

Biblical Research: Databases Guide

When you want to learn more about a topic, online databases are a good way to find what you need. This guide will go through the research process step by step. The purpose is two-fold: ability to search for articles on a database, and ability to locate better articles for a particular topic of interest.

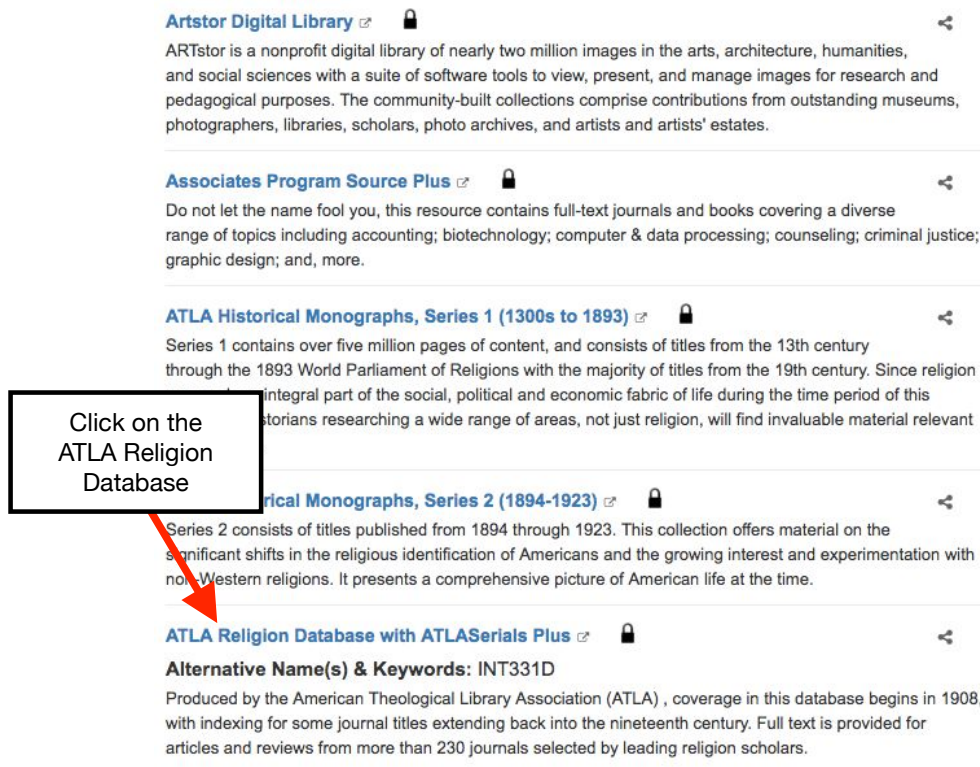
Step 1: Enter Databases

First, log onto the Massland library website. Then click on the databases tab toward the top of the page. (Consult picture below)



Step 2: Click ATLA Religion Database

On the databases page, there is a long list of databases that are available to Cairn students. This guide will explain how to use two of these databases. The first is ATLA Religion Database. To access it, please scroll down and click on ATLA Religion Database. It is one from the bottom of the 'A' databases. (Consult the image below).



Step 3: Search for Your Desired Topic

From within the Atlas database, you can find articles by adding search terms. First, click on the top, empty box on the left of the page. Then type in your search word. For this guide, I want to find articles on the book of Deuteronomy and Josiah's reforms, so I will type in the word Deuteronomy and click on the search button.

The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost search interface. At the top, it says 'Searching: ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials PLUS | Choose Databases'. Below this, there is a search bar with the word 'Deuteronomy' entered. To the right of the search bar is a dropdown menu labeled 'Select a Field (optional)'. Below the search bar, there are two more search bars, each preceded by an 'AND' dropdown menu, and each followed by a 'Select a Field (optional)' dropdown menu. At the bottom of the search area, there is a green 'Search' button and a blue 'Create Alert' button. Below these buttons are links for 'Basic Search', 'Advanced Search', and 'Search History'. Red arrows point to the search bar containing 'Deuteronomy' and the 'Search' button. A text box with the instruction '1. Type in your search term' points to the search bar, and another text box with the instruction '2. Click on the search button' points to the 'Search' button.

