

Chapter 1 : Transition Words & Phrases

Biblical Words and Their Meaning I was quite dissatisfied because I thought this was a book of word meanings. But it was a book discussing various authors philosophical approaches to word meanings.

Word to indicate that the movement or entire composition is to be played grandly. Grave - Word to indicate the movement or entire composition is to be played very slow and serious. Grazioso - Word to indicate the movement or entire composition is to be played gracefully. Gregorian Chant - Singing or chanting in unison without strict rhythm. Harmony - Pleasing combination of two or three tones played together in the background while a melody is being played. Harmony also refers to the study of chord progressions. Homophony - Music written to be sung or played in unison. Hymn - A song of praise and glorification. Most often to honor God. Impromptu - A short piano piece, often improvisational and intimate in character. Instrumentation - Arrangement of music for a combined number of instruments. Interlude - Piece of instrumental music played between scenes in a play or opera. Intermezzo - Short movement or interlude connecting the main parts of the composition. Interpretation - The expression the performer brings when playing his instrument. Interval - The distance in pitch between two notes. Intonation - The manner in which tones are produced with regard to pitch. Introduction - The opening section of a piece of music or movement. Key - System of notes or tones based on and named after the key note. Key signature - The flats and sharps at the beginning of each staff line indicating the key of music the piece is to be played. Klangfarbenmelodie - The technique of altering the tone color of a single note or musical line by changing from one instrument to another in the middle of a note or line. Leading note - The seventh note of the scale where there is a strong desire to resolve on the tonic. Legato - Word to indicate that the movement or entire composition is to be played smoothly. Leitmotif - A musical theme given to a particular idea or main character of an opera. Libretto - A book of text containing the words of an opera. Ligature - Curved line connecting notes to be sung or played as a phrase. Madrigal - A contrapuntal song written for at least three voices, usually without accompaniment. Maestro - Refers to any great composer, conductor, or teacher of music. Major - One of the two modes of the tonal system. Music written in major keys have a positive affirming character. March - A form of music written for marching in two-step time. Originally the march was used for military processions. Measure - The unit of measure where the beats on the lines of the staff are divided up into two, three, four beats to a measure. Medley - Often used in overtures, a composition that uses passages from other movements of the composition in its entirety. Mezzo - The voice between soprano and alto. Also, in sheet music, a direction for the tempo to be played at medium speed. Minor - One of the two modes of the tonal system. The minor mode can be identified by the dark, melancholic mood. Minuet - Slow and stately dance music written in triple time. Modes - Either of the two octave arrangements in modern music. The modes are either major or minor. Modulation - To shift to another key. Monotone - Repetition of a single tone. Motif - Primary theme or subject that is developed. Movement - A separate section of a larger composition. Musette - A Baroque dance with a drone-bass. Musicology - The study of forms, history, science, and methods of music. Natural - A symbol in sheet music that returns a note to its original pitch after it has been augmented or diminished. Neoclassical - Movement in music where the characteristics are crisp and direct. Nocturne - A musical composition that has a romantic or dreamy character with nocturnal associations. Nonet - A composition written for nine instruments. Notation - First developed in the 8th century, methods of writing music. Obligato - An extended solo, often accompanying the vocal part of an aria. Octave - Eight full tones above the key note where the scale begins and ends. Octet - A composition written for eight instruments. Opera - A drama where the words are sung instead of spoken. Operetta - A short light musical drama. For example, Opus 28, No. Oratorio - An extended cantata on a sacred subject. Orchestra - A large group of instrumentalists playing together. Orchestration - Arranging a piece of music for an orchestra. Also, the study of music. Ornaments - Tones used to embellish the principal melodic tone.

Chapter 2 : Improving Style: Using Transitions

Biblical Words and Their Meaning: An Introduction to Lexical Semantics by Moisés Silva (Book Notice). Purchase his book on kindle or paperback. When first published in , Biblical Words and Their Meaning broke new ground by introducing to students of the Bible the principles of linguistics, in particular, on lexical semantics " that branch that focuses on the meaning of individual words.

