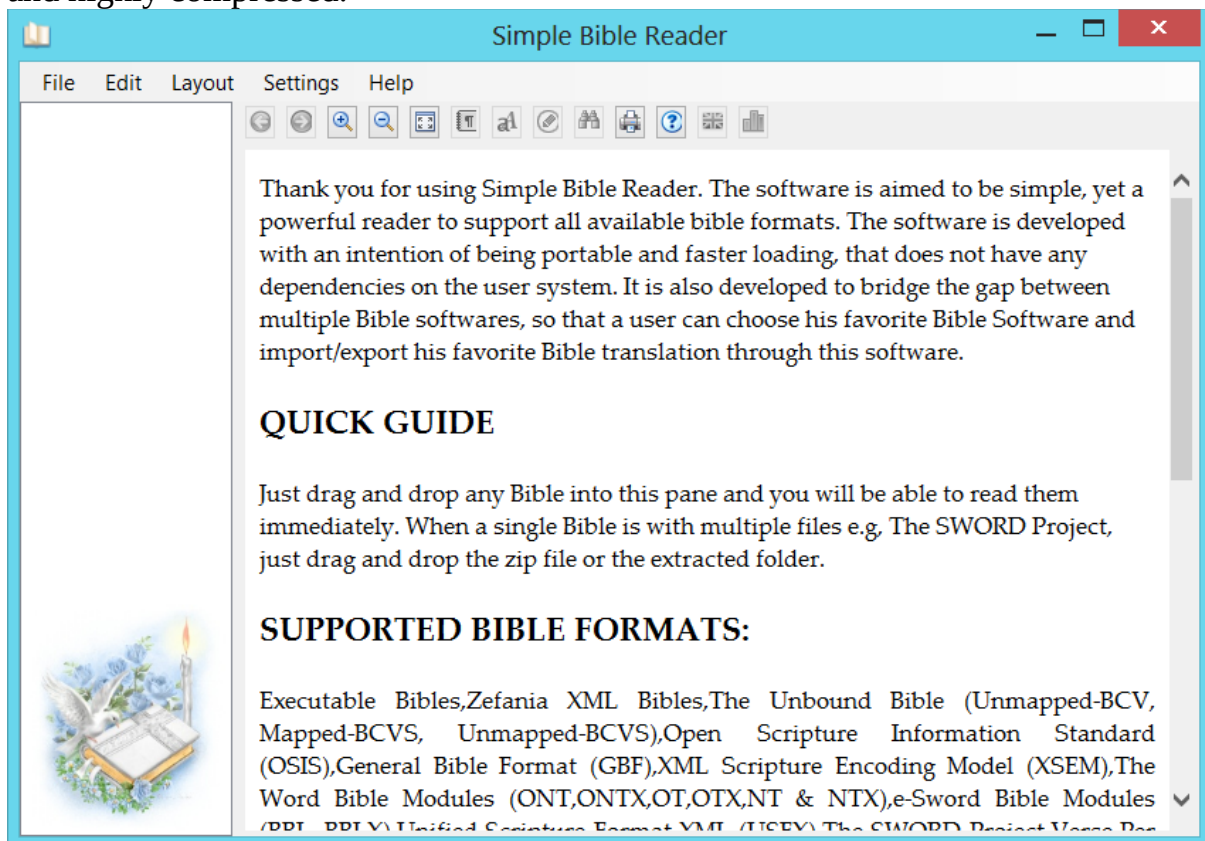
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Simple Bible Reader is aimed to be simple, yet a powerful reader to support all available bible formats. This software is developed with an intention of being portable and faster loading, that does not have any dependencies on the user system. It is also developed to bridge the gap between multiple Bible software, so that a user can choose his favourite

Bible software and import/export his favourite Bible translation through this software. The software allows you to import and export from / to any supported Bible format.

1. Installation and Prerequisites

There is no installation required for Simple Bible Reader. The software is highly portable and highly compressed.



When executed, the above screen must be displayed.

Operating System Requirements

- Windows 11
- Windows 10 November 2021 Update
- Windows 10 May 2021 Update
- Windows 10 October 2020 Update
- Windows 10 May 2020 Update
- Windows 10 November 2019 Update
- Windows 10 May 2019 Update
- Windows 10 October 2018 Update (Version 1809)
- Windows 10 April 2018 Update (Version 1803)
- Windows 10 Fall Creators Update (Version 1709)

- Windows 10 Creators Update (Version 1703)
- Windows 10 Anniversary Update (Version 1607)
- Windows 8.1
- Windows 7

Software Minimum Requirements

- [Microsoft .NET Framework 4.8](#)[^]

[^].Net Framework 4.8 comes by default in Windows 10 May 2019 Update and above. From Windows 7 to Windows 10 October 2018 Update, it must be manually installed.

