Scriptorium

Installation, Quick Start
and Admin Guide

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Scriptorium : Exegetical Tools
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System Requirements:
Note: If the links below don't work anymore (Microsoft has a habit of moving things around) you can always get a copy of the .Net Framework by going to the main Microsoft sit (http://www.microsoft.com) and following the link there. If you have a new(er) computer the Framework may already be installed. You can check by looking in Control Panel \ Administrative Tools:
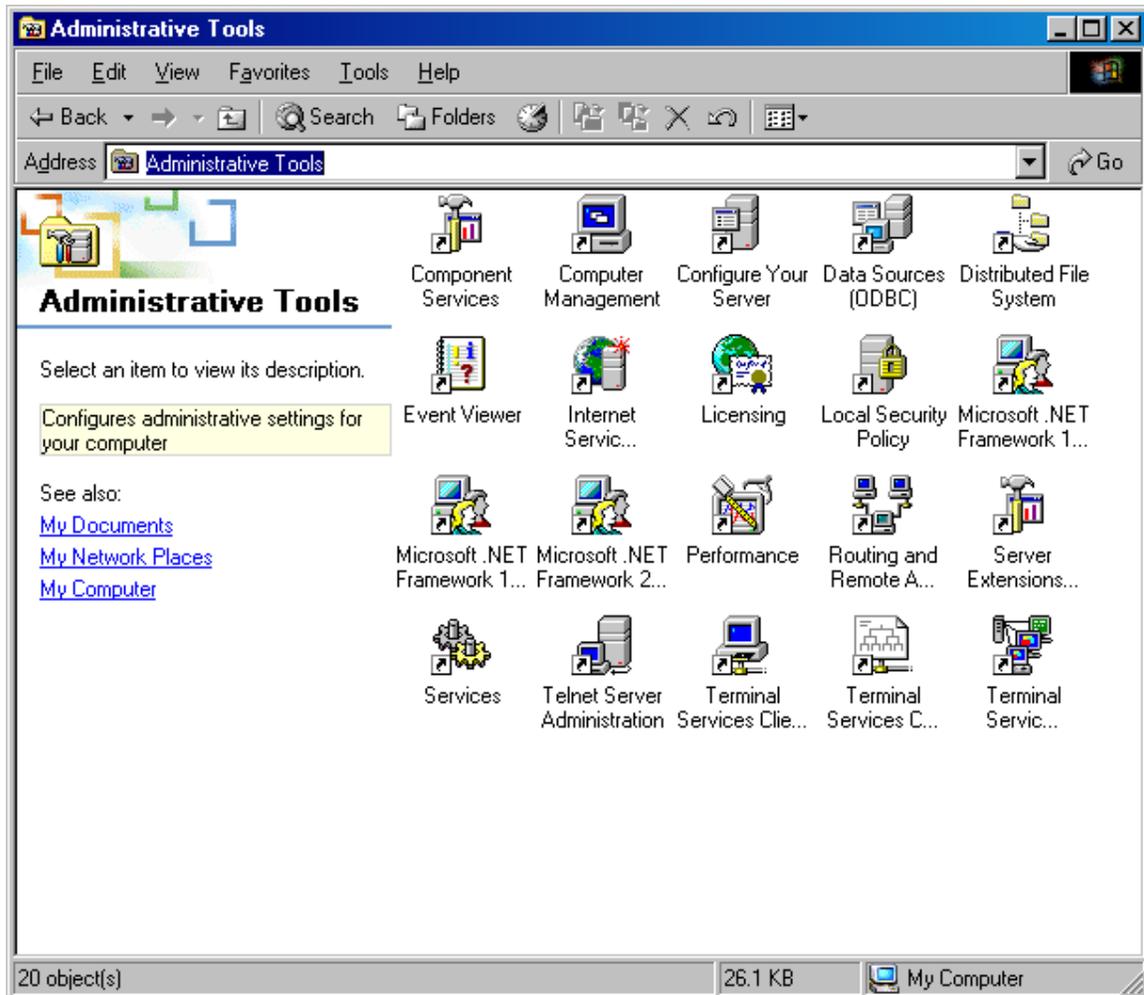
Notice that you can have more than one version of the Framework so make sure you have 2.0. If not you can install it without removing or changing anything else on your PC.

Required Components:
Microsoft .NET Framework Version 2.0 - Free download
http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=0856eacb-4362-4b0d-8edd-aab15c5e04f5&DisplayLang=en

If you have your service packs up-to-date you should be able to just download the installer and click through.

Microsoft Data Access Components (MDAC) - most systems should have this installed. http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=6c050fe3-c795-4b7d-b037-185d0506396c&DisplayLang=en

Most likely, you will have this, especially if you have office. Not certain about it but the Framework redistributable should update what you need. The full Framework definitely does.

System:
Basically, if your computer can handle the 2.0 Framework (you will have to have your service packs up to date) then Scriptorium should run just fine. I have it running on Win 2K and XP (Home & Professional). It looks better on XP but seems to run well on both. Note: you cane, in fact, run .NET on older operating systems. I have not had the opportunity to test the application on any of them so if you decide to try and get it to run please let me know if you have success. I will update the documentation page accordingly.

Hardware: At least 256 MB Ram and 150 MB or so of hard drive space (more if you add a lot of books).

Other programs:
You don't have to have these programs, but they may make your Scriptorium 'experience' (sorry, I couldn't help myself) more enjoyable.

Microsoft Access – All of the modules as well as the main database are Access. You can use Access to create your own modules (no programming) and edit items as well. I built the Nag Hamadi Codex by hand using Access and a form created with the wizard. I will be posting a how-to for Bible and Codex creation as soon as I can get it written. If you have Office but Access is not installed, just pop the installation disk in and follow the instructions to update your Office installation.

Cute PDF or PrimoPDF or Adobe Distiller (probably best but I can't justify the $200 right now). You can create your own books and then export them into text form and then load them into Scriptorium. There are other ways to import a book but this is the easiest.

Textpad – Textpad is the best text editor out there in my opinion. If you don't like, there are lots of others and Notepad will get serve the purpose in many cases as well.

You will probably want Acrobat Reader (and also probably already have it), Winzip (if you don't use XP and other stuff too. Depends on how much of a power user you are.

Check the Scriptorium resources page for links to download useful programs like the ones above.

Installation:

Scriptorium is designed for "drag-and-drop" installation. This means, basically, once the files in the Zip file have been unpacked, in order to run the program, all you need to do is go into the program folder and click on the executable (.exe) file. There is no installer or setup program. The same concept applies to Modules and "Plug-ins". The files need to be in the same directory as the Scriptorium executable when the program starts and it will do the rest.

Yes, it's really that simple.

