A Crash Course in Searching for Hebrew Terms in the ATLA Religion Database

1. Go to ATLA through the GCTS Library Databases page (http://www.gordonconwell.edu/library/access-databases.cfm).

2. Click the "Indexes" link at the top menu bar:

3. Under "Browse an Index:" select "Subjects All", and in the "Browse for:" field, type: hebrew language--terms
4. Scroll through the list until you get to your term. There are a few issues to consider here:

a. How to transliterate the ayin and aleph. Both are transliterated with an apostrophe, and the apostrophe is at the 'top' of the list (as you can see above with 'abad). Sometimes, however, the ayin or aleph is not transliterated with the apostrophe, and only the appropriate vowel sound is given. So, to look for אֲשֶׁר, you would need to look under 'asher and asher:

First under 'asher:  

Then under asher:

b. Also, as of now, both samekh and sin are transliterated with an "s". The shin is transliterated pretty consistently with an "sh". Keep in mind that there are various ways to transliterate begadkephat letters. Vocalization can be tricky. So, in the end, you have to be creative and use your imagination as to how the Hebrew term may have been transliterated.

5. Once you've checked off all the appropriate entries, you then click the "Add" button:
6. Then hit the green "Search" button at the top of the page.