Step 4: Narrow Search Results

After you click search, all of your results will appear on the screen. The number of results will be listed on the side. Because Deuteronomy is such a large topic, over 4,000 related articles have been found in the database. You will not have time to read 4,000 articles, so you will need to narrow the search. One way of doing this is adding a new search term. Since the topic of this guide is Deuteronomy and Josiah's reforms, in the empty box under Deuteronomy, type Josiah and click the search button. (Consult the image below)

The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost search interface after a search for 'Deuteronomy' and 'Josiah'. The search bar now contains 'Deuteronomy' and 'Josiah'. The 'Search' button is highlighted. Red arrows point to the search bar containing 'Josiah' and the 'Search' button. A text box with the instruction '3. Narrow search by adding a new word' points to the search bar, and another text box with the instruction '4. Click on the search button' points to the 'Search' button. Below the search bar, there is a section titled 'Refine Results' with a link to 'Deuteronomy Expanders' and a link to 'Apply equivalent subjects'. Below this section is a 'Limit To' dropdown menu. To the right of the 'Refine Results' section, there is a section titled 'Search Results: 1 - 10 of 4,065'. Below this section, there is a list of search results. The first result is titled '1. But You Shall Surely Report Concealment: The Priority of LXX Deuteronomy 13:9'. Below the title, there is a byline 'By: Quick, Laura Elizabeth. Source: Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft, 130 no 1 2018, p 86-100. Publication Type: Article'. Below the byline, there is a 'Subjects' section with the following text: 'Subjects: Levinson, Bernard M, 1952-; Bible. Deuteronomy -- Criticism, Textual; Bible. Old Testament. Versions, Greek. Septuagint; Treaties, Ancient; Assyrian antiquities; Inscriptions, Aramaic -- Sefire inscriptions; Peer reviewed'. Below the subjects section, there are links for 'Full Text Finder' and 'Search Library Catalog'. A text box with the instruction '2. There are too many results. We need to narrow the search.' points to the 'Search Results: 1 - 10 of 4,065' section. A text box with the instruction '1. Search results' points to the 'Refine Results' section.

Step 5: Refine Search Even More

In the new search, there are only 49 results. This is a more manageable number to sort through to find an applicable article. However, if you want to conduct an even more specific search, you can add additional search terms, or you can even search a particular author. However, for the sake of this guide, I am going to click on the first article because it has the option to see the full text. It should turn blue once you click it.

The screenshot shows a search results interface. On the left is a 'Refine Results' sidebar with sections for 'Current Search' (Boolean/Phrase: Deuteronomy AND Josiah), 'Expanders' (Apply equivalent subjects), and 'Limit To' (Full Text, Abstract Available, Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals, with a date range from 1902 to 2014). The main area displays 'Search Results: 1 - 10 of 49'. The first result is titled '1. No future without Moses: the disastrous end of 2 Kings 22-25 and the chance of the Moab covenant (Deuteronomy 29-30)'. An annotation box labeled '1. Reduced number of search results' points to the '1 - 10 of 49' text. Another annotation box labeled '2. Click on the article title' points to the article title. Below the title, it shows the author 'By: Markl, Dominik', the source 'Journal of Biblical Literature, 133 no 4 2014, p 711-728', and a 'PDF Full Text (590923 bytes)' link. The second result is '2. Deuteronomy 12 and the law of the central sanctuary noch einmal' by Arnold, Bill T., from 'Vetus testamentum, 64 no 2 2014, p 236-248', also with a 'PDF Full Text' link.

Step 6: Open the Article

Clicking on the article will bring you to details about the article. This will be particularly helpful when writing your Works Cited page. To open up the article, click on “PDF Full Text” on the left.

The screenshot shows the 'Detailed Record' page for the article 'No future without Moses: the disastrous end of 2 Kings 22-25 and the chance of the Moab covenant (Deuteronomy 29-30)'. On the left, there is a 'PDF Full Text (590923 bytes)' link with a 'Find Similar Results using Smart Text Searching' button below it. An annotation box labeled 'Click this to open the article' points to the 'PDF Full Text' link. The main content area displays the article title and a list of metadata: Authors (Markl, Dominik), Source (Journal of Biblical Literature, 133 no 4 2014, p 711-728), Physical Description (illustration), ISSN (0021-9231), Publication Year (2014), Language (English), Subjects (Moses, (Biblical leader); Josiah, King of Judah; Bible. Deuteronomy 29-34; Bible. Kings II 18-25; Covenants -- Biblical teaching; Blessing and cursing in the Bible; Deuteronomists), and Scripture Citation (Kings, 2nd 22; Deuteronomy 29-30). On the right, a 'Tools' sidebar includes links for Google Drive, Add to folder, Print, E-mail, Save, Cite, Export, Create Note, Permalink, and Share.