Download the latest zip file from the download page
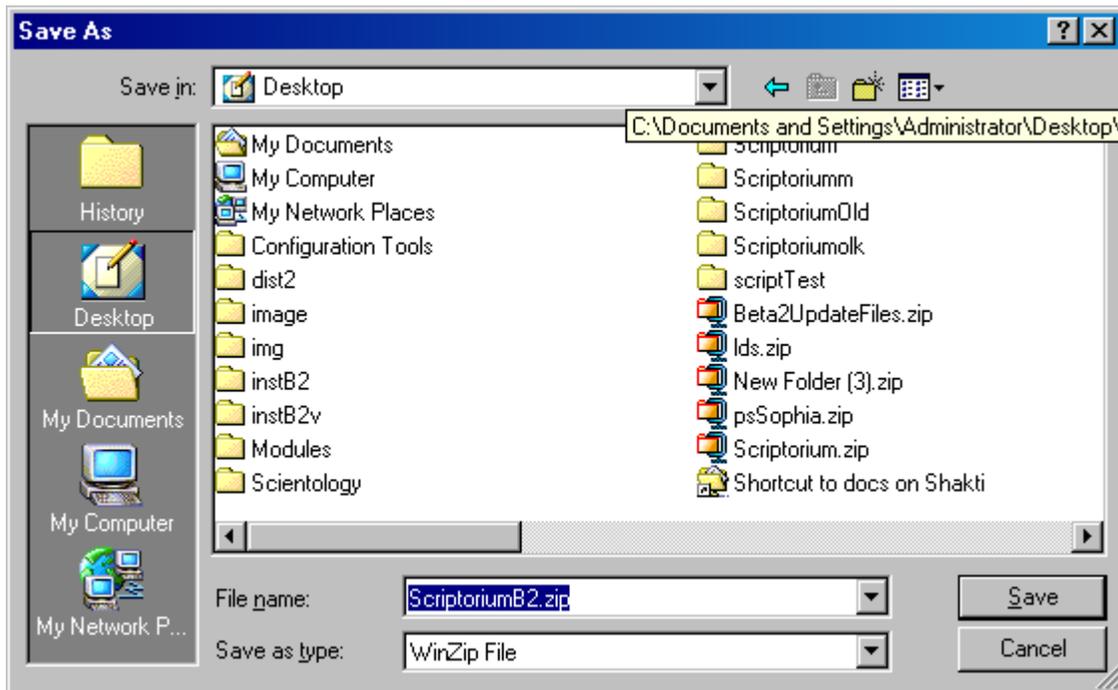

(the filename may be different)

Unpack the Zip file (you might need WinZip if you have Windows 2000) where you want to run Scriptorium from. This could be the root C: drive, My Documents or Program files. It can be anywhere on the PC (like the Desktop) or even on a network share (not recommended). All of the files are already in a folder named Scriptorium.

Unpacking the Scriptorium folder
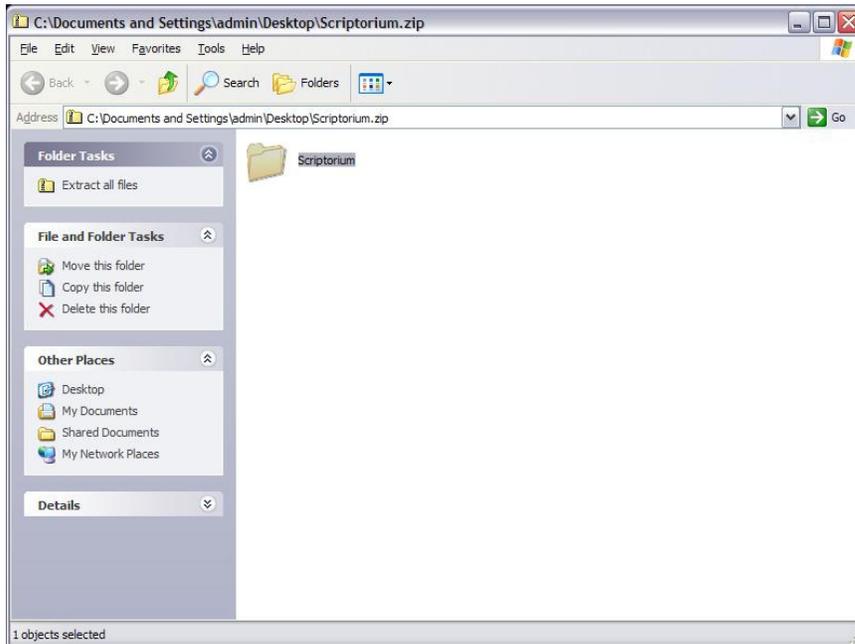
If you have XP you can open the Zip archive like a folder and drag the Scriptorium folder to where you want it. Done!

Or you can open the archive with WinZip:
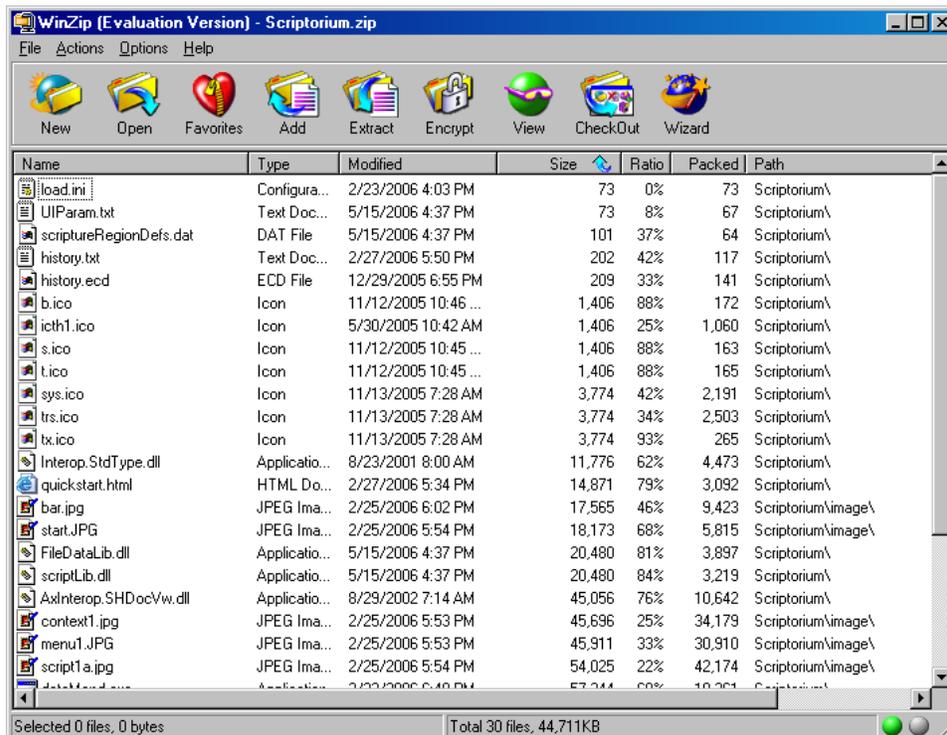
If you want to create Desktop shortcuts, open up the Scriptorium folder, right-click on the script2_0.exe file, drag (right click!) to the desktop and release. Pick create shortcut from the context menu. If the program Icon doesn't appear in the short cut the *Ichthus* icon is in the program folder, or of course, you can use your own.
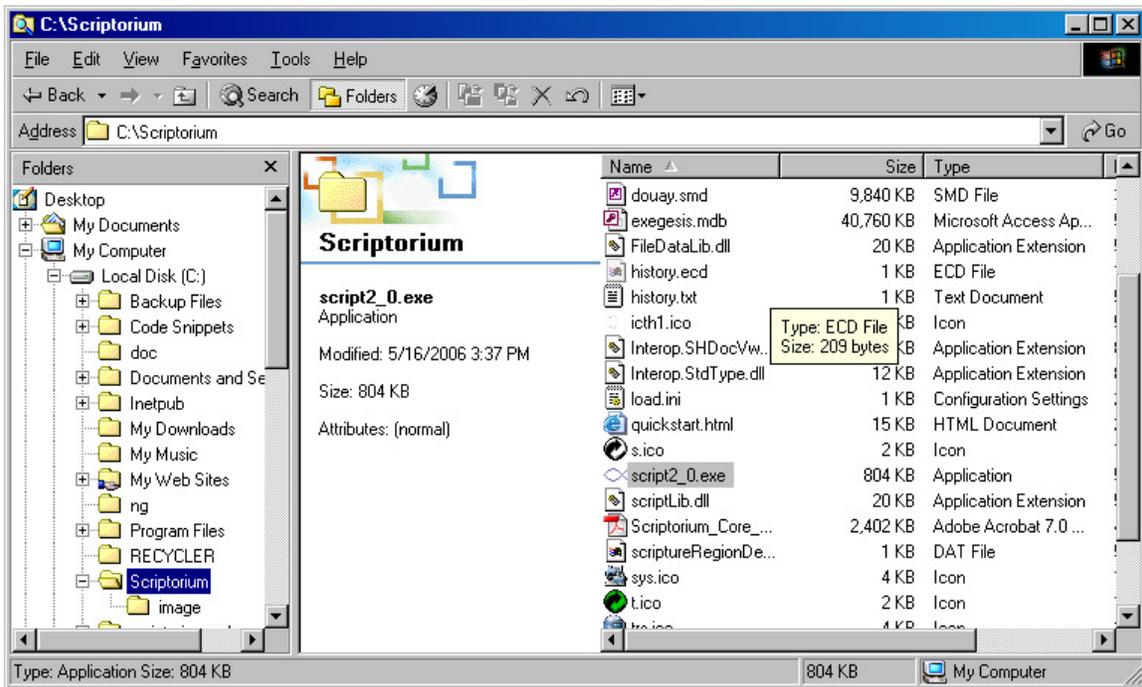
Note the above installation has the Douay Rhiems Module at the top. You won't see it in a base install.

