

Preliminary Exam

Master List

5/24/08 (czar: bas)

- The following calculations are operative but constitute a maximum, not to be exceeded:
 - ca. 30pp. per hour reading
 - ca. 5 hours per day reading (not including summary/written work) [150 pp. per day]
 - ca. 5 days per week reading [750 pp. per week]
 - ca. 14 weeks (June, July, August, and half of September [other half for review, etc.]) [10,550 pp. per the summer]
- Assumed breakdown of readings lists
 - ca. 1000-1500 pp. per special area exam
 - ca. 1000-1500 pp. per outside area exam
 - ca. 6000-7000 for two major internal exams
- The accent of the preliminary exam bibliography is on secondary (at times tertiary) sources, not primary texts. It is assumed, however, that you will make recourse as necessary to those primary texts with which you are unfamiliar and which your reading material engages. This is true of both biblical and extra-biblical material.

Part 1: GENERAL

- This section is for reference, not for reading seriatim, the pages here, then, are e;xwqen tou/ avriqmou/ (Ps 151:1).
- That being said, you might benefit from reading parts of these books – or certain ones of them in their entirety – straight through.
- Note that portions of several of these books appear in the lists below.

A. Introduction

Collins, John J. *Introduction to the Hebrew Bible* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2004).

Gottwald, Norman K. *The Hebrew Bible: A Socio-Literary Introduction* (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1985).

B. Critical Introduction

Childs, Brevard S. *Introduction to the Old Testament as Scripture* (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1979).
[= *IOTS*]

Driver, S. R. *An Introduction to the Literature of the Old Testament* ([9th ed; new rev. ed; orig: 1910?]; New York: Meridian, 1960).

Eissfeldt, Otto. *The Old Testament: An Introduction* (New York: Harper & Row, 1965).

C. “State of the Question” Introductions

- Baker, David W. and Bill T. Arnold. *The Face of Old Testament Studies: A Survey of Contemporary Approaches* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 1999). [= FOTS]
- Clements, Ronald E. *A Century of Old Testament Study* (rev. ed.; Guildford: Lutterworth, 1983).
- Knight, Douglas A., and Gene M. Tucker, eds. *The Hebrew Bible and Its Modern Interpreters* (Minneapolis: Fortress and Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1985). [= HBMI]
- Mays, James Luther, David L. Petersen, and Kent Harold Richards, eds. *Old Testament Interpretation: Past, Present, and Future: Essays in Honor of Gene M. Tucker* (Nashville: Abingdon, 1995). [= OTIPPF]
- McKenzie, Steven L. and M. Patrick Graham, eds. *The Hebrew Bible Today: An Introduction to Critical Issues* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1998).
- Perdue, Leo G., ed. *The Blackwell Companion to the Hebrew Bible* (Oxford: Blackwell, 2001). [= BCHB]

D. Other References Works

- E.g., dictionaries (esp. *DBI*, *ABD*, etc.) and text-collections (*ANEP*, *COS*, etc.) as needed.

Part 2: TRADITIONS/BOOKS/BLOCKS

A. General

See under Part 1 above.

B. Pentateuch [1000]

- Dozeman, Thomas B. and Konrad Schmid. *A Farewell to the Yahwist: The Composition of the Pentateuch in Recent European Interpretation* (SBLSymS 34; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2006). [180]
- Knohl, Israel. *The Sanctuary of Silence: The Priestly Torah and the Holiness School* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 1995). [230]
- Levinson, Bernard M. *Deuteronomy and the Hermeneutics of Legal Innovation* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1997), 3-22, 144-57. [34]
- Nelson, Richard D. *Deuteronomy: A Commentary* (Old Testament Library; Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2002), 1-12. [13]
- Nicholson, Ernest. *The Pentateuch in the Twentieth Century: The Legacy of Julius Wellhausen* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1998). [268]

Ska, Jean-Louis. *Introduction to Reading the Pentateuch* (Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2006), 127-234. [108]

Watts, James W. *Reading Law: The Rhetorical Shaping of the Pentateuch* (Biblical Seminar 59; Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1999). [167]

C. Law [322]

- See also Part 3, F below on covenant forms (McCarthy, Mendenhall).