Step 7: Save Article

Once you open the article, you have a couple options. First, you can print the article right away by clicking on the printer icon to the right of the article. However, if the article is long, you may not want to do this. The second option is saving the article somewhere on your computer. This is done by hovering your cursor over the top right of the screen until a bar of options appears. One of them is to save the PDF anywhere on your computer so you can retrieve it later. (Consult the picture below).

The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost interface for an article. On the left is a sidebar with the EBSCOhost logo, a 'Detailed Record' link, and a 'PDF Full Text' button. Below this is a table of contents for the article. The main content area displays the article title, author, and abstract. On the right side of the article, there is a vertical toolbar with icons for refresh, download, and print. A red arrow points to the download icon, and a text box explains that hovering over the top right of the screen reveals this bar. Another red arrow points to the print icon, which is labeled 'Print icon' in a text box.

EBSCOhost

Detailed Record

PDF Full Text

Source: Journal of Biblical Literature
Date: January 1, 2014

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No future without Moses: the disastrous end of 2 Kings 22-25 and the chance of the Moab covenant (Deuteronomy 29-30)

JBL 133, no. 4 (2014): 711-728

No Future without Moses
The Disastrous End of 2 Kings 22-25 and the Chance of the Moab Covenant
(Deuteronomy 29-30)

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This article explores the question of why the history of Israel and Judah, according to the books of Kings, ends in disaster (2 Kings 25). Although this question has been intensely discussed, especially since Martin Noth's *Überlieferungsgeschichtliche Studien* (1943), no entirely convincing solution has been offered. The argument suggests a new explanation of the ending of Kings from the perspective of its textual pragmatics. The narrative of the finding of the "book of the torah" during Josiah's reign (2 Kings 22-23) is seen to refer readers emphatically to Deuteronomy. The laconically disastrous end of 2 Kings 24-25 proves the accuracy of Moses' predictions of exile. Readers who wish to know about the possibilities for Israel's future are bound to reread Deuteronomy 29-30, the only text in which Moses refers to the return to the promised land (Deut 30:1-10). They are thereby taken into the dynamics of the Moab covenant (Deuteronomy

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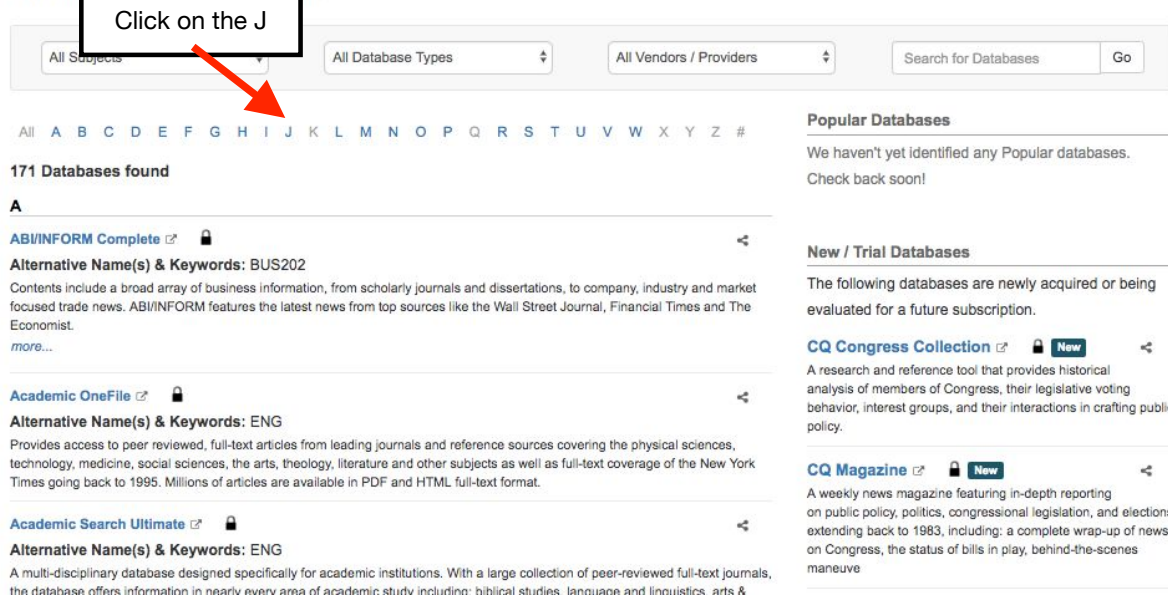
Hover your cursor over the screen until this bar appears and select the download button