I have made every effort to make maintaining Scriptorium as simple as possible. To that end, I have stuck with the "No-install" design. If you have any problems with the program, make sure all of the files are in the Scriptorium directory and that the database files are not marked "read-only" and that there are no ".ldb" files from improperly closed sessions (you may need to turn "show all files" on in the Folder Options). I have not encountered any issues moving the program around, so please let me know if you encounter a bug or problem with the file structure (or anything else, for that matter). Send to : buglist@gnostic-scriptorium.com
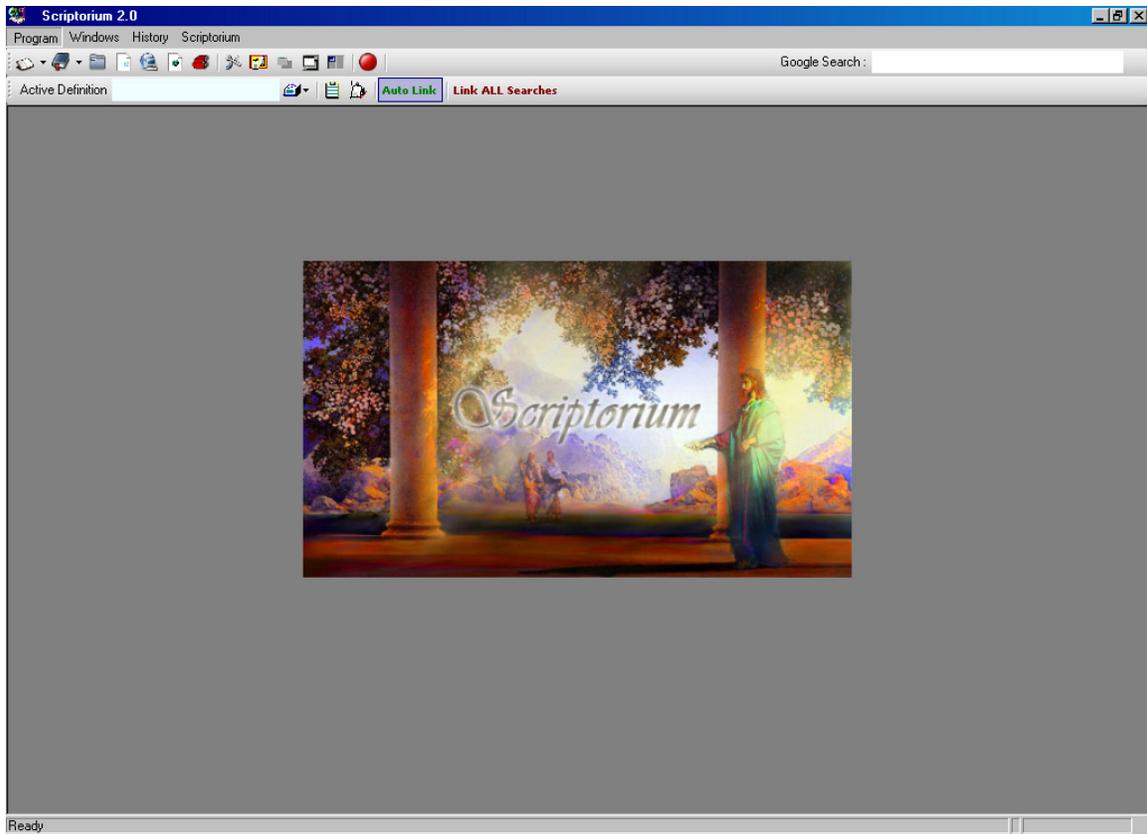
Start it up. Click on the splash screen to make it go away.

Important Points when starting out:
Every function in the application can be accessed from the Main Menu and Toolbar
1. Main Toolbar

2. Main Menu
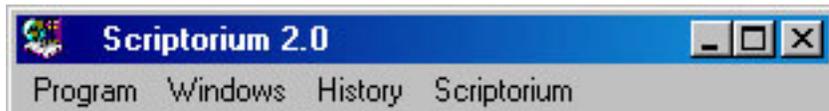
3. The Program Menu
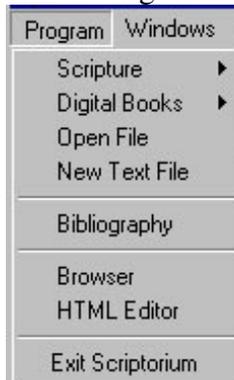
(see the Core UI Guide for more details on the User interface).

Getting Started

The program is designed to be mouse driven. The Main Menu is context sensitive, so it will change depending on the active document. When you start, of course, there is no active document, so the menu is in 'application mode'. The main toolbar (documents have their own tool bars) will start any of the document forms. Since the history is empty, there won't be anything there either.

To open a document, click on the appropriate toolbar button (or select it from the "Program" Menu. All buttons have tool-tip descriptions.

Example: View Nag-Hamadi Scriptures:

Click on the Toolbar button for the Scripture module (the arrow shows the available items). Then click on the item (the top one in this case).
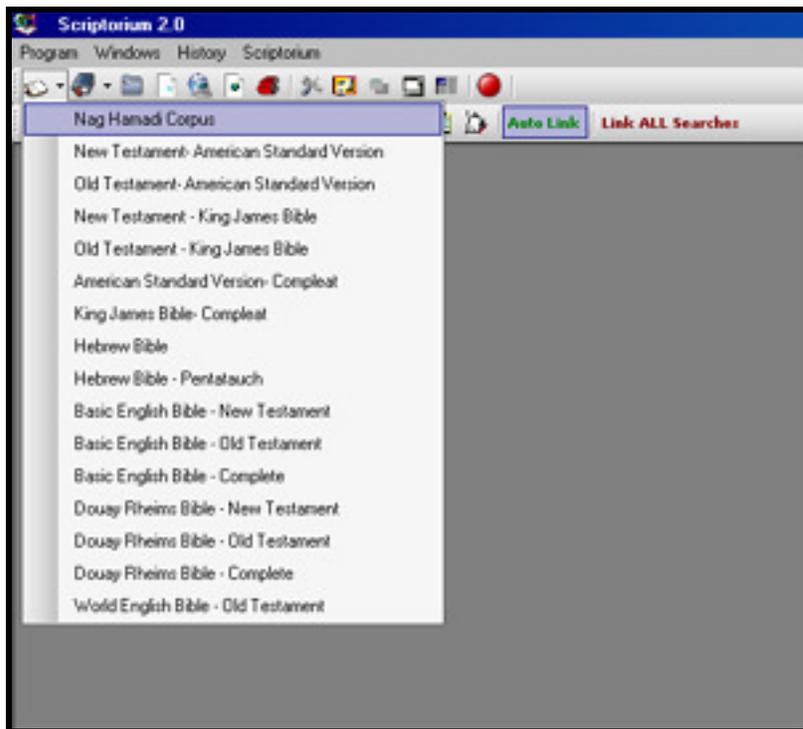
The document will open and load the selected item. Scripture and Book documents always load in full screen.