Contact Us Introductory Phrases. Introductory Phrases Introductory phrases and clauses pretty much do what they say do. We like to think of it as setting the stage for the rest of the sentence. You should use a comma after you have prepared readers with an introductory element in order to let them know that the main subject and verb are yet to follow. Introductory parts of a sentence can be small, medium or large in length but cannot stand alone as a complete thought. For more information about what constitutes a clause, see our article: If you need more insights into phrases, check out our guide to five types of phrases. What is an introductory clause? An introductory clause will describe where, how, when, why or how. They can be small, medium or large in length but, regardless of their size, a comma should follow them. Here are some sentences, can you spot where the comma should be placed? Having just returned from work Julie was not in the mood for an argument about the washing up. Given that it was the third Saturday of the month Karen knew that her monthly magazine subscription would be delivered. When exercising you need to be aware of your limitations. Having just returned from work, Julie was not in the mood for an argument about the washing up. Given that it was the third Saturday of the month, Karen knew that her monthly magazine subscription would be delivered. When exercising, you need to be aware of your limitations. What is an introductory word? An introductory word is a single word that sits on its own at the beginning of the sentence: Yes, I do like creative writing. Actually, my website is one of the top ranking websites on Google. Generally, good writers tend to have a degree in English. What is an introductory phrase? Introductory phrases are similar to introductory clauses but are not complete clauses because they do not have both a verb and a subject. Checking methodically, we never miss a mistake. To stay top of the class, you have to study hard every day. So what does this mean for online proofreading services? Quite simply, all our proofreaders carry all of these grammatical rules in their heads and they will apply them to the manuscripts they check.

Chapter 3 : Biblical Words and Their Meaning: An Introduction to Lexical Semantics by Moisés Silva

grammar - Words and Meanings - Dictionaries are filled with words, and each word has one or more meanings given to it. Words also have grammatical meanings. This kind of meaning depends on how words are used in a sentence.

An Introduction To Etymology: Eight Great Word Origins What is etymology and why is it important? Jun 15, What is etymology? Etymology is the study of the origin of words and how the meaning of words has changed over the course of history. Etymology derives from the Greek word *etymos*, meaning true. This evolved into etymology by way of the Old French *etimologie*. Here are a few such examples.

Nahuatl The word *avocado* comes from Spanish *aguacate*, which in turn comes from the Nahuatl *ahuacatl*, meaning testicle. Nahuatl is the language of the Aztecs, and is still spoken by approximately 1. Indeed, the *-mole* of *guacamole* is derived from the Nahuatl *molli*, which means sauce. I assume you mean two cappuccini. Please pay attention to your Italian plurals. And make it snappy! Wondering what the link is between a little hood and a cappuccino? One must look no further than the Capuchin Monks, whose hooded habits were a dark, oak brown similar to the color of a good cappuccino. The first recorded use of the word was in Vienna, Austria. Wilhelm Tissot jotted down a recipe for an exquisite *Kapuzinerkaffee lit*. Capuchin coffee, which was rather different in constitution to its modern-day successor, containing sugar, cream and egg yolks. The pejorative prefix *dis-* and aster star can be interpreted as bad star, or an ill-starred event. The ancient Greeks were fascinated by astronomy and the cosmos, and believed wholly in the influence of celestial bodies on terrestrial life. For them, a disaster was a particular kind of calamity, the causes of which could be attributed to an unfavorable and uncontrollable alignment of planets.

English This word originates from the the 17th Century English trading game *hand-in-cap*. The game involved two players and an arbitrator, or umpire. The players would present two possessions they would like to trade. The owner of the lesser object would make up the difference with money, and then all three participants would place forfeit money into a hat. If they disagreed, they would pull out their hands clenched in a fist. Over time, *hand-in-cap* came to be known as *handicap* and started to be used to refer to any kind of equalization or balancing of a contest or game. The word *handicap* is still used in many sports today, such as golf and horse racing. This notion of being burdened or put at a disadvantage was carried over to describe people with a disability in the early 20th Century. By the mid Century it was widely used, but it has since fallen out of the popular lexicon.

Italian Although jeans are quintessentially American, and their invention is commonly attributed to Jacob W. Davis and Levi Strauss, the name of the popular garment is actually of European origin. The fabric which Strauss used for his patented, mass-produced trousers was first produced in Genoa, Italy and Nimes, France. Similarly, the word *denim* most probably comes from *de Nimes*, meaning from Nimes in French. Although we often talk of *denim jeans* nowadays, the two materials actually differed. *Denim* was coarser, more durable and of higher quality than the toughened cotton corduroy manufactured in Genoa. Workers in Northern Italy were sporting jeans as early as the 17th Century, long before post-war American subcultures picked up on them as a fashion accessory.