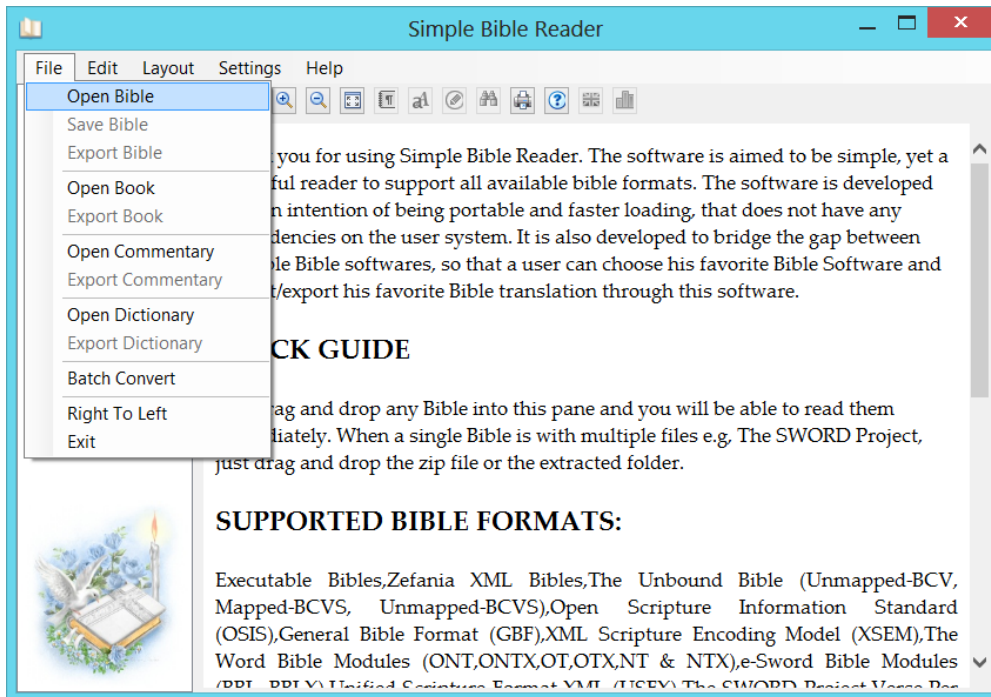
Hardware Minimum Prerequisites

- RAM: 512 MB
- Processor Speed: 1 GHz
- Hard disk space: 50 MB

The above specifications are just a rough estimate for good performance.

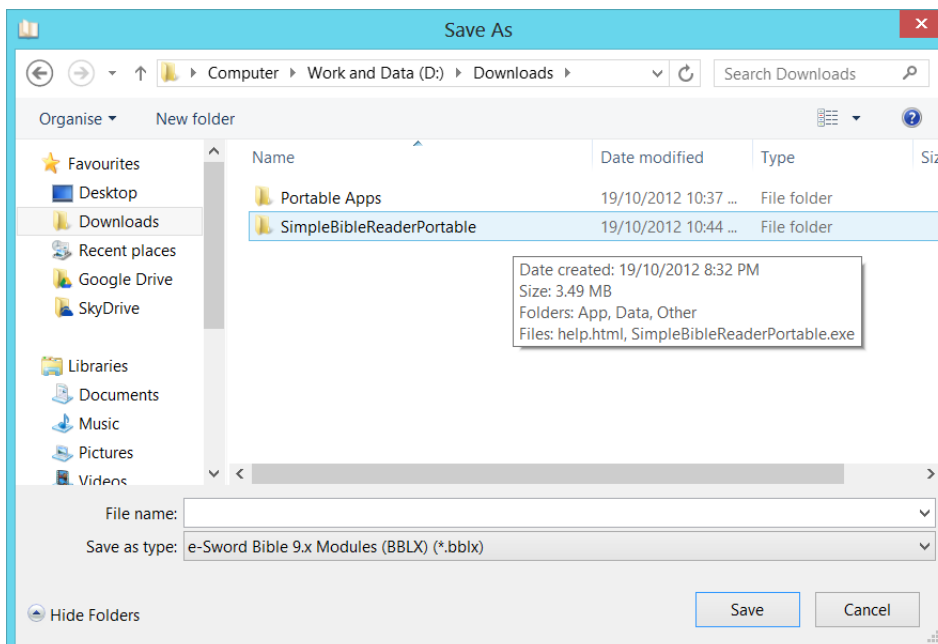
2. Convert Bible Formats (Import / Export)

Open Bible



Open the Bible using the Open Menu or just drag and drop the Bible into the reader. If drag and drop fails, please use File -> Open Bible. This is because, drag and drop always tries to open the Bibles first, then others if the extension or format is ambiguous.