(the above list has some modules installed which you will not see unless you download them. They are free, so go get them. I'll wait)
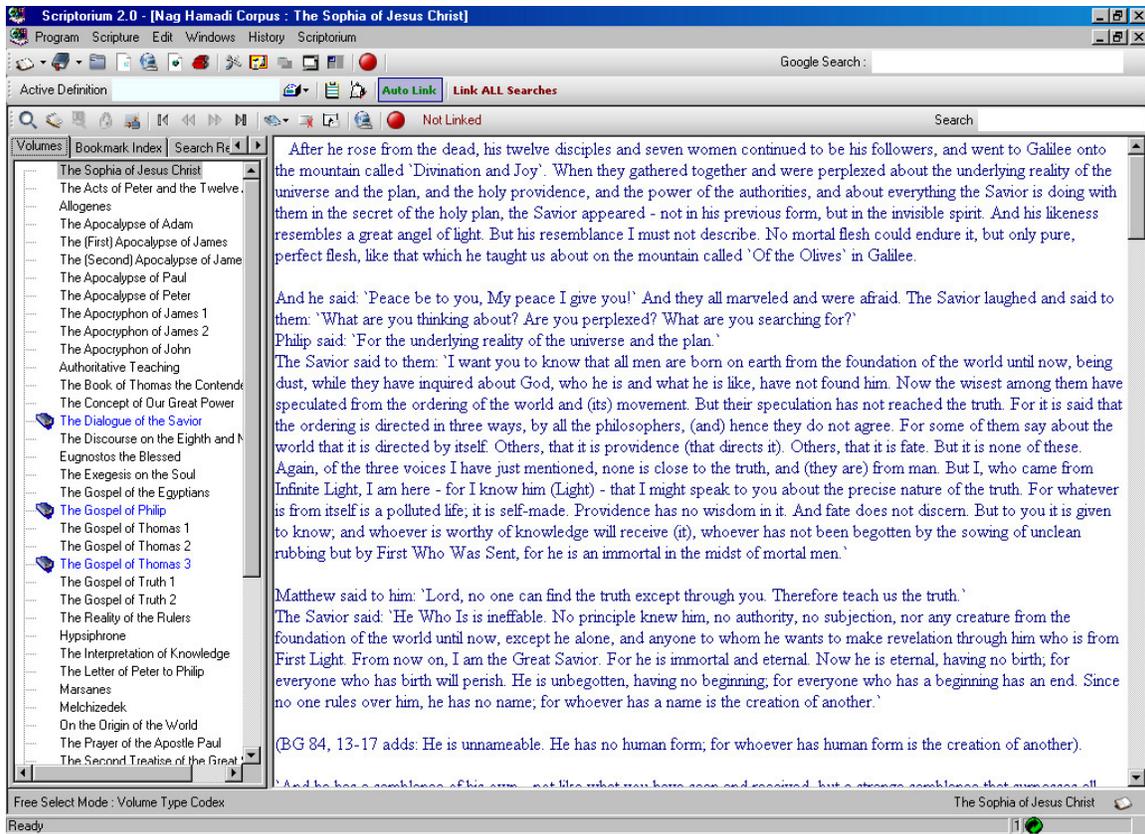
The Document Window:
The main parts of the document window are shown below:
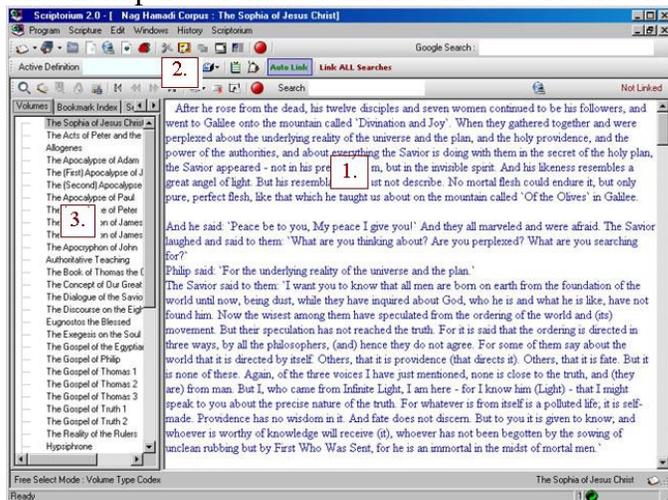
1. The document pane

2. The document toolbar

3. The explorer pane
(More details for this topic in the "Core UI" Guide)

The document toolbar provides the main functions of the selected document. In this case, there is the search, bookmark, navigation, show/hide explorer pane and close buttons. Since Nag Hamadi is a Codex (there is one 'page' for each 'book' the chapter navigation is disabled. You can also search by typing a word in the document search box and pressing 'enter'.

The explorer pane has the document navigation tab, the bookmark quick select tab and the full search tab.

Clicking on a node displays selected document is. Right clicking on the document window will display the document context menu.
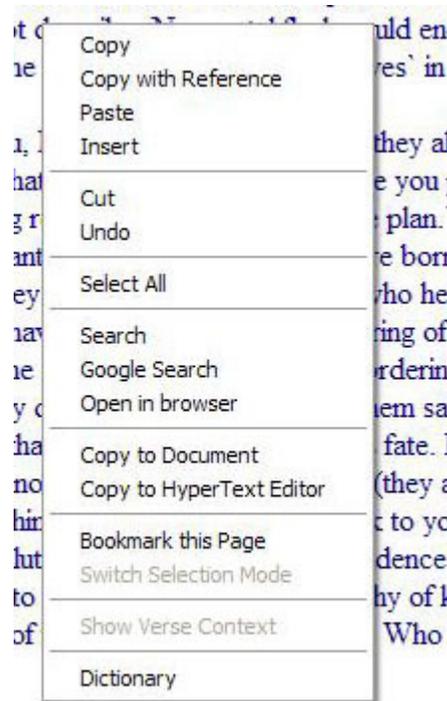
The context menu provides the basic document options. Cut, copy, select all, undo and paste should be familiar. Note that text edited in this pane cannot be saved so navigating will lose any changes. You can select the text you want and pick 'Copy to document' and that will paste the text into a new rich text document. You can search, search Google (computer has to be able to access the internet) and open a hyperlink in the browser window from here. All of these functions work with the Selected Text of the document so if you don't have any text selected, nothing will happen. Also, Eastons Bible dictionary will try and find a match for a selected word and likewise will ignore you if you haven't selected any text.

