

Bible Comprehensive Exam Secondary Reading List

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Note: Books marked with an asterisk(*) are "classic," foundational scholarly texts and are potential topics for the question on secondary literature on the comp.
Each student should also read an additional five books which reflect their own interests.

I. Canon, Text, and Versions

1. Cross, F.M., and S. Talmon, *Qumran and the History of the Biblical Text* (London and Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1975). [BM 487 .Q58]
2. Davies, P., *Scribes and Schools* (Louisville, KY: WJKP, 1998). [BS 1135 .D38 1998]
3. Leiman, S. *The Canonization of Hebrew Scripture* (Hamden, CT: Archon, 1976). [BS 1135 .L4]
4. Tov, E., *Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible* (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress, 1992). Read twice! [BS 1136 .T6813 1992]
5. Wurthwein, E., *The Text of the Old Testament* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1979). Familiarize yourself with this work, esp. the pictures. [BS 1136 .W813 1979]

II. Introductions

6. *The Cambridge History of the Bible I* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1970). Familiarize yourself with this work. [Ref. BS 445 .C26]
7. Childs, B., *Introduction to the Old Testament as Scripture* (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1979), 15-103 and the treatment of at least two biblical books. [BS 1140.2 .C48 1979]
8. Driver, S.R., *Introduction to the Literature of the Old Testament*, rev. ed. (New York: Meridian, 1956). Note structure and read treatment of at least two biblical books (read same books as Childs). [BS 1140 .D8 1956]
9. Eissfeldt, O., *The Old Testament: An Introduction* (New York: Harper & Row, 1965). Note structure and read treatment of at least two biblical books. [Jud. Ref. BS 1140 .E4413]
10. Srebnik, M., ed., *Hebrew Bible/Old Testament: The History of Its Interpretation* (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck and Ruprecht, 1996-). Familiarize yourself with this work. [BS 1160 .H438 1996]

III. Geography and Archaeology

11. Mazar, A., *Archaeology of the Land of the Bible* (New York: Doubleday, 1990). Skip pre-Canaanite sections. [Jud. Ref. BS 621 .M39 1990]

OR

12. Ben-Tor, A., *The Archaeology of Ancient Israel* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1992). Skip pre-Canaanite sections. [+DS 111 .A2 M3513 1992]

13. *The Biblical Archaeologist Reader* (Garden City, NY: Anchor, 1961-70). Vol. III, 100-120 and other articles in volumes I-IV that interest you. [BS 621 .BS 1975]

IV. History

14. *Alt, A., *Essays on Old Testament History and Religion* (Garden City, NY: Anchor, 1968), 3-86. [BS 1188 .A433 1968]

15. Ben Sasson, H.H., *History of the Jewish People* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1976), 91-182. [DS 117 .T613]

16. Bickerman, E., *From Ezra to the Last of the Maccabees* (New York: Schocken, 1962). [DS 121.65 .B5]

17. Miller, J.M., and J. Hayes, *A History of Ancient Israel and Judah* (Philadelphia: Westminster, 1986). [DS 117 .M66 1986] [Div: DS117.H36 1986]

18. *Noth, M., *The History of Israel* (New York: Harper & Row, 1960), 53-109. [DS 118 .N553 1960]

V. History of Religion

19. Albertz, R., *A History of Israelite Religion in the Old Testament Period* (Louisville, KY: WJKP, 1994-). [BM 165 .A43131994]

20. *Albright, W.F., *Yahweh and the Gods of Canaan* (Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1968). [BM 170 .A4 1968]

21. *Cross, F.M., *Canaanite Myth and Hebrew Epic* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1973). [BS 1171.2 .C76]

22. Greenberg, M., in *World History of the Jewish People: The Age of Monarchies: Culture and Society* (Tel Aviv: Jewish History Publications, Ltd., 1964), 79-123. [DS 117 .W6]

23. Hanson, P.D., ed., *Visionaries and Their Apocalypses* (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1983), 1-60. [BS 646 .V57 1983]
24. *Kaufmann, Y., *The Religion of Israel* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1960; paperback: Schocken, 1972), 1-244, 291-340. [BM 155 .K3743]
25. Knight, D., *Rediscovering the Traditions of Ancient Israel* (Missoula, MT: Scholars, 1975), 84-176. [BS 1160 .K57 1975]
26. Knohl, I., *The Sanctuary of Silence* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 1995). [BS 1181.6 .K5613 1995]
27. Miller, P., *The Religion of Ancient Israel* (Louisville, KY: WJK.P, 2000). [BS 1171.2 .M55 2000]
28. Nicholson, E.W., *God and His People: Covenant and Theology in the Old Testament* (Oxford: Clarendon, 1986). [BS 1199 .C6 N53 1986]
29. *Wellhausen, J., *Prolegomena to the History of Ancient Israel* (New York: Meridian, 1957). [DS 121 .W48 1957]