Step 8: Go to the JSTOR Database and Click on the J

Now that you understand how to use ATLA to retrieve articles, it is time to explain JSTOR. JSTOR is another database that you will find helpful when doing Biblical research. Since many of the search processes are the same, this part of the guide will primarily focus on the steps that are different when finding and selecting an article from JSTOR. First, go to the database section of the Masland library page (consult Step 1). You will see an alphabet spread across the top of the page. Click on the J (for JSTOR).

A-Z Databases

Find the best library databases for your research.



Click on the J

All Subjects All Database Types All Vendors / Providers Search for Databases Go

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171 Databases found

A

ABI/INFORM Complete

Alternative Name(s) & Keywords: BUS202

Contents include a broad array of business information, from scholarly journals and dissertations, to company, industry and market focused trade news. ABI/INFORM features the latest news from top sources like the Wall Street Journal, Financial Times and The Economist.

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Academic OneFile

Alternative Name(s) & Keywords: ENG

Provides access to peer reviewed, full-text articles from leading journals and reference sources covering the physical sciences, technology, medicine, social sciences, the arts, theology, literature and other subjects as well as full-text coverage of the New York Times going back to 1995. Millions of articles are available in PDF and HTML full-text format.

Academic Search Ultimate

Alternative Name(s) & Keywords: ENG

A multi-disciplinary database designed specifically for academic institutions. With a large collection of peer-reviewed full-text journals, the database offers information in nearly every area of academic study including: biblical studies, language and linguistics, arts &

Popular Databases

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New / Trial Databases

The following databases are newly acquired or being evaluated for a future subscription.

CQ Congress Collection **New**

A research and reference tool that provides historical analysis of members of Congress, their legislative voting behavior, interest groups, and their interactions in crafting public policy.

CQ Magazine **New**

A weekly news magazine featuring in-depth reporting on public policy, politics, congressional legislation, and elections extending back to 1983, including: a complete wrap-up of news on Congress, the status of bills in play, behind-the-scenes maneuver

Step 9: Click on the JSTOR Database

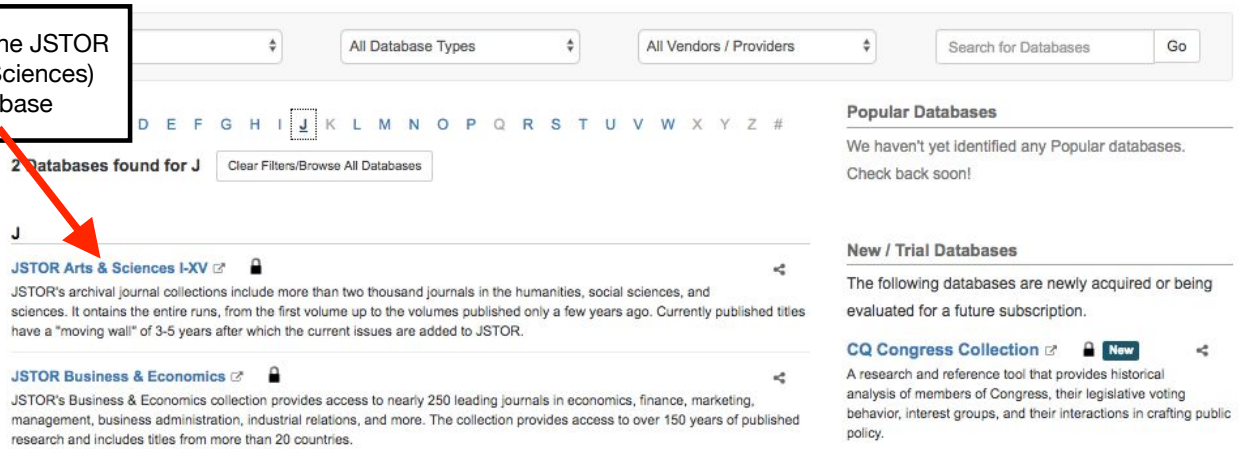
After you hit the J, the database listed will be JSTOR. Click on it

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A-Z Databases: J

Find the best library databases for your research.

