

# INTRODUCTION TO THE HEBREW BIBLE

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## **Texts**

Michael Coogan, *The Old Testament: A Historical and Literary Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures* 4<sup>th</sup> edition ["Text" in calendar] (If students purchase the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, corresponding assignments for that edition will be distributed as well.)

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## **Commentary Series**

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*Forms of Old Testament Literature*. Eerdmans.

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*Old Testament Library Commentary*. Westminster/John Knox

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

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