Latin The word *salary* comes from the Latin *salarium*; the payment for salt. In ancient times, salt was used for many important things, and was often referred to as *white gold*. As far back as the Egyptian Empire, laborers were paid with salt that they could use to preserve their food.

Latin Trivial originates from the Latin word *trivium*, which was used to denominate a place where three roads meet *tri-* meaning three, and *-vium* from *via*, meaning road. The adjective *trivialis* was a derivative of *trivium* and came to mean vulgar, ordinary, of little importance, common and contemporary, and the English adjective *trivial* carries much of this definition to this day; tired, ordinary, commonplace; of little use, import, consequence or significance.

Gaelic Medieval monks called it *aqua vitae*, meaning life water. The expression was transformed into *uisce beatha* when it was transferred to Gaelic. As time passed and the word was anglicized, *uisce* evolved into *uige*, *usque*, and then *uisky*, which bears an obvious and close resemblance to *whisky*. You may have noticed that you can spell *whisky* in two ways “*whisky* and *whiskey*. Some people believe the extra *e* was added to *whisky* by Irish and American distilleries to differentiate their higher quality whiskies during an epoch when Scottish *whisky* had a bad reputation. *Scotch* was also introduced to denominate a Scottish *whisky*, and the word *whisky* has been adopted in other

countries for quite different reasons: How and why we chose cheese, and why the South Americans chose whisky and the Spanish patata, or potato is a story for another time. So why study etymology? Etymology not only enhances your understanding of your native language, but also gives you insights into its shared roots with other languages. Some word origins are wonderfully idiosyncratic and make for great anecdotes, while others demonstrate common standards and rules which help you assimilate new words and terms across languages. Take the simple examples of the Latin prefixes con- also com- in English and dis-, which are widely used in Romance languages and indicate togetherness and apartness respectively. Want to explore further?

Chapter 4 : Glossary of Musical Terms

1 Biblical Words and Their Meaning: An Introduction to Lexical Semantics By Moisés Silva Presentation by Noah Kelley Advanced Greek Grammar.

Zondervan, is undoubtedly an interesting event. Colin Brown; 4 vols. Zondervan, , which is in turn based on the German Theologisches Begriffslexikon zum Neuen Testament ed. To make matters even more complex, there is also a revised German edition published by Lothar Coenen and Klaus Haacker in vol. Further, bibliographies were added and updated in the editions that followed. In personal communication There is no doubt that the export of German exegetical tools and the refinement they experienced in the process of the translation and revision has proven immensely helpful in the past. To give just one example from the area of lexical semantics: The choice of the editor certainly raises hopes that NIDNTTE is more than just another edition, supplemented by some bibliographical entries. After all, his *Biblical Words and Their Meaning: An Introduction to Lexical Semantics* is probably the most widely used full treatment of lexical semantics of New Testament words and although even the second edition 2nd ed. Zondervan, is now more than 20 years old is still the first choice as an introduction into the field. Also, Silva had identified in a book review WTJ 43 []: Many might have been misled in assuming that this work had incorporated the insights by James Barr, *The Semantics of Biblical Language* Oxford: Unfortunately, this is merely an appearance. However, the other aspect the focus on Begriffe seems to have remained misunderstood. Apparently, he does not deem it necessary to discuss whether these dangers have been heeded in the production too. To be sure, the NIDNTT was an improvement over against the German original insofar as it included the scholarly input by many excellent exegetes e. Bruce, James Dunn etc. But the overall approach was not to correct the problematic German edition but to reproduce it. Since this verb occurs only twice in the NT 2 Cor 2: Further, the original article by Dahn and Link is a prime example of the confusion of lexical and conceptual levels on the one hand and of the disregard of lexical data from Greek writings on the other hand. Accordingly, we would expect a correction by Silva in light of his own standards. Since it reproduces the German article without change, we can use the English translation. After describing the pre-history of the verb, the authors give a first definition of the verb. Before discussing Col 2: This problematic definition is followed by an unintroduced quote from Plutarch, Rom. Without any indication of what they are doing, the authors have simply shifted from the semantics of a word to the conceptual question of the characteristics of a triumphal procession. Linguistically very problematic is the statement: InterVarsity, , Just because the action described by a verb could also be described in other words does not mean that the latter phrase is a definition for the former word. With regard to the state of research reflected in the article beyond Breytenbach , one has to note that, apparently, the discussion in M. Margareta Gruber, *Herrlichkeit in Schwachheit: Echter*, came too late to be considered. The updated bibliography cf. *An Exegetical Study of 2 Cor 2: With regard to the Pauline passages*, Gebauer applies the sense suggested by Breytenbach to 2 Cor 2: First, we have to note that it is evident that Silva did indeed make use of the electronic TLG corpus. He continues with a reference to Polybius, *Histor.* This reconstruction ignores the difficult history of the text by Ctesias, which we only have as reported by Photius in a work from the 9th century *Bibl.* Second, we have to note critically, that Silva is very vague with regard to what the transitive meaning of the verb is. Silva is very ambiguous and adds: While avoiding some of the problems of the German versions, Silva does not really advance the discussion although he does take into account more lexical data. With regard to the conceptual level, he, for example, does not even note the important information that the victory celebration referred to by the verb with very few exceptions had to take place in Rome and could only be performed by the emperor in the first century. Notes on 2 Corinthians 2: Accordingly, his suggestion for the gloss of the transitive verb is completely unconnected to the state of the discussion and also to the examples he adduces from Plutarch. Anyone dealing with words and their meaning faces enough pitfalls as it is; additional obstacles of this sort are not welcome. This is very unfortunate, since LN is helpful in many regards but due to the lack of mentioning extra-biblical attestations, it cannot simply be relied on with regard to semantic range. On the other hand, the emphasis on semantic domains in LN is

