

Ph.D. Reading Colloquium OTSR9302: Spring 2010

Historiography and Biblical Archaeology

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I. DESCRIPTION:

The Ph.D. reading colloquiums in Old Testament consists of exposing students to various readings in the field of Old Testament. This colloquium centers on readings in the areas of Biblical Archaeology and the History of Israel. Besides one preliminary meeting at the beginning of the semester, the colloquium will meet once a month during the semester for discussion periods (4 times). The meetings will focus on the discussion of key concepts and critical issues of entire books as well as shorter selections from other related works. Key articles read by all colloquium members and the presentation and discussion by all colloquium members will be expected at each meeting.

II. GOALS:

The goal of the colloquium is that the students will grasp the larger scope of OT studies in the areas covered by the readings as an augment to the material covered in the OT seminars. This larger exposure to the field will assist students to be better prepared for teaching and researching across the breadth of the discipline of Biblical Studies.

III. TEXTS:

The texts for the colloquium are listed below. Colloquium members should note the meeting assignments with regard to which books will be covered at which stage of the semester.

1. *A History of Israel* by John Bright. Philadelphia: Westminster Press (4th Edition), 1981.
*There is a 4th edition, please use this edition if you do not have a copy of this text.
2. *A Biblical History of Israel* by Iain Provan, V. Philips Long, Tremper Longman III. Louisville: John Knox Press, 2003 (ISBN 0-664-22090-8).
3. *On the Reliability of the Old Testament* by K.A. Kitchen. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2003 (ISBN 0-8028-4960-1).
4. *Near Eastern Archaeology: A Reader* edited by Suzanne Richard. Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2003 (ISBN 1-57506-083-3).

CORE VALUES ADDRESSED:

1. Doctrinal Integrity - Understanding the Biblical World in order to better read and comprehend the content and meaning of God's Word
2. Characteristic Excellence - Development of excellent skills in knowledge and discernment for interpreting Scripture rightly in its original contexts and communicating those truths with the Church

III. REQUIREMENTS:

A. All colloquium members are to read the required texts as stipulated in the schedule of meetings below. For one book per meeting, a brief review of the text should be brought to class as per the class assignments below. Normally the review should include the following items: bibliographic data, a clear statement of the purpose and thesis of the book, a summary of the development of the book, and a reaction/criticism of the book. In addition, a listing of at least 3 reviews of the book in academic journals should be included. (4-5 typed pages, single spaced)

B. Colloquium members are expected to participate actively in the discussions of the readings. Failure to participate will greatly affect the final grade for the colloquium.

C. Due to the nature of the colloquium, absences are not generally allowed. Work is still due on the day of the assignment as per the schedule of meetings below even if the student is absent from the meeting.

IV. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

Jan 19 Introduction and Assignments

Discussion of the format and assignments.

Discussion Questions:

What is Biblical Archaeology? Is it a science or biblical studies?

Why Study Historiography?

Recent Trends in the Writing of Histories of Israel

Feb History of Israel

Part A *A History of Israel*, John Bright

1. All members read the book. A review is required (see above under course requirements for the format and content of the review). Students should be prepared to discuss the entire work plus give input from the reviews that they consulted on the work.
2. Be prepared to discuss the major period of OT History and major issues of debate and interpretation within each period. Be particularly ready to engage Brown's introduction and his appendix.
3. Discussion Questions:
 - Why is History important to Old Testament Studies? Theology?
 - What is the relationship between archaeology and biblical studies?
 - What are the strengths and weaknesses of Bright's book?
 - Are issues of historiography important to ministry? Preaching? Teaching?
 - Do you still think the "Albrightian/Historical-Critical Method" is a relevant approach to Old Testament Studies?
 - What is the relationship between historical approaches to the text versus literary analyses?

Part B Current Issues in Historiography and Histories of Ancient Israel:
A Biblical History of Israel, Iain Provan, V. Philips Long, Tremper Longman.

4. All members read the book. A review is required (see above under course requirements for the format and content of the review).
5. Students should be prepared to discuss the entire work, although discussion will be focused on Part I: Issues in Historiography.
6. Discussion Questions:
 - What is your reaction to the approaches of Soggin and Miller/Hayes as presented in Provan, et. al.?
 - Compare and contrast Provan et. al. with Bright's *History of Israel*?
 - What are the strengths and weaknesses of Provan et. al.?