Export Bible



You can export the loaded Bible into any of the supported Bible format. Make sure you select the format you want.

3. Supported formats:

Bibles

Zefania XML Bibles, The Unbound Bible (Unmapped-BCV, Mapped-BCVS, Unmapped-BCVS), Open Scripture Information Standard (OSIS), General Bible Format (GBF), XML Scripture Encoding Model (XSEM), The Word Bible Modules (ONT, ONTX, OT, OTX, NT and NTX), e-Sword Bible Modules (BBL, BBLX, BBLI), Unified Scripture Format XML (USFX), The SWORD Project , Verse Per Line (VPL), Go Bible, Theological Markup Language (ThML), Open Song Bibles (XMM, OpenLP.org Bibles, Bible Companion (BIB), MySword for Android, Bible Analyzer (BIB), EasySlides (MDB), MP3 Bibles, LOGOS Import (DOCX), Online Bibles, PalmBible+, HeavenWorld Bibles for Windows 8, VerseVIEW, MyBible, SwordSearcher.

Commentaries

XML Format, SWORD Commentary Modules (ZIP), The Word (cmt.twm), e-Sword 8.x (CMT), e-Sword 9.x and above (CMTX), MySword for Android, Bible Analyzer (CMT), OnlineBible Commentaries, MyBible, SwordSearcher.

Dictionaries

Zefania Dictionary Format (XML), SWORD Dictionary Modules (ZIP), The Word (dct.twm), e-Sword 8.x (DCT), e-Sword 9.x and above (DCTX), MySword for Android, Bible Analyzer (DCT), OnlineBible Dictionaries, MyBible, SwordSearcher.

Books / topics

XML Format (XML), The Word (gbk.twm), e-Sword 8.x (TOP), e-Sword 9.x and above (TOPX/REFX), SWORD Book Modules (ZIP), MySword for Android, Bible Analyzer (BK), STEP Modules, Online Books, SwordSearcher

Note: The SWORD Project from CrossWire Bible Society has many software applications that can open on various platforms. They mostly use the same bible format. You can export and use them in any of the SWORD Applications which runs on various platforms. The Word Bible format also supports Android's Open Bible. For e-Sword Books, export is only of TOPX (Topics) type which can be converted to REFX (Reference Library) by Ctrl + Right click on e-Sword Topic interface itself.

4. Parameters

Many times, it is required to call Simple Bible Reader from another program, or it may be required to enable different Bible formats and/or conversions from your own program. To provide this feature, Simple Bible Reader accepts parameters and does conversion without the User Interface being opened.

Usage:

Simple_Bible_Reader.exe <Format-Type> <Input-Type> <Input-File> <Output-Type> <Output-File> <Cleaning> <Log-Path>

Example:

Simple_Bible_Reader_v2.0.exe bib 0 "D:\Downloads\nkjv.ont" 9 "D:\Downloads\nkjv.bbl" true "D:\Downloads\nkjv.log"

Note: All paths must be absolute. Relative paths are not supported.

Format Type

Format Type defines if the conversion is a bible or commentary etc. Allowed values are as follows:

Allowed Value	Explanation
BIB	Bible
CMT	Commentary
DCT	Dictionary
BOK	Book

Hence, if the first argument says, BIB, it means, the conversion is for Bible.

Input Type

Please refer to ‘Type Numbers’ section below. In addition to specifying a Type Number, you can use a type number of 0 which instructs the program to auto identify.

Input File

This parameter is the path of the input file. Please note that the path specified must be absolute. No relative path is accepted.

Output Type

Please refer to ‘Type Numbers’ section below.

Output File

This parameter is the path of the output file. Please note that the path specified must be absolute. No relative path is accepted.

Cleaning

This parameter indicates if cleaning must be done or not. It accepts a Boolean value, either true or false.

Log Path

This parameter is the path of the log file. Log file is created only if there are errors. Please note that the path for log file must be absolute. No relative path is accepted. If you want to disable logging, just pass this parameter value as nolog.

Example:

```
Simple_Bible_Reader_4_0.exe bib 0 "D:\Downloads\nkjv.ont" 9 "D:\Downloads\nkjv.bbl" true nolog
```

Type Numbers

Type values are numerical values used to identify an input type or an output type. For each format, a type number is assigned.