certainly an aspect that every dictionary would do well to consider. After all, the meaning of this verb can be identified by analysing its precise syntagmatic relations to other words, i. Without this, it becomes impossible to ascertain paradigmatic relations within a semantic domain. There is a related criticism that has to be made. After all, as Silva himself has taught us *Biblical Words*, it is by paying attention to, among other things, the paradigmatic relations of a word that we can ascertain its meaning. This is a real pity, especially since this is one of the few concerns of the original editors that really is important from a linguistic perspective. In the end, Silva remains more obliged to word families than to semantic domains. To be sure, in some cases, Silva more consequently orients his discussion towards semantic domains instead of word families. Thus, one cannot avoid the impression that Silva can only implement his focus on semantic domains where he does not follow the alphabetic structure strictly. Outlook on the Updating in General Admittedly, the above discussion is extremely selective, focusing mainly on a single article although one that seems quite fitting for such an analysis. Certainly, many problematic statements regarding meaning and etymology have been removed cf. The discussion or rather: Christoph Heilig, *Hidden Criticism?* However, the overall impression remains that the updating with regard to more recent discussions done by Silva is still often quite slight. Again, one can only wonder why such an improvement by the leading expert in the field was not considered for the revision of the English version. Even with regard to words that Silva has worked on in the past himself, the incorporation of recent scholarship is sometimes thinner than one would wish. *Biblical Words*, Silva does not cite John A. It is neither a new edition of the old *Begriffslexikon* i. One person, not even an especially qualified one such as Silva, can fulfil such a task. Only someone who knows the respective literature sufficiently well and has indeed analysed the occurrence in the TLG corpus can have the ability to detect where the old *Begriffslexikon* falls prey to exegetical fallacies and then correct it. A sound methodological background, which Silva certainly has, is not a sufficient help. But maybe such a correction “ and the corresponding effort of a large team of authors “ was not in the interest of the publisher Zondervan? After all, the books seem to sell well anyway “ Silva mentions almost Where does this leave us? The *NIDNTTE* is, of course, an improvement over the original German edition and its original translation “ but it is also definitely not as much of an improvement as one might have hoped in light of four decades of scholarship and the expertise of the editor. This is especially frustrating since the revised German edition includes articles by very competent exegetes, which would have deserved consideration. It is inexplicable to me why the publisher initiated a new edition without requiring for these changes to be taken into account. To be sure, whether the nature of the revision is appropriate depends on the claims that are associated with the new edition. In fact, after this review was already completed, Silva confirmed this impression in personal communication He stated that since *NIDNTTE* was going to be either reprinted or revised, he agreed to take on the revision in the hopes of minimising the existing problems and aiding users in handling the vocabulary more responsibly. To sum up, one can say that while pastors and students might profit from the new edition indeed if they can afford it , scholars if they are in need of such a tool and only want to consult one version will be well advised to use the revised German edition. This seems even more advisable in light of the difference in price: I can, thus, not agree with Gundry who promotes the project by saying: The aspects that come to mind first include a more consistent incorporation of literature that reflects the current state of research, a more unified approach, and the presentation of the general Greek usage of a word. However, with regard to these aspects, the dictionary can be replaced quite satisfactorily by good commentaries and a look at the TLG corpus. If Silva had considered the revised German edition, a wholehearted recommendation of his edition might have been easier. *TBLNT2* should not be regarded as having filled this gap. Ernst Leisi, *Der Wortinhalt: Seine Struktur im Deutschen und Englischen* 4th ed. Nida and Johannes P. Of course, in order to determine how different lexemes relate paradigmatic relations , it is also important to see how they are combined in the same texts syntagmatic relations. Thus, a conceptual structure certainly is no guarantee for taking paradigmatic relations seriously.

