

INTRODUCTION TO THE HEBREW BIBLE

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TEXTS

Bible (modern critical translation required; Oxford Annotated or HarperCollins New Revised Standard Version suggested)

Michael Coogan, *The Old Testament: A Historical and Literary Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures* 4th edition ["Text" in calendar]

Patricia Dutcher-Walls. *Reading the Historical Books: A Student's Guide to Engaging the Biblical Text*, Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2014. ["Historical Books" in calendar]

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Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible. Vol. 1-5. Nashville: Abingdon. 1962.

Ancient Context of Scripture

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Commentary Series [# of volumes vary; some are older; not every series complete for OT]

Anchor Bible Commentary. Doubleday Press.

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New Century Bible Commentary. Eerdmans.

Old Testament Library Commentary. Westminster/John Knox

The Women's Bible Commentary. Westminster/John Knox Press.

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King, Philip J. and Lawrence E. Stager. *Life in Biblical Israel*. Library of Ancient Israel. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2001.

Knoppers, Gary N. and J. Gordon McConville. *Reconsidering Israel and Judah: Recent Studies on the Deuteronomistic History*. Sources for Biblical and Theological Study. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2000.

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Miller, Patrick D. *The Religion of Ancient Israel*. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2000.