Click on the JSTOR
(Arts & Sciences)
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J

JSTOR Arts & Sciences I-XV

JSTOR's archival journal collections include more than two thousand journals in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences. It contains the entire runs, from the first volume up to the volumes published only a few years ago. Currently published titles have a "moving wall" of 3-5 years after which the current issues are added to JSTOR.

JSTOR Business & Economics

JSTOR's Business & Economics collection provides access to nearly 250 leading journals in economics, finance, marketing, management, business administration, industrial relations, and more. The collection provides access to over 150 years of published research and includes titles from more than 20 countries.

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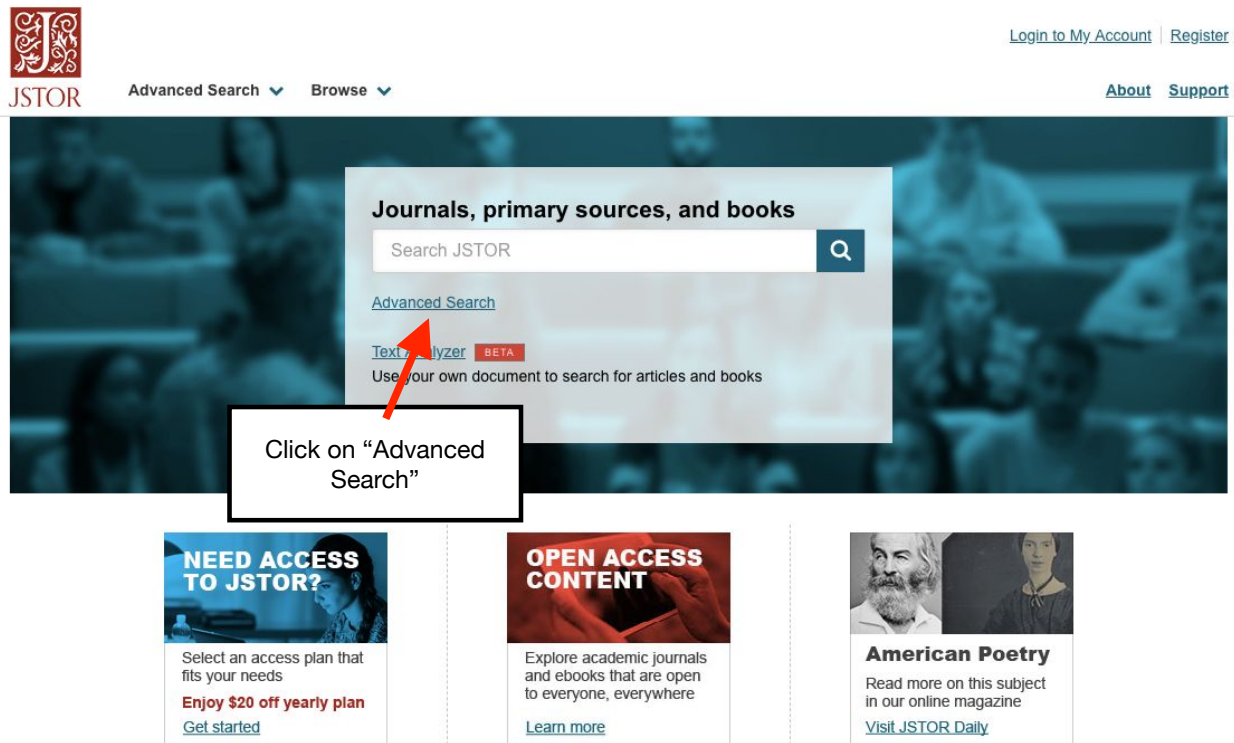
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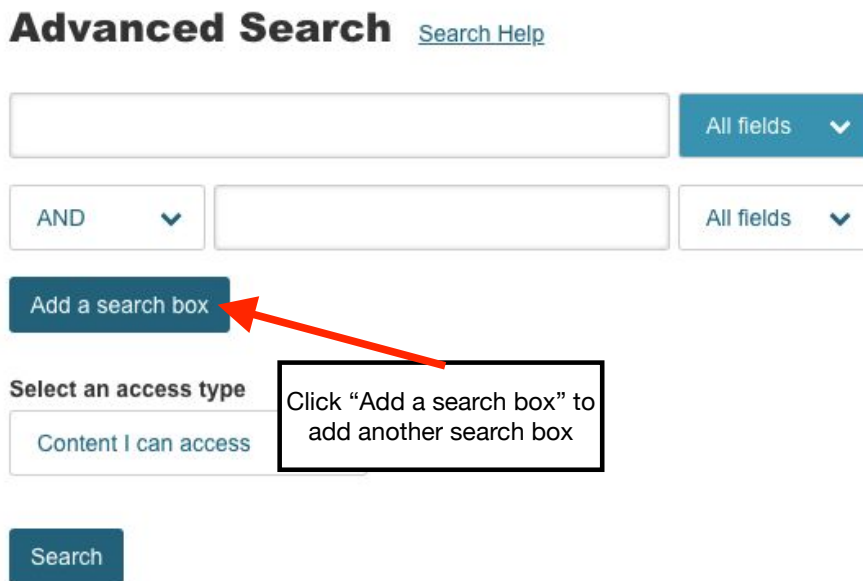
Step 10: Click on “Advanced Search”