VI. Problems of Critical Method

30. Barr, J., *Comparative Philology and the Text of the Old Testament* (Oxford: Clarendon, 1968). [PJ 4544 .B37]
31. Barr, J., *Semantics of Biblical Language* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1961), 1-88. [BS 537 .B3]
32. *Gunkel, H., *The Stories of Genesis* (Vallejo, CA: BIBAL, 1994). [Harvard Div. BS 1235 .G8 1994]
33. Hayes, J.H., ed., *Old Testament Form Criticism* (San Antonio: Trinity University Press, 1974). [BS 1182 .H38 1974]
34. Tigay, J., ed., *Empirical Models for Biblical Criticism* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1985). Read Introduction. [BS 1192 .E48 1985]

VII. Special Problems of the Pentateuch

35. Greenberg, M., "Some Postulates of Biblical Criminal Law," in *The Jewish Expression*, ed. J. Goldin (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1976), 18-37. [DS 102.4 .J3755 1976]

36. Lemche, N.P., *The Israelites in History and Tradition* (Louisville, KY: WJKP, 1998). [DS 121 .L446 1998]
37. Milgrom, J., *Studies in Cultic Theology and Terminology* (Leiden: Brill, 1983), 75-95. [BM 700 .M48]
38. Nicholson, E.W., *The Pentateuch in the Twentieth Century* (Oxford: Clarendon, 1998). [BS 1225.2 .N53 1998]
39. *Noth, M., *A History of Pentateuchal Traditions* (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, 1972), 1-71, 252-259. [BS 1225.2 .N6I3]
40. *Rad, G. von, *The Problem of the Hexateuch and Other Essays* (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1966), 1-78. [BS 1188 .R3I3]
41. Weinfeld, M., *Deuteronomy and the Deuteronomistic School* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1972). [BS 1275.2 .W37]

VIII. Introduction to Prophecy

42. Blenkinsopp, J., *A History of Prophecy in Israel* (Louisville, KY: WJKP, 1996). [BS 1198 .B53 1996]
43. Westermann, C., *Basic Forms of Prophetic Speech* (Philadelphia: WJKP, 1991). [BS 1505.2 .W4I3 1991]
44. Wilson, R., *Prophecy and Society in Ancient Israel* (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1984). [BS 1198 .W55 1984]

IX. Psalms and Wisdom Literature

45. Crenshaw, J.L., ed., *Studies in Ancient Israelite Wisdom* (New York: Ktav, 1976), 1-35, *102-112, *289-304, 417-426, *481-494. [BS 1455 .S83]
46. *Gunkel, H., *The Psalms: A Form-Critical Introduction* (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1967). [BS 1430.2 .G78I3]
47. Seybold, K., *Introducing the Psalms* (Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1990). [BS 1430.2 .S430I3 1990]
48. Westermann, C., *Praise and Lament in the Psalms* (Atlanta, GA: Knox, 1981). Read either "Book One" or "Book Two." [BS 1430.2 .W39I3 1981]

X. Literary Study of the Bible

Note: Read any 3 books from this section; at least one must treat the topic of biblical poetry.

49. Alter, R., *The Art of Biblical Narrative* (New York: Basic, 1981). [BS 1171.2 .A45]
50. Alter, R., *The Art of Biblical Poetry* (New York: Basic, 1985). [BS 1405.2 .A48 1985]
51. Berlin, A., *The Dynamics of Biblical Parallelism* (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 1985). [PJ 4740 .B47 1985]
52. Fishbane, M., *Text and Texture* (New York: Schocken, 1975), 40-62, 103-120. [BS 1171.2.F57]
53. Fokkelman, J.P., *Narrative Art in Genesis* (Assen: Van Gorcum, 1985), 1-45. [BS 1235.2.F6]
54. Geller, S., "Through Windows and Mirrors into the Bible: History, Literature and Language in the Study of Text," in *A Sense of Text: The Art of Language in the Study of Biblical Literature* (Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1983), 3-40. [BS 537 .S4]
55. Kugel, J., *The Idea of Biblical Poetry* (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1981), 1-95. [BS 1405.2 .K83]
56. Sternberg, M., *The Poetics of Biblical Narrative* (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 1985), 1-152 and one additional chapter. [BS 535 .S725 1985]