Bible

Type	Format Name	Extensions
1	Zefania XML Bibles	xml
2	The Unbound Bible (Unmapped-BCV)	txt
3	The Unbound Bible (Unmapped-BCVS)	txt
4	Open Scripture Information Standard (OSIS)	xml
5	General Bible Format (GBF)	gbf
6	XML Scripture Encoding Model (XSEM)	xml
7	The Word Bible Modules	ont, ot, nt, ontx, otx, ntx
8	e-Sword Bible 8.x Modules (BBL)	bbl
9	e-Sword Bible 9.x Modules (BBLX)	bblx
10	e-Sword Bible 10.1 and above (BBLI)	bbli
11	The SWORD Project	zip
12	Verse Per Line	vpl
13	Bible Companion	bib
14	Go Bible	jar
15	Theological Markup Language (ThML)	xml, thm, thml
16	Open Song Bibles	xmm, xml
17	OpenLP.org Bibles	sqlite
18	MySword for Android	bbl.mybible.gz, bbl.mybible
19	Bible Analyzer Bibles	bib
20	EasySlides Bibles	mdb
21	MP3 Bibles	mp3
22	LOGOS Import File	Docx
23	OnlineBible	Text.Dat, exp
24	Palm Bible+	pdb

25	HeavenWorld Bibles for Windows 8	hbb
26	VerseVIEW	xml, db
27	MyBible	SQLite3
28	Unified Scripture Format XML	xml
29	SwordSearcher/Forge for SwordSearcher	ss5bible, ss6bible, ss7bible, ss8bible, txt

Commentary

Type	Format Name	Extensions
1	Zefania XML Format	xml
2	SWORD Commentary Modules	zip
3	The Word Commentary Modules	cmt.twm
4	e-Sword 8.x Commentary Modules	cmt
5	e-Sword 9.x Commentary Modules	cmtx
6	e-Sword HD Commentary Modules	cmti
7	Bible Analyzer Commentary	cmt
8	OnlineBible Commentary	Text.Dat, exp
9	MyBible Commentary	commentaries.SQLite 3
10	SwordSearcher/Forge for SwordSearcher	ss5cmty, txt
11	MySword for Android	cmt.mybible.gz, cmt.mybible

Dictionary

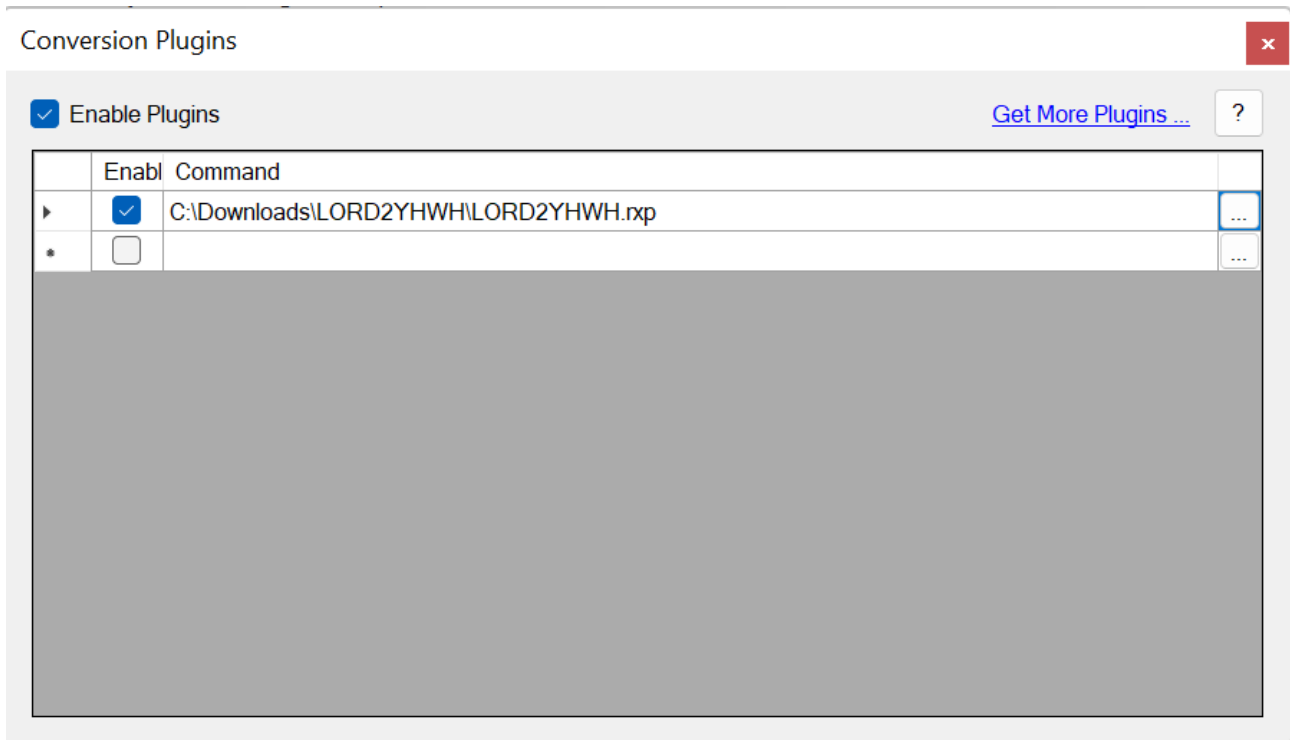
Type	Format Name	Extensions
1	Zefania XML Dictionaries	xml
2	e-Sword 9.x Dictionary Modules	dctx
3	e-Sword 8.x Dictionary Modules	dct
4	The Word Dictionary Modules	dct.twm
5	SWORD Dictionary Modules	zip
6	MySword for Android	dct.mybible.gz, dct.mybible
7	Bible Analyzer Dictionary	Dct
8	OnlineBible Dictionary	Text.Dat, exp
9	MyBible Dictionary	dictionary.SQLite3
10	SwordSearcher/Forge for SwordSearcher	ss5book, txt