The rest of the program works along the same principals; document, toolbar, context menu. The main menu also provides all of the document functions under 'Scripture' for the main functions and 'Edit' for text operations. Scriptorium is meant to be intuitive to use, so click away and explore.
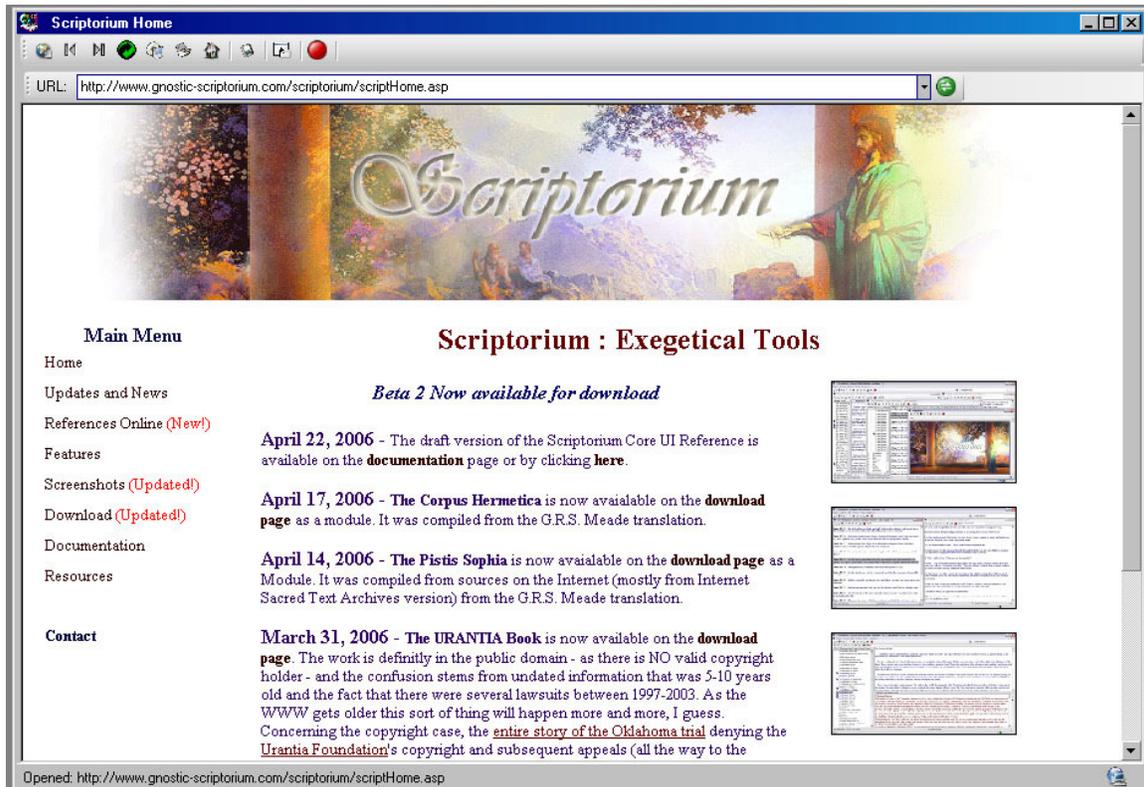
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Part II : Application Maintenance –The Options Window.
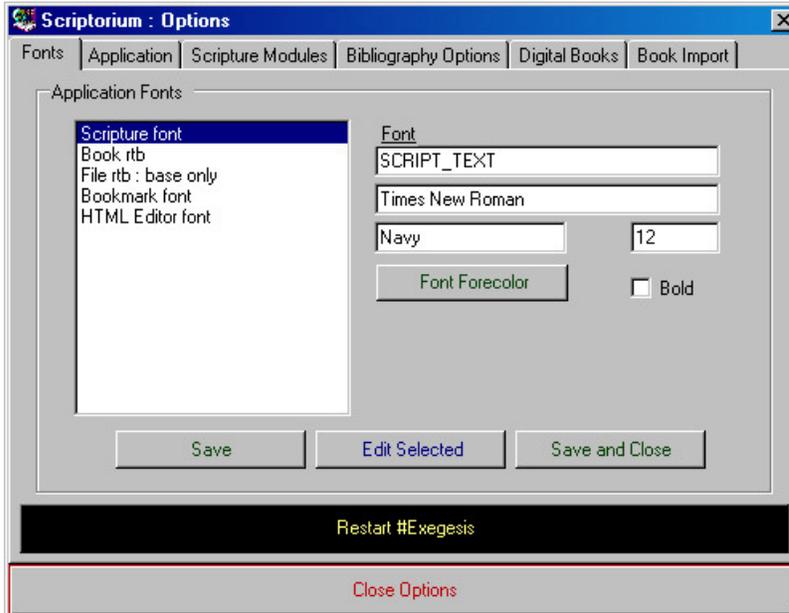
Application Fonts Tab – here you can change the display fonts for the main windows in Scriptorium.
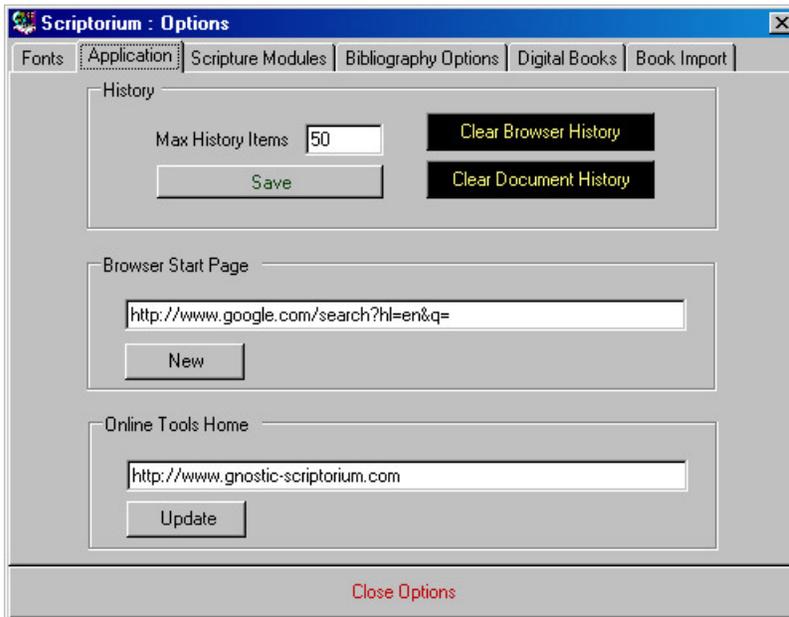
This Page allows you to set the number of "History" items for files and browser. You can also clear the history if you want (like if you move the Scriptorium Folder to a new PC, you might want to clear the File history, for example).

The Browser and Tools start pages are set here. Note that it is perfectly legal to use a local file on you hard drive if you wish.
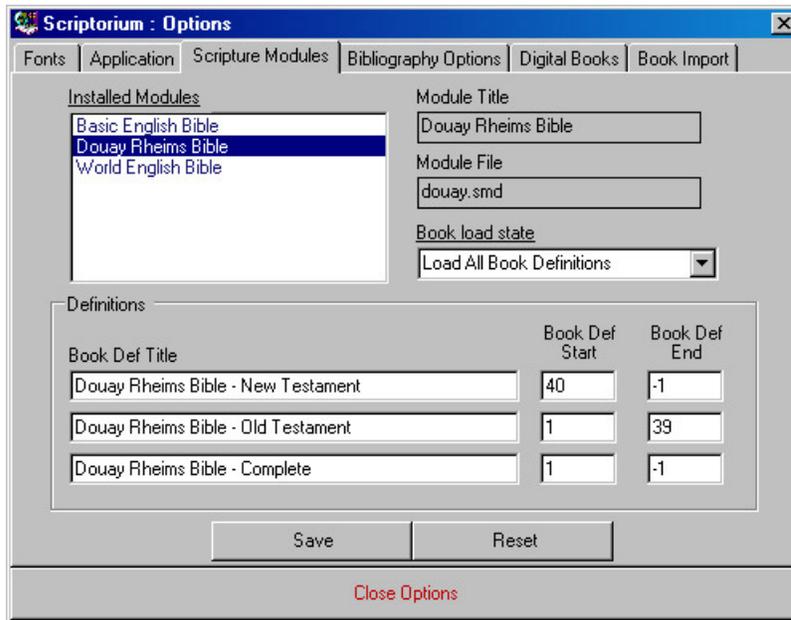
On the Scripture modules Tab you can hide or show module definitions. So, if you only wanted Whole Bibles you would set each module to show only the "complete" definition (3 in the above example)
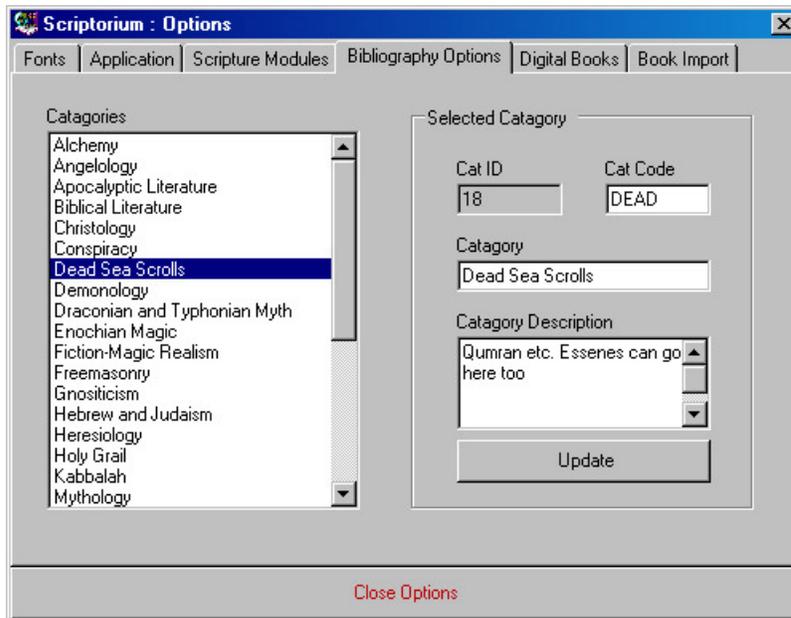
Here you can edit the categories for the Bibliography. You can edit them in the database but remember that the ID will point to category by number so if you delete you may make your bibliography display incorrectly.

