

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.