Alt, Albrecht. "The Origins of Israelite Law," in idem, *Essays on Old Testament History and Religion* (Garden City: Anchor, 1968), 79-132. [54]

Frymer-Kenski, Tikva. "Israel," in *A History of Ancient Near Eastern Law* (2 vols.; ed. Raymond Westbrook; HdO I/72-1-2; Leiden: Brill, 2003), 2:975-1046. [72]

Greenberg, Moshe. "Some Postulates of Biblical Criminal Law," in *Yehezkel Kaufmann Jubilee Volume* (ed. M. Haran; Jerusalem: Magnes, 1960), 5-28. [24]

Jackson, Bernard S. "Reflections on Biblical Criminal Law," *JJS* 24 (1973): 8-38. [31]

Patrick, Dale. *Old Testament Law* (Atlanta: John Knox, 1985), 97-144. [48]

Sonsino, Rifat. "Forms of Biblical Law," *ABD* 4:252-54. [3]

Westbrook, Raymond. "The Character of Ancient Near Eastern Law," in *A History of Ancient Near Eastern Law* (2 vols.; ed. Raymond Westbrook; HdO I/72-1-2; Leiden: Brill, 2003), 1:1-90. [90]

D. Deuteronomistic History [529]

Cross, Frank Moore. "The Themes of the Book of Kings and the Structure of the Deuteronomistic History," in *CMHE*, 274-89. [16]

Nelson, Richard D. "The Double Redaction of the Deuteronomistic History: The Case is Still Compelling," *JSOT* 29 (2005): 319-37. [19]

Noth, Martin. *The Deuteronomistic History* (2nd ed.; JSOTSup 15; Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1991). [145]

Rad, Gerhard von. "The Deuteronomic Theology of History in 1 and 2 Kings," in idem, *From Genesis to Chronicles: Explorations in Old Testament Theology* (ed. K. C. Hanson; Minneapolis: Fortress, 2005), 154-66. [13]

Römer, Thomas C. *The So-Called Deuteronomistic History: A Sociological, Historical, and Literary Introduction* (London: T & T Clark, 2005). [200]

Römer, Thomas and Albert de Pury. "Deuteronomistic Historiography (DH): History of Research and Debated Issues," in *Israel Constructs Its History: Deuteronomistic Historiography in Recent Research* (eds. A. de Pury, T. Römer, and J.-D. Macchi; Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 2000), 24-141. [118]

Wolff, Hans Walter. "The Kerygma of the Deuteronomistic Historical Work," in Walter Brueggemann and Hans Walter Wolff, *The Vitality of Old Testament Traditions* (2nd ed.; Atlanta: John Knox, 1982), 83-100. [18]

E. Secondary Histories [123]

Freedman, David N. "The Chronicler's Purpose," *CBQ* 23 (1961): 436-62. [17]

Japhet, Sara. "The Historical Reliability of Chronicles: The History of the Problem and Its Place in Biblical Research," *JSOT* 33 (1985): 83-107. [25]

Klein, Ralph W. *1 Chronicles* (Hermeneia; Minneapolis: Fortress, 2006), 1-48. [49]

Williamson, H. G. M. *Ezra, Nehemiah* (WBC 16; Waco: Word, 1985), xxi-lii. [32]

F. Prophets [519]

Alter, Robert. "Prophecy and Poetry," in idem, *The Art of Biblical Poetry* (New York: Basic, 1985), 137-62. [26]

Blenkinsopp, Joseph. *A History of Prophecy in Israel* (rev. ed.; Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1996), 7-39. [33]

Nogalski, James D. and Marvin A. Sweeney, eds. *Reading and Hearing the Book of the Twelve* (SBLSymS 15; Atlanta: Scholars Press, 2000), 3-90. [82]

Nissinen, Marti. *Prophets and Prophecy in the Ancient Near East* (SBLWAW 12; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2003), 1-17, 79-80, 93-94, 97-101, 133-36, 179-81, 201, 219. [36]

Petersen, David L. *The Prophetic Literature: An Introduction* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2003). [241]