The Digital Book Tabs

These Tabs are related so we will look at them together.
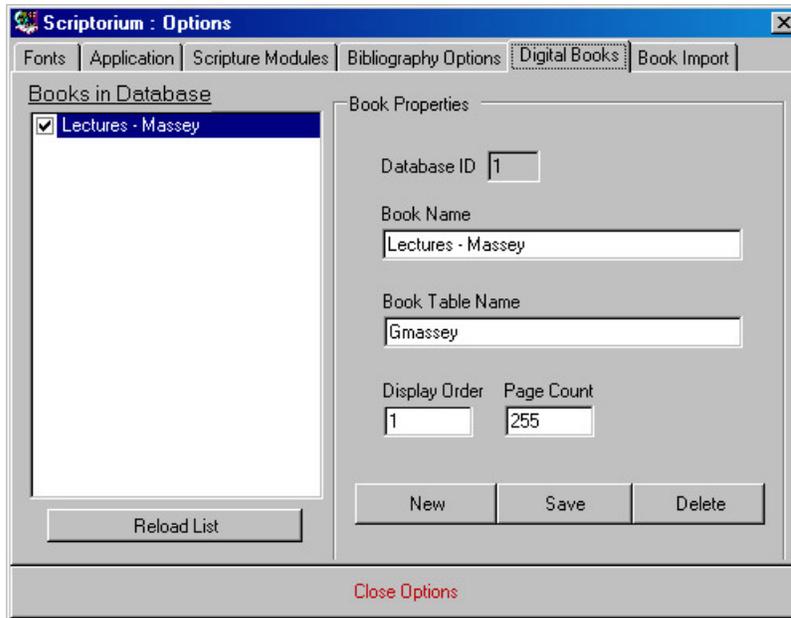
The Books Maintenance page

The database tab allows you to maintain the books in the Scriptorium Database. You can edit a books display name or display order. You can also add a new book to the Digital books table. Note that the book will not be found if you add a Book with no table it will not display. The add feature is for you to be able to copy tables between databases and then add the book manually. You can also delete a book from this panel. Note that the book record and the table with the book will be deleted! If you want to keep the table, rename it before deleting the record.
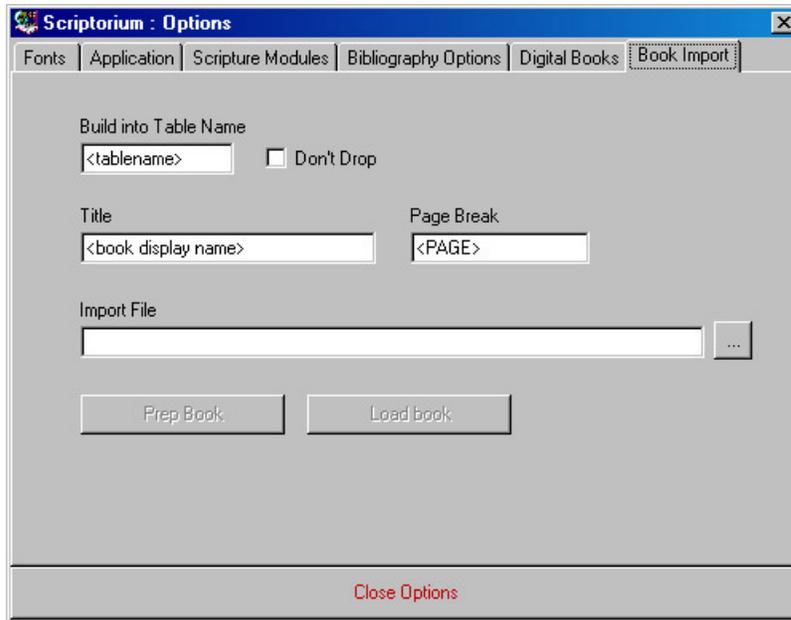
The Book Import Tab

The Import tab has three main areas: the settings pane at the top, the import pane to the left and the view text area. The import function is performed in a series of steps;

1. Open the import file - the text file to be imported. The easiest way to prepare an import file is to save an Adobe Acrobat Portable Document File (PDF) book in the adobe reader program--> choose file: save as text. The saved file will be exported into a plain text file with page breaks where the PDF file was divided into pages.

2. The text file is opened by selecting the saved file from 1. with the file browser. Type a name for the book and the table to store the page in the database.

3. The text file is 'prepped' which replaces the ascii code for the page breaks with a tag. The default tag <PAGE> will work fine for a simple import.

4. Once the prep is completed, the program will save the file as as temp file and load that into the file textbox.

5. The Import button will now be enable. Clicking this button will begin the import routine. Once the book is imported, the tool will load the book table so you can browse the new book.

6. When you return to Scriptorium (close Options), you will now be able to view, read and index the new book.

(see example, next)

Scriptorium : Book Import

Example: Importing Oahspe

This is the largest PDF file I have so we will use it as an example.
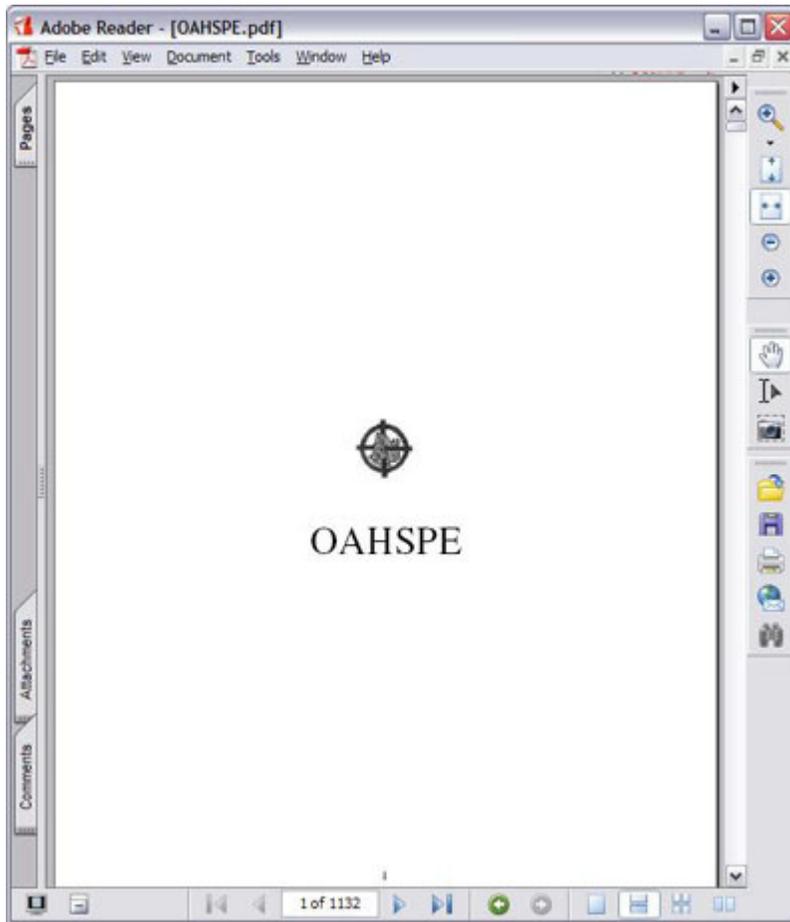
Oahspe is a Public Domain work