Chapter 5 : Examples of Transition Words

Their is the possessive case of the pronoun they, as in "They left their cell phones at home." Their is generally plural, but it is increasingly accepted in place of the singular his or her after an with words such as someone: "Someone left their book on the table."

Jan 10, Dave Courtney rated it really liked it *Biblical Words and Their Meaning* acts as an introduction to lexical semantics as proposed in the title. There is a point in which Silva recognizes the tension found in the overwhelming accessibility of resources and scholarship that has done much of the work of lexical semantics for us and on which most of remain dependent. This tension begs the question of exactly what sort of audience would benefit from this introduction. Is it targeting those who are pursuing a career in mastering the Bib *Biblical Words and Their Meaning* acts as an introduction to lexical semantics as proposed in the title. Is it targeting those who are pursuing a career in mastering the Biblical languages? To what extent can the interests of "Biblical Words I think the answer comes two fold. First, anyone can benefit from understanding the nature of how scholarship approaches Biblical Words and their Meaning, if at the very least to shed light on how many of us especially those in ministry tend to use these semantics in popular fashion sometimes appropriately and often inappropriately. In other words, one does not need to be a scholar in order to ask appropriate questions of the text in front of us. We simply need the tools to be able to recognize how lexical semantics works within the text something which Silva provides in an identifiable chart at the end of the concluding chapter. In his opening words Silva points out that modern linguistics is different today than it was a hundred years ago. Etymological study the process in which words change and develop their meanings is the tool in which to recognize the distinction between these two forms. One of the areas that ministers in specific often misapply a basic approach to understanding the Greek language is in being overly dependent on cliché uses in sermons and otherwise. For example, you might hear a pastor refer to the original meaning as "this" or "that", and thus assume the association of this meaning on the current word often the English translation in view. Silva goes on to suggest "less careful ministers give themselves over to excesses" regarding the minimalist attention we feel necessitated and forced to give to the Greek language. Silva goes on to say that this is not just a problem with lay people and ministers, but stems from some abuses in professional scholarship as well. Silva is not out to make some grand point on the abuses of lexical semantics by the church, ministers and lay people. In fact, he is entirely sympathetic to the challenges of Biblical interpretation. At one point he laments that the entire process is one of appropriated direction and process, not necessarily a declaration that the tools in his book can lead to the "right" interpretative processes and meanings. As you move through the book he outlines the challenges that all Biblical readers face. In non-Biblical sources one can more adequately utilize comparative research to recognize the relationship of certain words to be predominant and influential across multiple cultures. In the Biblical word the Greek is more removed, and thus less engaged with the common process of "borrowing". As well it represents a concern for a theology that was radically different than most if not all cultures surrounding the Biblical communities. Silva points out that modern scholarship recognizes that in approaching the LXX as having a grand influence on the Biblical writers, it should not be seen as having such a grand influence over the New Testament "language". That is to say, if synchronic interpretation is the most important factor, the LXX is more influential in representing the changing "context" of the author rather than challenging our ability to connect linguistically to the meaning of the language itself. These should be recognized as two different challenges and concerns when approaching scripture. This brings to light the necessary place of context, which can be discovered amidst the affecting aspects of "phonology, vocabulary, syntax and discourse". Silva describes this as a distinction between regularity and variability. These things also affect the relationship to the Greek with the Hebrew language. It would of course be a mistake to ignore the Hebrew altogether, but we must maintain a sensitive balance between the meaning of a word in secular Greek and the desire of the translator to preserve the thrust of the original. We need not get lost in the changes that occur with context, the use of metaphor the most common type of Semitic change and structural considerations. The aim must be to follow the whole structure of the language in its process of gradual