The JSTOR layout is very different from ATLA. To make it more similar, click on “Advanced Search” underneath the large, empty search box. (Consult picture below)



Step 11: Click “Add a Search Box” to add another search box

Now, the search layout is similar to ATLA. If you want to add additional search boxes, just click on the “Add a Search Box” button underneath the two search boxes. (Consult image below)



Step 12: Click on the Article

For this search, I am going to use the terms, Deuteronomy, Josiah's Reformation, and High Places. (Remember that it is important to use specific words to narrow your search) When several articles appear, you should quickly look through them to see which ones are applicable. The first one may not be the best article for your topic. You can skim through an article to see if it is applicable by opening it. In this case, I am going to open the first article.

The screenshot shows a search results interface. On the left is a 'Refine Results' sidebar with filters for 'Search Within Results', 'Content Type' (Journals, Books), 'Publication Date', and 'Subject'. The main area displays 'Showing 1-25 of 75 search results'. The first result is a journal article titled 'Deuteronomy and Centralization' by Frederick E. Greenspahn, published in *Vetus Testamentum*. A red arrow points to the article title with a text box that says 'Click on the article name to open it up'. To the right of the article are buttons for 'Download PDF', 'Save', and 'Cite this Item'. The second result is 'B) The Case for the Post-Exilic Origin of Deuteronomy' by Lewis Bayles Paton, published in *Journal of Biblical Literature*, with similar action buttons.

Step 13: Preview the Article

When you scroll down, you will see the article. You can change pages by clicking the forward or backward arrows at either side of the page. (Consult image below)

The screenshot shows a preview of the article 'Deuteronomy and Centralization' by Greenspahn. The page number '228' is in the top left, and the author's name 'GREENSPAHN' is in the top right. The main text discusses the biblical text of Deuteronomy 12, focusing on the centralization of worship. At the top of the preview area, there are two boxes with arrows: 'Go Back a Page' with a left-pointing arrow, and 'Go Forward a Page' with a right-pointing arrow.

Step 14: Save Article

To save or print the article, scroll to the top of the page and click on “Download PDF”. This will open the PDF so you can save it just like in ATLA. (Consult Step 8 if you have any questions about saving an article on JSTOR)

The screenshot shows the JSTOR interface for the article "Deuteronomy and Centralization" by Frederick E. Greenspahn. The article is from *Vetus Testamentum*, Vol. 64, Fasc. 2 (2014), pp. 227-235 (9 pages). The page is labeled "1 of 9 pages". In the top right corner, there are three buttons: "Share", "Save", and "Download PDF". A red arrow points from a text box that says "Click 'Download PDF'" to the "Download PDF" button. The article's abstract is visible, starting with "Deuteronomy and Centralization" by Frederick E. Greenspahn, 768 St. Albans Dr. Boca Raton, FL 33486, greenspa@fau.edu. The journal information includes "Vetus Testamentum 64 (2014) 227-235" and the Brill logo.

Conclusion: If you follow the steps of this guide, you should be able to find and save articles that are applicable and meaningful to your topic of research.