

Hebrew Bible M.A. Reading List

[effective September, 2012]

I.) General Exam (only for those pursuing terminal M.A.)

A.) Text production and transmission

M. Goshen-Gottstein, "Editions of the Hebrew Bible - Past and Future." Pp. 221-42 in *Sha'arei Talmon*, 1992.

E. Tov, *Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible* (third edition; Minneapolis: Fortress, 2011).

E. Ulrich, "The Canonical Process, Textual Criticism, and the Latter Stages in the Composition of the Bible," in *Sha'arei Talmon: Studies in the Bible, Qumran, and the Ancient Near East Presented to Shemaryahu Talmon*, edited by M. Fishbane and E. Tov (Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 1992), 267-91.

K. van der Toorn, *Scribal Culture and the Making of the Hebrew Bible* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2007).

S. W. Crawford, *Rewriting Scripture in Second Temple Times* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2008).

B.) Literature

A. Berlin, *The Dynamics of Biblical Parallelism* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007).

Z. Kövecses. *Metaphor* (second edition, New York: Oxford, 2010).

E. Nicholson. *The Pentateuch in the Twentieth Century: The Legacy of Julius Wellhausen* (Oxford, 1998).

J. J. Collins, *The Apocalyptic Imagination: An Introduction to Jewish Apocalyptic Literature* (2d ed.; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998).

C. E. Fonrobert and Martin S. Jaffee eds., *The Cambridge Companion to the Talmud and Rabbinic Literature*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007).

J. C. VanderKam, *The Dead Sea Scrolls Today*, second edition (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2009).

J. Walsh, *Old Testament Narrative: A Guide to Interpretation* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 2009).

C. Social sciences and history

A. Mazar, *The Archaeology of the Land of Israel*. Vol. I (New York: Doubleday, 1990).

Philip J. King and Lawrence E. Stager, *Life in Biblical Israel* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2002).

I. Finkelstein, A. Mazar, B. Schmidt, *The Quest for Historical Israel: Debating Archaeology and the History of Early Israel* (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2007).

F. Stavrakopoulou and J. Barton, eds., *Religious Diversity in Ancient Israel and Judah* (London: Continuum, 2010).

Grabbe, Lester. *Ancient Israel: What Do We Know and How Do We Know It?* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2007).

D.) Ancient Near East

S. Dally, *Myths from Mesopotamia: Creation, the Flood, Gilgamesh, and Others* (revised edition; Oxford University Press, 2009)

M. van de Mieroop, *A History of the Ancient Near East*, second edition (Oxford: Blackwell, 2007).

T. Schneider, *An Introduction to Ancient Mesopotamian Religion* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2011).

II. Hebrew Exam (all M.A. candidates)

A. Texts studied in 323-325 and the Advanced Text Courses, based on the passages you were required to translate in the semesters you took the courses. Please confer with the Director of Graduate Study about these when making plans to take the exam.

B. Independently prepared texts: Gen 1-12; Exod 1-12; Deut 1-12; Lev 1-10; Josh 1-11; 2 Kgs 1-10; Zech 1-14; Mic 1-7.

C. Sight passages.

D. Secondary Literature

A. Sáenz-Badillos, *A History of the Hebrew Language*, translated by John Elwolde (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1996) (chaps. 1-6).

J. Barr, *The Semantics of Biblical Language* (Wipf & Stock, 2004 [reprint]). N.B. This should be read in tandem with: Enior R. Mueller, "The Semantics of Biblical Hebrew: Some Remarks from a Cognitive Perspective" (http://www.sdbh.org/documentation/EnioRMueller_SemanticsBiblicalHebrew.pdf)

P. Joüon-T. Muraoka, *A Grammar of Biblical Hebrew* (Revised edition; Rome: Pontifical Biblical Institute, 2006), 1-66, 99-324.