Wilson, Robert R. *Prophecy and Society in Ancient Israel* (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1980), 1-88, 297-308. [101]

G. Psalms [305]

Brueggemann, Walter. "Psalms and the Life of Faith: A Suggested Typology of Function," in idem, *The Psalms and the Life of Faith* (ed. P. D. Miller; Minneapolis: Fortress, 1995), 3-32. [30]

_____. "Bounded by Obedience and Praise: The Psalms as Canon," in idem, *The Psalms and the Life of Faith* (ed. P. D. Miller; Minneapolis: Fortress, 1995), 189-213. [25]

Gunkel, Hermann. "The Genres of the Psalms," in Hermann Gunkel, completed by Joachim Begrich, *Introduction to Psalms: The Genres of the Religious Lyric of Israel* (Macon: Mercer University Press, 1998), 1-21. [22]

Howard, David M., Jr. "Recent Trends in Psalms Study," in *FOTS*, 329-68. [40]

Keel, Othmar. *The Symbolism of the Biblical World: Ancient Near Eastern Iconography and the Book of Psalms* (trans. T. J. Hallett; repr. ed.; Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 1997 [1978; German orig: 1972]), 308-56. [43]

McCann, J. Clinton, ed. *The Shape and Shaping of the Psalter* (JSOTSup 159; Sheffield: JSOT Press, 1993), 7-70 (front matter + essays by Mays, Murphy, Brueggemann, Wilson, and Howard). [64]

Westermann, Claus. *Praise and Lament in the Psalms* (Atlanta: John Knox, 1981), 15-35, 152-62, 165-213. [81]

H. Wisdom Literature [592]

Brown, William P. *Character in Crisis: A Fresh Approach to the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1996), 1-49, 151-64. [64]

Carr, David M. *Writing on the Tablet of the Heart: Origins of Scripture and Literature* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005), 111-74. [64]

Crenshaw, James L. *Old Testament Wisdom: An Introduction* (rev. ed.; Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1998), 1-54, 140-229. [145]

Rad, Gerhard von. *Wisdom in Israel* (Nashville: Abingdon, 1972). [319]

I. Apocalyptic [381]

Collins, John J. *The Apocalyptic Imagination: An Introduction to Jewish Apocalyptic Literature* (2d ed.; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998), 1-176, 280-83. [181]

_____. *Daniel with an Introduction to Apocalyptic Literature* (FOTL 20; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1984), 1-24. [24]

Hanson, Paul D. *The Dawn of Apocalyptic: The Historical and Sociological Roots of Jewish Apocalyptic Eschatology* (rev. ed.; Philadelphia: Fortress, 1979), 1-31, 209-79, 402-16. [117]

Stone, M. E. "Apocalyptic Literature," in *Jewish Writings of the Second Temple Period* (ed. M. E. Stone; CRINT 2.2; Philadelphia: Fortress, 1984), 383-441. [59]

J. Israelite History [725]

Miller, J. Maxwell and John H. Hayes. *A History of Ancient Israel and Judah* (2d ed.; Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2006). [541]

Moore, Megan Bishop. *Philosophy and Practice in Writing a History of Ancient Israel* (LHBOTS 435; New York: T & T Clark, 2006). [184]

K. Israelite Religion [512]

Cross, Frank Moore. "The Religion of Canaan and the God of Israel," in *CMHE*, 1-75. [76]

Keel, Othmar and Christoph Uehlinger. *Gods, Goddesses, and Images of God in Ancient Israel* (trans. T. H. Trapp; Minneapolis: Fortress, 1998), 1-17, 210-48, 393-409. [74]

Miller, Patrick D. *The Religion of Ancient Israel* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2000). [288]

Smith, Mark S. *The Early History of God: Yahweh and the Other Deities in Ancient Israel* (2d ed.; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002), x-xxxviii, 1-18, 182-207. [74]

L. OT/HB/Tanakh Theology [404]

Brueggemann, Walter. *Theology of the Old Testament: Testimony, Dispute, Advocacy*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 1997. Pages 1-144, 317-32, 400-403, 407-12, 552-64, 567-77, 695-704, 707-50. [249]