Book		
Type	Format Name	Extensions
1	XML Books	xml
2	The Word Bible Books	gbk.twm
3	e-Sword Bible 8.x Topics	top
4	e-Sword Bible 9.x Topics	topx
5	SWORD Book Modules	zip
6	Bible Analyzer Book	bk
7	MySword for Android	bok.mybible.gz, bok.mybible
8	STEP Files	BOOK.DAT
9	OnlineBible Books	Text.Dat
10	SwordSearcher/Forge for SwordSearcher	ss5book, txt

6. Plugins

Conversion of Bibles (or Commentary or Dictionary or Books) using Simple Bible Reader does not yield the expected results. This is because, formatting may be stripped in favour of the texts to be preserved and exported. However, you may require formatting as well along with the texts. This is where plugins help greatly.

Plugins allow to additionally parse the text before importing or exporting. This can range from simple word replacement to complex format change using regular expressions. The plugin must be enabled and the required plugin selected before the Bible is open.



Each plugin is a simple text file with extension .rxp (RegeX Plugin) that has multiple lines, in which if a line specifies the pattern to match then the next line specifies the replacement content, in regular expression. Any line which starts with # is treated as a comment. First load the plugin and then load the content for the plugin to work.

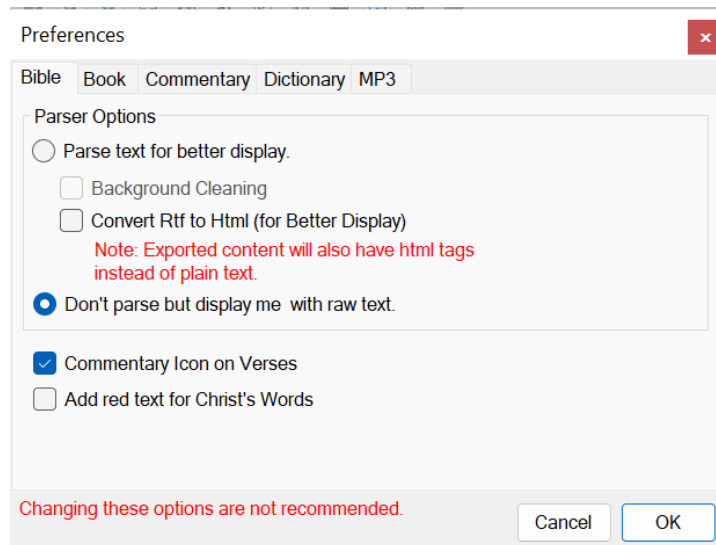
E.g.,

```
# Simple Bible Reader Plugin
# Converts LORD to YHWH
LORD
YHWH
```

To demonstrate how plugin works, let's take a free download from e-Sword, e.g., King James BRG Bible and explore how to convert KJV-BRG.bblx (e-Sword format) to KJV-BRG.bbl.mybible (MySword for Android).

e-Sword Module Downloader		
File Download		
Bibles Commentaries Dictionaries Devotions Graphics Reference Books		
Status	Caption	Title ▲
Download	GNB	Good News Bible
Download	ISV	International Standard Version
Download	Murdock	James Murdock New Testament
Download	JPS	Jewish Publication Society Old Testament
Download	KJV-BRG	King James BRG Bible
Installed	KJV	King James Version
Download	KJVA	King James Version w/ Apocrypha
Installed	KJV+	King James Version w/ Strong's Numbers
Download	LEB	Lexham English Bible
Download	LSV	Literal Standard Version
Download	LITV	Literal Translation of the Holy Bible

Step 1: Disable Parsing



The first step is to disable parsing. This will stop tasks that will strip out formatting at loading of Bibles.