Open the book in Adobe Acrobat

Note: There are many sources on the Web for PDF books that are in the **public domain** as well as many more that are available as text files. Of course, you could also import your own works as well. To make your own book, just get one of the PDF creation programs (see installation, above) and "make" a PDF of whatever you want to import. Then just save as text (.txt) and you can import as normal.
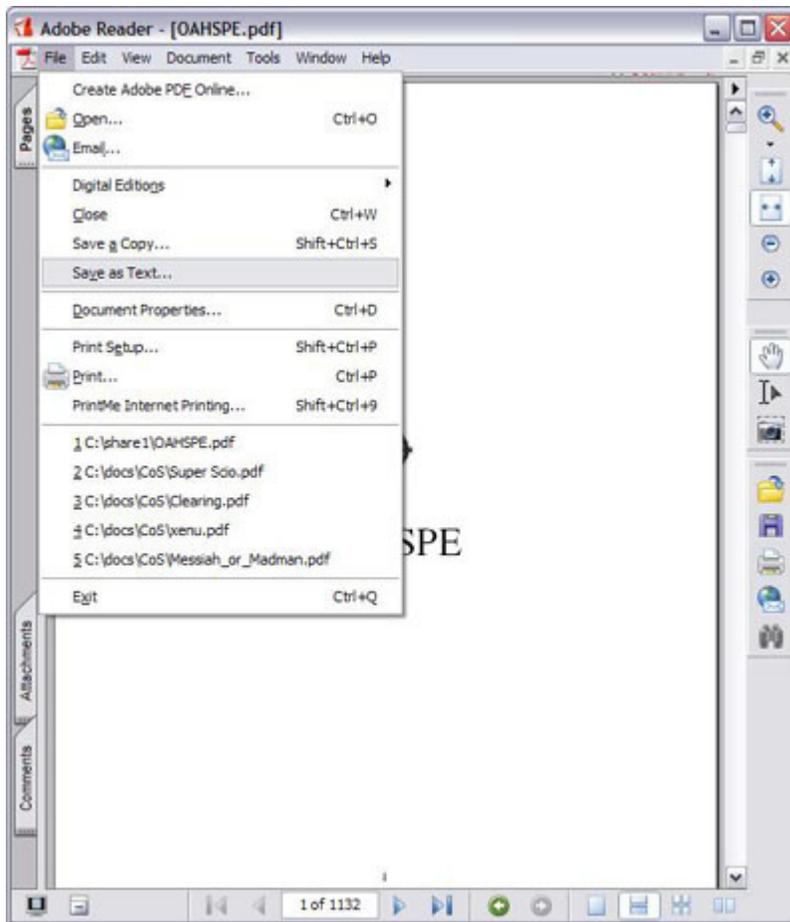
Select save as text from the File menu. (Note: some documents are protected and cannot be saved as text. Often another conversion can be found if the document is in the public domain)
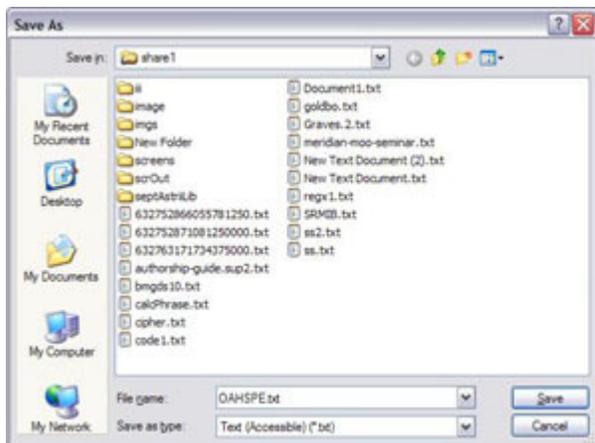
Save the file to your hard drive. If the PDF file is large, the export may take a few minutes.

If we look at the file in Textpad, we can see the formatting Acrobat generated in exporting the file. The page numbers and page breaks are visible. Start the import tool.
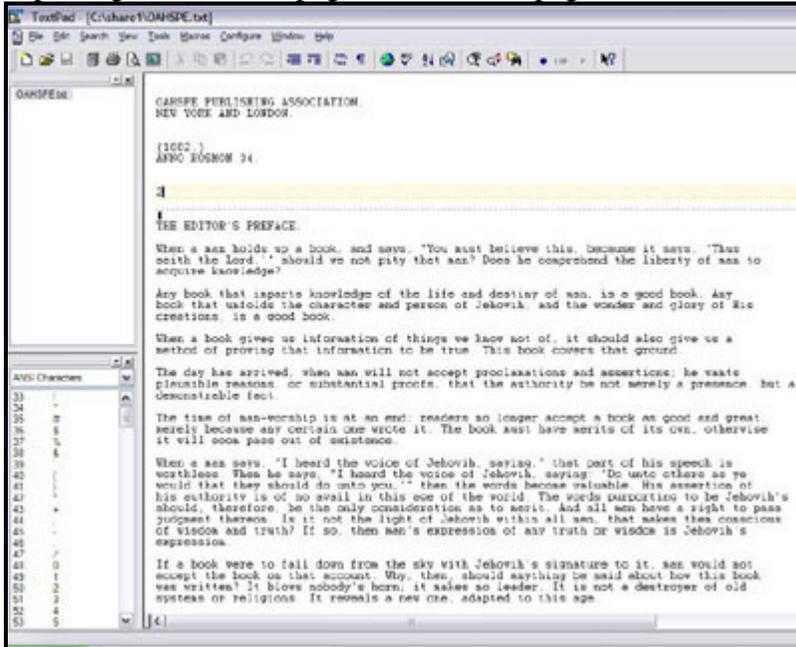
Click on the load button (with the ellipsis)
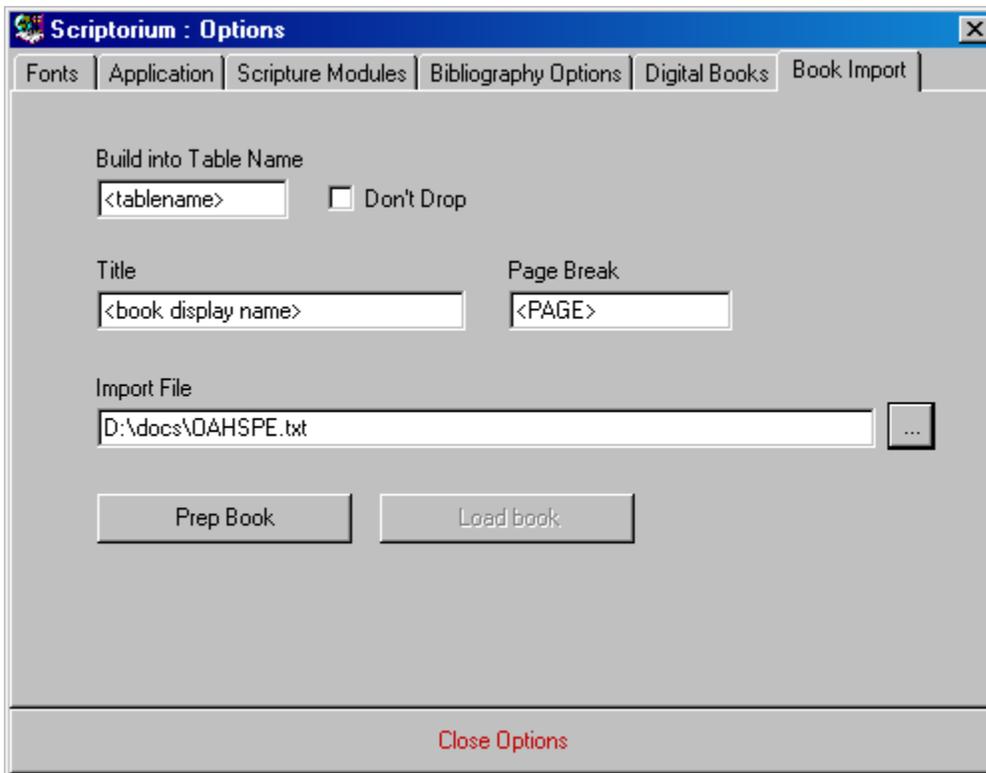
You will see the open file dialog. Select the file exported from Acrobat