transformation. Linguistic science, in a new phase of its evolution, will thus become structural history. Here Silva devotes time to giving us the tools that can give us some confidence in engaging with Biblical language appropriately. Much of what he walks us through as a reader refers back to the foundation that he has built, which is to engage us with deciphering the differences between attention to etymology and attention to the present semantic attention. These areas have two separate concerns in mind and do not necessarily need to speak to the other in any significant way. All "words" are complicated in their relationship between the three areas of the triangle, but in the end the meaning in its appropriate present context and all that unconsciously bears both for the writer and the reader. They have done their work, but in the end all scholarship is an interpretative exercise, something that we all should engage in and recognize any time we read scripture for ourselves. We can do this with a degree of confidence, without feeling like the complications do away with our ability to decipher "the word" in scripture as not just a meaning but also a historical event. But we do a greater justice to the Biblical material when we distinguish between language and theology, and present and historical application. Further, there remains the possibility for danger in casual approaches to lexical semantics for framing theological responses and concerns which can end up destructive and misleading rather than helpful and appropriate in our understanding of the larger Biblical framework including context, character, and our understanding of God Himself. We might be tempted in exasperation over the complicated activity of appropriate Biblical interpretation to decry it as "merely semantics", as if semantics were a word that can be tossed aside as irrelevant or unnecessary. In the practice of engaging with Biblical words and their meaning, semantics may be the most important tool we have. Relegates a lot of exegesis to the dustbin of linguistics analysis. Things have improved in the 30 years since it was published, but you still see many of the same mistakes propagated. The book looks at the strength and weaknesses of a conceptual vs linguistic approach and what each approach can or cannot do. Talks about the TDNT a lot, both its value and its blind spots. Provides an enlightening example of Spanish to English translation. Good introduction to lexical semantics and its limitations. Provides an enlightening example of Spanish to English translation. A Spanish speaker could easily assume that the English eat means eat and drink because the Spanish drink their soup, and eat their bread but both would be eat in English. An illuminating example when applied to the different semantic range of a language as different from English as NT Greek. Also states the obvious after it had been pointed out that sometime different words are used to mean the same thing strictly for stylistic variation. Explores semantic range, use of synonyms, antonyms, etymology and many other linguistic concepts. It concludes with an excellent list of steps to approach lexical semantics to determine meaning. Determine if it is a technical word, 2 determine range of possible meanings, 3. Determine synonym and oppositional words, 4. Consider use in syntactic combinations, 5. Consider if the meaning has changed over time, 6. Think about the writer's intention. Of course the book fleshes out the detail and the logic behind this as well exploring some lexical dead ends. Written at a technical level, but understandable to anyone with a general understanding of linguistics and some Greek helps. Knowing more than one year of rusty Greek would help as the examples are in Greek with most not translated. A lot of valuable information for anyone in theological study. Not sure if this has been surpassed.

Chapter 6 : Wise Old Quotes and Wise Sayings | Wise Old Sayings

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Chapter 7 : Biblical Words and Their Meaning

KJV Words and their Meanings Introduction Many people are used to reading the King James Version, also known as the Authorized Version. However, many words in the English language have changed their meanings somewhat since the KJV was first produced, while other words have become obsolete.

Chapter 8 : Biblical Words and Their Meaning, 2nd ed. - Logos Bible Software

The word "mobile" refers to the ability to move ("she's less mobile since the accident"), and to a decorative object hanging from the ceiling, but it also refers to the mobile phone, so if you hear someone refer to their "mobile", that's what they're talking about.

Chapter 9 : German Words & Phrases - Basics

Word to indicate that the movement or entire composition is to be played smoothly. Leitmotif - A musical theme given to a particular idea or main character of an opera.