Collins, John J. "Is a Critical Biblical Theology Possible?" in *The Hebrew Bible and Its Interpreters* (eds. W. H. Propp, B. Halpern, and D. N. Freedman; BJS 1; Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 1990), 1-17. [18]

Levenson, Jon D. *The Hebrew Bible, the Old Testament, and Historical Criticism: Jews and Christians in Biblical Studies* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 1993), 1-61. [62]

Newsom, Carol A. "Bakhtin, the Bible, and Dialogic Truth," *JR* 76 (1996): 290-306. [17]

Rad, Gerhard von. *Old Testament Theology* (2 vols.; trans. D. M. G. Stalker; introduction by Walter Brueggemann [1:ix-xxxix]; OTL; Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2001), 1:105-28, 219-32; 2:410-29. [58]

Part 3: METHODS AND CRITICISMS

A. General

Barton, John. *Reading the Old Testament: Method in Biblical Study* (rev. ed.; Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1996). [= Barton, *Reading*]

- You may also be helped by having recourse, where needed, to:
 - Resources listed under Part 1 above (esp. D) – esp. *ABD* and *DBI*.
 - Note also:
 - McKenzie, Steven L. and Stephen R. Haynes, eds. *To Each Its Own Meaning: An Introduction to Biblical Criticisms and Their Application* (rev. ed.; Louisville: Westminster John Knox 1999).
 - Soulen, Richard N. and R. Kendall Soulen, *Handbook of Biblical Criticism* (3d ed.; Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2001).
 - Coggins, R. J. and J. L. Houlden, *The SCM Dictionary of Biblical Interpretation* (London: SCM, 1990).
 - And similar books.

B. Textual Criticism [182]

Tov, Emmanuel. *Text Criticism of the Hebrew Bible* (2d ed.; Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2001), 287-350. [64]

Ulrich, Eugene. *The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Origins of the Bible* (SDSSRL; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999), 3-120. [118]

C. Comparative Method [139]

Keel, Othmar. “Iconography and the Bible,” *ABD* 3:358-74. [17]

Roberts, J. J. M. *The Bible and the Ancient Near East* (Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2002), 1-71. [72]

Sparks, Kenton L. *Ancient Texts for the Study of the Hebrew Bible: A Guide to the Background Literature* (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2005), 1-24. [24]

Walton, John H. *Ancient Near Eastern Thought and the Old Testament: Introducing the Conceptual World of the Hebrew Bible* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2006), 15-40. [26]

D. Source Criticism [10]

Barton, *Reading*, 20-29. [10]

- Cf. also Part 2, B above.
- Cf. also pertinent essay from McKenzie/Haynes, Part 3, A above.

E. Tradition History [26]

Gnuse, Robert. "Tradition History," in *DBI* 2:583-88. [6]

Knight, Douglas. "Tradition History," in *ABD* 6:633-38. [6]

Petersen, David L. "The Ambiguous Role of Moses as Prophet," in *Israel's Prophets and Israel's Past: Essays on the Relationship of Prophetic Texts and Israelite History in Honor of John H. Hayes* (eds. Brad E. Kelle and Megan B. Moore; LHBOTS 466; London and New York: T. & T. Clark, 2006), 311-24. [14]

- Cf. Part 2, B above, esp. the work of Noth, von Rad, and Rendtorff (summarized in Nicholson, etc.).

F. Form Criticism [240]

Barton, *Reading*, 30-44. [15]

McCarthy, Dennis J. *Treaty and Covenant: A Study in Form in the Ancient Oriental Documents and in the Old Testament* (new ed.; AB 21A; Rome: Pontifical Biblical Institute, 1981), 1-27, 153-298. [174]

Mendenhall, G. E. "Ancient Oriental and Biblical Law" and "Covenant Forms in Israelite Tradition," *BA* 17 (1954): 24-46, 49-76. [51]

- Cf. further Part 2, C above.
- Cf. Part 2, G above, esp. Gunkel, Westermann, and Brueggemann.
- Cf. also pertinent essay from McKenzie/Haynes, Part 3, A above.