Step 2: Write a Plugin

Each plugin (.rxp file) is a simple text file containing comments, search string and replacement text. If a line starts with #, it is treated as comment. Empty lines are ignored. If a valid line is detected, it is always assumed to be the search string and next line is expected to be the replacement text.

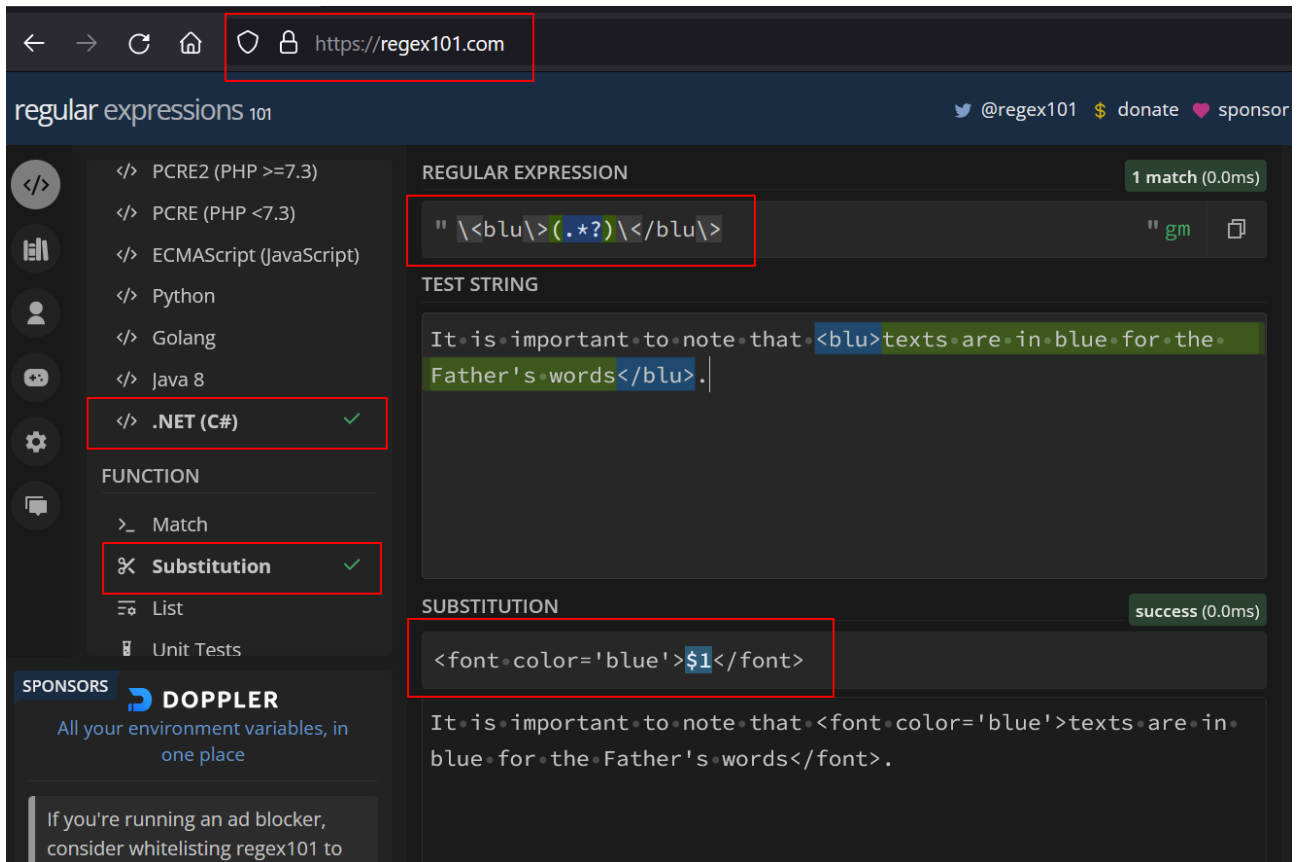
Below is an example of KJV-BRG.rxp plugin that can convert specifically KJV BRG e-Sword Bible to MySword for Android along with the Blue/Red/Yellow colour formatting.

```
# KJV-BRG BBLX (brgbible.com) to MySword for Android Plugin
# -----
#
# Disable Parsing in Preferences -> Bible
# Enable this plugin in Preferences -> Plugin
# Open the BBLX Bible.
# Export the Bible as MySword for Android.

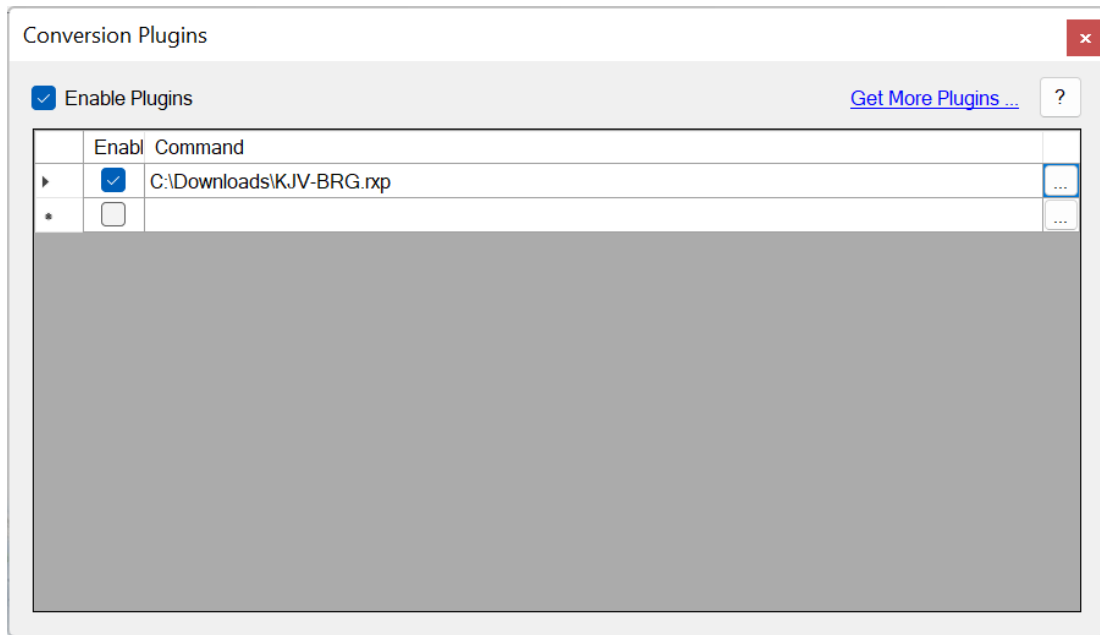
# Convert Blue Color
\<blu\>(.*?)\</blu\>
<font color='blue'>$1</font>

# Convert Red Color
\<red\>(.*?)\</red\>
<font color='red'>$1</font>
```

