Primary Sources for the
BANE Comprehensive Ph.D. Examination
In Hebrew Bible
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1. Torah (30 chapters, 18 of which are to be chosen by the student)
   At least 10 chapters of law, including sections of CC, D, and HC
   At least 2 chapters of early poetry

2. Historiography (25 chapters, 4 of which are to be chosen by the student)
   These chapters must include selections from each of the following books: Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, Ezra-Nehemiah, as well as the following specific chapters: Joshua 1, 24; Judges 4, 5; 1 Samuel 12; 2 Samuel 7; 1 Kings 8 (selections), 18; 2 Kings 17–20, 22–23; Ezra 7; Nehemiah 9–10; Jonah.

3. Prophecy (32 chapters, all outlined below)
   The following specific chapters must be included: Isaiah 1, 2 (first half), 5:1–7, 6, 7, 11, 14, one chapter in 24–26, 40, 52(end)–53, 66; Jeremiah 1, 2, 7, one and one-half chapters of confessions, 31, 36; Ezekiel 8, 14, 18, 38–39; Hosea 1–3 and 10 additional verses; Amos 2, 7, 9; Micah 6; Haggai or Zechariah 1 or Zechariah 3; Daniel 2, 7.

4. Writings (20 chapters, 3 of which are to be chosen by the student)
   At least 8 psalms, reflecting different genres
   At least 2 chapters from Proverbs, one from 1–9, one from 10–31
   Job 1–3, 38
   One chapter from Song of Songs
   One chapter from Qohelet
   One chapter from Lamentations

5. Additional Chapters (all to be chosen by the student)
   10–20 additional chapters, depending upon their genre

Students should consult with the relevant faculty members in choosing particular chapters when such choices are available.