G. Redaction Criticism [30]

Barton, *Reading*, 45-60. [16]

Stone, Lawson G. "Redaction Criticism: Whence, Whither, and Why? Or, Going Beyond Source and Form Criticism Without Leaving Them Behind," in *A Biblical Itinerary: In Search of Method, Form and Content: Essays in Honor of George W Coats* (JSOTSup 240; Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1997), 77-90. [14]

- Cf. also pertinent essay from McKenzie/Haynes, Part 3, A above.

H. Literary Criticism [731]

Part 1: Narrative [507]

Alter, Robert. *The Art of Biblical Narrative*. New York: Basic Books, 1985. [189]

Barton, *Reading*, 104-235. [132]

Gunn, David M. and Danna Nolan Fewell. *Narrative in the Hebrew Bible* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1993), 1-33, 45-89, 101-128, 147-73, 189-205. [150]

Jobling, David. "Methods of Modern Literary Criticism," in *BCHB*, 19-35. [17]

Muilenburg, James. "Form Criticism and Beyond," *JBL* 88 (1969): 1-18. [19]

Part 2: Poetry [224]

Alter, Robert. *The Art of Biblical Poetry*. New York: Basic Books, 1985), ix-xii, 3-84. [86]

Berlin, Adele. *The Dynamics of Biblical Parallelism* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1985), 1-30, 127-41. [45]

Dobbs-Allsopp, F. W. "The Psalms and Lyric Verse," in *The Evolution of Rationality: Interdisciplinary Essays in Honor of J. Wentzel van Huyssteen* (ed. F. L. Shultz; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2006), 346-79. [34]

Kugel, James. *The Idea of Biblical Poetry: Parallelism and Its History* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1998), 1-58. [59]

I. Feminist Hermeneutics [205]

Hackett, J. A. "Women's Studies and the Hebrew Bible," in *The Future of Biblical Studies: The Hebrew Scriptures* (eds. R. E. Friedman and H. G. M. Williamson; Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1987), 141-63. [23]

Lapsley, Jacqueline E. *Whispering the Word: Hearing Women's Stories in the Old Testament* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2005). [154]

Newsom, Carol A. "Woman and the Discourse of Patriarchal Wisdom: A Study of Proverbs 1-9," in *Gender and Difference in Ancient Israel* (ed. Peggy L. Day; Minneapolis: Fortress, 1989), 142-60. [19]

Schüssler Fiorenza, Elisabeth. "Feminist Hermeneutics," *ABD* 2:783-91. [9]

J. Social Scientific Criticism [450]

Part 1. Sociological Criticism [213]

Carter, Charles E. "A Discipline in Transition: The Contributions of the Social Sciences to the Study of the Hebrew Bible," in *Community, Identity, and Ideology: Social Science Approaches to the Hebrew Bible* (SBTS 6; Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 1996), 3-36. [34]

Gottwald, Norman K. "Domain Assumptions and Societal Models in the Study of Pre-Monarchic Israel," in *Community, Identity, and Ideology: Social Science Approaches to the Hebrew Bible* (SBTS 6; Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 1996), 170-81. [12]

Herion, Gary A. "The Impact of Modern and Social Science Assumptions on the Reconstruction of Israelite History," in *Community, Identity, and Ideology: Social Science Approaches to the Hebrew Bible* (SBTS 6; Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 1996), 230-57. [28]

Smith, Daniel L. "The Politics of Ezra: Sociological Indicators of Postexilic Judaeon Society," in *Community, Identity, and Ideology: Social Science Approaches to the Hebrew Bible* (SBTS 6; Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 1996), 537-56. [20]

Stager, Lawrence E. "The Archaeology of the Family in Ancient Israel," *BASOR* 260 (1985): 1-35. [36]

Wilson, Robert R. *Sociological Approaches to the Old Testament* (GBS; Philadelphia, Fortress, 1984). [83]

Part 2: Psychological Criticism [135]

Kille, D. Andrew. *Psychological Biblical Criticism* (GBS; Minneapolis: Fortress, 2001). [135]

Part 3: Anthropological Criticism [102]

Overholt, Thomas W. *Cultural Anthropology and the Old Testament* (GBS; Minneapolis: Fortress, 1996). [102]