and now you can set the book options:
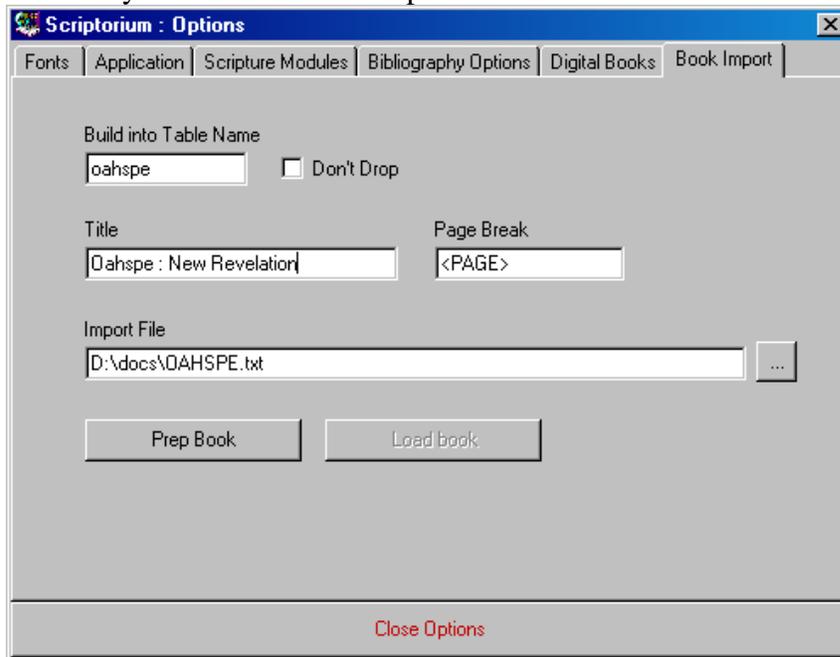
In this case I named the table "oahspe" the book display title "Oahspe : New Revelation". It can be anything (in the table name it must be a legal Access table name). Now click "Prep book"

The import tool will replace the page breaks and save to a temp file. The "Load Book" button will now be enabled. Click it to start the import process.
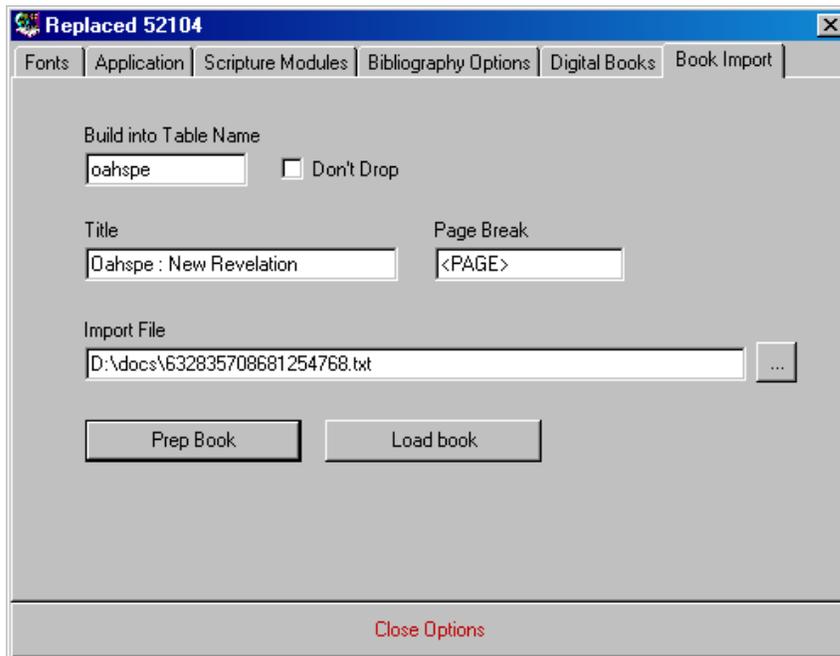
If you look at the Database tab you will see the book was added to the Books master table:
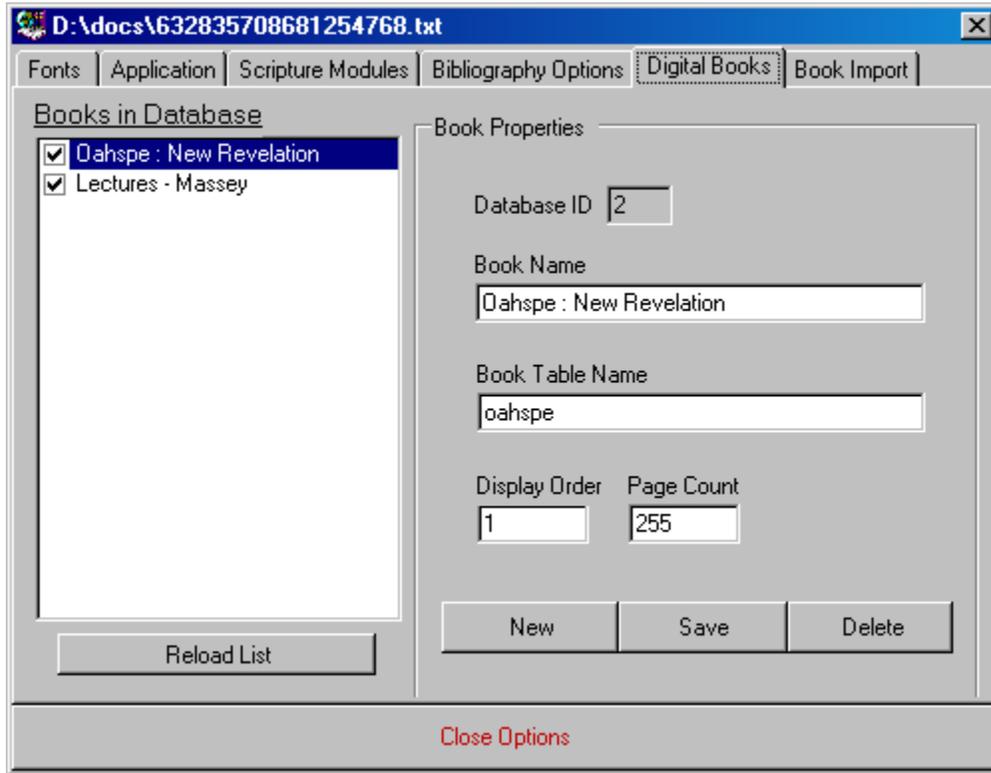
That's it. You can change the books order in the list by changing the display order and the name of the Book. Do not change the "pages" or the table name unless you are certain there is a problem with the import. Delete the text files and start Scriptorium to work with the new book.

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