In the above example, `<red>(.*?)</red>` is searched for where anything within the bracket is replaced in the next text starting with \$1 for first text within brackets and \$2 for second and so on. For testing, the website <https://regex101.com> (or any other regex texting tool) can be used.



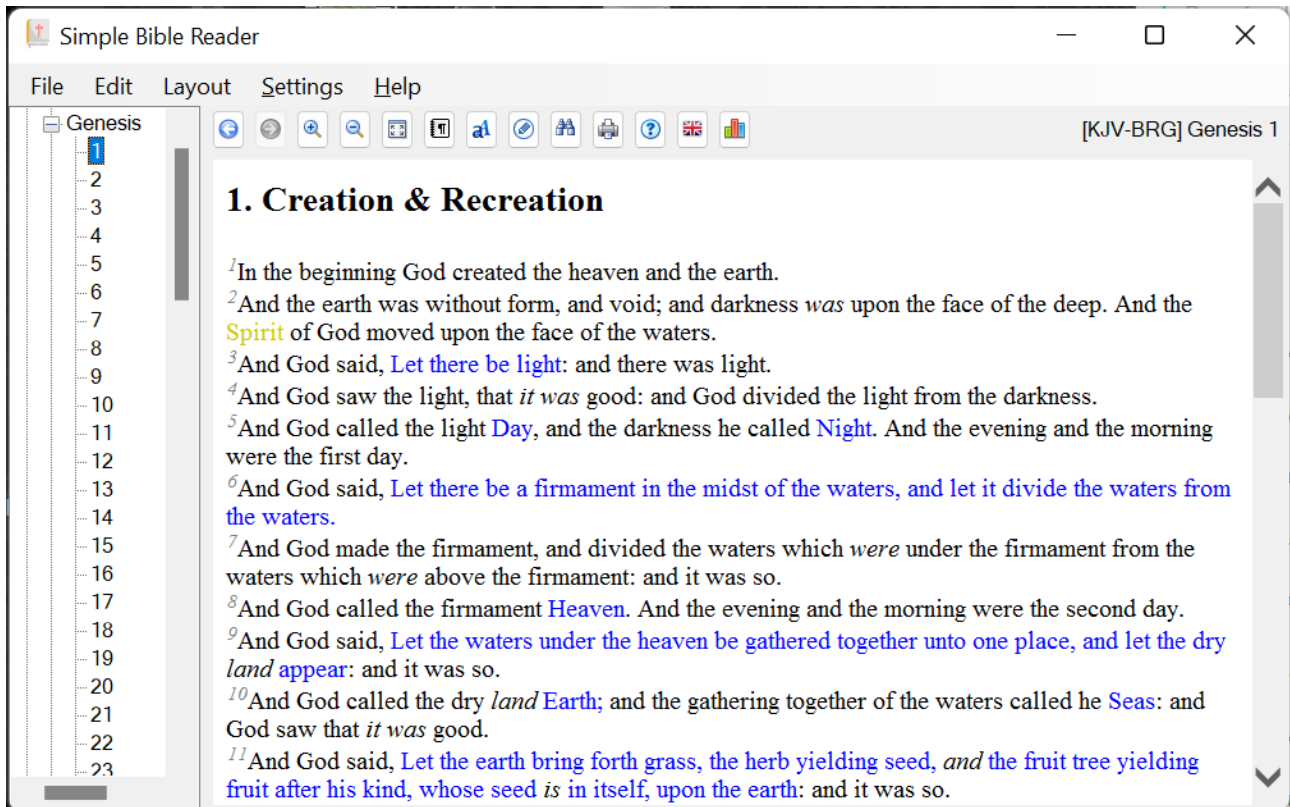
Step 3: Load the Plugin



Go to Preferences, Enable Plugins and load the required plugins. In this example, load the .rxp we just wrote and enable it. Please make sure no Bible is already loaded.

Step 4: Load the Bible and Export

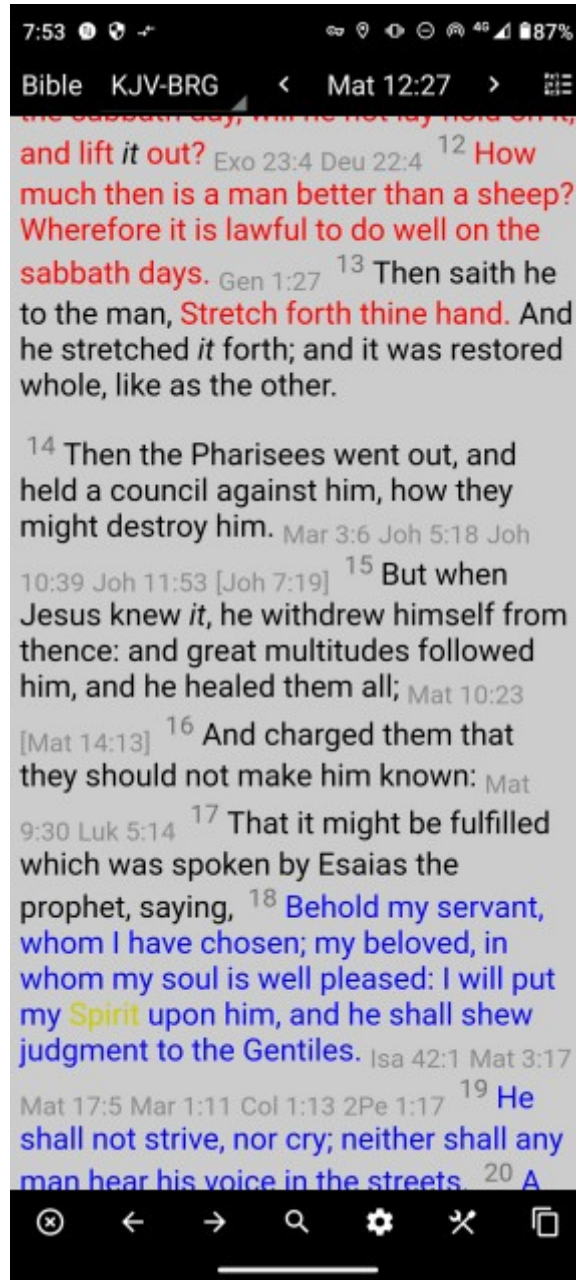
Now, use File/Open to load the required Bible and you will see a plugin progress. It is important to note that this plugin is specifically written for export. Hence, it doesn't matter if the Bible isn't displayed properly in Simple Bible Reader.



Once the Bible is loaded, you can now export it to MySword for Android.

Step 5: Exported MySword for Android Bible

Copy the exported (.bbl.mybible) MySword for Android to /sdcard/mysword or appropriate mysword folder. If we open MySword for Android, we can see the formatting is retained.



As we can clearly see, the words of the Father are in blue, the words of Jesus are in red and the name of Holy Spirit is in yellow.

5. Credits

Below are the list of people who had volunteered their time and effort in improving the quality and adding features to Simple Bible Reader.

Feature	Name
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Spanish Translations	Julio Behr
Tamil Translations	Esther

Up-to-date credits are available within the Application.

Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Matt 7:21