March A History of Israel in the Context of the ANE:
On the Reliability of the Old Testament, Kenneth Kitchen
Israel in Egypt: The Evidence for the Authenticity of the Exodus Tradition. James K. Hoffmeier

1. All members read the books. Students should be prepared to discuss the work in the context of an evangelical response to Revisionist Trends.
2. Students should be able to discuss the following topics.
 - Biblical History in the Context of World History
 - The Biblical text as historical narrative vs. sacred history
 - Apologetical approaches to the use of history
 - Compare and Contrast Kitchen's approach vs. Provan et. al.
 - Which evangelical history of Israel is better?

April Biblical Archaeology:
Near Eastern Archaeology: A Reader, S. Richard (ed.)
Archaeology of the Land of the Bible, A. Mazar

1. All members read the books. Students should be prepared to discuss the books, particularly the section on Method and Theory in NEA.
2. Students should read pages 1-412 in NEA
Students should be able to discuss the following topics.
 - Archaeological Method and Theory
 - Archaeological Data and Theory vs. Textual Data
 - Can a History of Israel be written only with archaeological data?
 - Methodological paradigms: Compare and Contrast the research design of archaeologists vs. Biblicists.

May Critical Questions in Biblical Archaeology
Who Were the Early Israelites and Where Did They Come From?
William G. Dever
The Quest for the Historical Israel: Debating Archaeology and the History of Early Israel. Israel Finkelstein, Amihai Mazar, Brian Schmidt.
Who was Ancient Israel?
How & When did Israel emerge as a nation?
Issues and Debates

OLD TESTAMENT READING LIST

OTSR 9302 Supervised Reading Colloquium: Biblical Archaeology and History

Biblical Backgrounds and ANE History

Brisco, Thomas. *Holman Bible Atlas*. Broadman & Holman, 1998

Hallo, William W., and William Kelly Simpson. *The Ancient Near East: A History*. 2nd ed. Holt Rinehart and Winston, 1997.

Hoffmeier, James K. *Israel in Egypt: The Evidence for the Authenticity of the Exodus Tradition*. Oxford, 1997.

King, Philip and Stager, Lawrence E. *Life in Biblical Israel*. Westminster John Knox, 2001.

Redford, Donald B. *Egypt, Canaan, & Israel in Ancient Times*. Princeton Univ., 1992.

Reference: Anson Rainey & R. Steven Notley. *The Sacred Bridge: Carta's Atlas of the Biblical World - An overview of the Ancient Levant*. Jerusalem: Carta, 2006.

Reference: Hallo, William W. and K. Larson Younger, eds. *The Context of Scripture: Volumes I-III*. Brill, 1997, 2000, 2003.

Biblical Archaeology

Dever, William G. *Who Were the Early Israelites and Where Did They Come From?* Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003.

Levy, Thomas, ed. *The Archaeology of Society in the Holy Land*. Facts on File, 1995.

Mazar, Amihai. *Archaeology of the Land of the Bible, 10,000-586 BCE*. New York: Doubleday, 1990.

Richard, Suzanne, ed. *Near Eastern Archaeology: A Reader*. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2003.

Reference: Stern, Ephraim. *Archaeology of the Land of the Bible, Vol. II. The Assyrian, Babylonian, and Persian Periods (732-332 BCE)*. Doubleday, 2001.

History and Historiography

Bright, John. *A History of Israel*. 4th ed. Philadelphia: Westminster, 2000.

Kitchen, K. A. *On the Reliability of the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003.

Provan, Iain, V. Phillips Long, and Tremper Longman III. *A Biblical History of Israel*. Westminster, 2003. Selections: First four chapters

V. ADDITIONAL SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

General Overviews

Ben-Tor, Amnon, ed. *The Archaeology of Ancient Israel*. Yale University Press, 1992.

Hoerth, Alfred. *Archaeology and the Old Testament*. Baker 1998.

- Levy, Thomas E., ed. *The Archaeology of Society in the Holy Land*. Facts on File, 1995.
- Mazar, A. *Archaeology of the Land of the Bible: 10,000 – 586 B.C.E.* Doubleday, 1990.
- Moorey, P.R.S., *A Century of Biblical Archaeology*. Westminster/John Knox Press, 1991.

Method and Theory

- Aviram Biram and Joseph Aviram (eds.). *Biblical Archaeology Today, 1990*. Israel Exploration Society, 1993.
- K.R. Dark. *Theoretical Archaeology*. Cornell University Press, 1995.
- Ellis, Linda, ed. *Archaeological Method and Theory: An Encyclopedia*. Garland Publishing, 2000.
- Leo G. Perdue, Lawrence E. Toombs, Gary Lance Johnson (eds.). *Archaeology and Biblical Interpretation*. John Knox Press, 1987.
- Colin Renfrew and Paul Bahn. *Archaeology: Theories Methods and Practice*. Thames and Hudson, 1996.

Critical and Current Issues

- Neil Asher Silberman and David Small, eds. *The Archaeology of Israel: Constructing the Past, Interpreting the Present*. Sheffield Academic Press, 1997.

Spring Semester Bible Reading Plan January 19, 2010 – May 15, 2010

JANUARY

- 19 1 Samuel 13:23-14:52, John 5:1-23, Psalm 64:1-6, Proverbs 14:5-7
- 20 1 Samuel 15:1-16:23, John 5:24-47, Psalm 64:7-10, Proverbs 14:8-9
- 21 1 Samuel 17:1-58, John 6:1-21, Psalm 65:1-8, Proverbs 14:10-12
- 22 1 Samuel 18:1-19:24, John 6:22-40, Psalm 65:9-13, Proverbs 14:13-14
- 23 1 Samuel 20:1-21:15, John 6:41-59, Psalm 66:1-7, Proverbs 14:15-16
- 24 1 Samuel 22:1-23:29, John 6:60-7:9, Psalm 66:8-15, Proverbs 14:17-19
- 25 1 Samuel 24:1-25:44, John 7:10-30, Psalm 66:16-20, Proverbs 14:20-22
- 26 1 Samuel 26:1-28:25, John 7:31-53, Psalm 67:1-7, Proverbs 14:23-25
- 27 1 Samuel 29:1-31:13, John 8:1-20, Psalm 68:1-6, Proverbs 14:26-28
- 28 2 Samuel 1:1-2:32, John 8:21-41, Psalm 68:7-14, Proverbs 14:29-30
- 29 2 Samuel 3:1-4:12, John 8:42-9:7, Psalm 68:15-19, Proverbs 14:31-32
- 30 2 Samuel 5:1-6:23, John 9:8-27, Psalm 68:20-27, Proverbs 14:33-35
- 31 2 Samuel 7:1-9:13, John 9:28-10:6, Psalm 68:28-31, Proverbs 15:1-3

FEBRUARY

- 1 2 Samuel 10:1-11:27, John 10:7-30, Psalm 68:32-35, Proverbs 15:4-5
- 2 2 Samuel 12:1-13:39, John 10:31-11:6, Psalm 69:1-4, Proverbs 15:6-7
- 3 2 Samuel 14:1-15:37, John 11:7-20, Psalm 69:5-12, Proverbs 15:8-9
- 4 2 Samuel 16:1-17:29, John 11:21-44, Psalm 69:13-18, Proverbs 15:10-11

5 2 Samuel 18:1-19:23, John 11:45-12:11, Psalm 69:19-28, Proverbs 15:12-13
 6 2 Samuel 19:24-21:22, John 12:12-33, Psalm 69:29-36, Proverbs 15:14-15
 7 2 Samuel 22:1-23:7, John 12:34-13:11, Psalm 70:1-5, Proverbs 15:16-17
 8 2 Samuel 23:8-24:25, John 13:12-38, Psalm 71:1-8, Proverbs 15:18-19
 9 1 Kings 1:1-53, John 14:1-21, Psalm 71:9-16, Proverbs 15:20-21
 10 1 Kings 2:1-46, John 14:22-15:10, Psalm 71:17-24, Proverbs 15:22-23
 11 1 Kings 3:1-4:34, John 15:11-16:4, Psalm 72:1-7, Proverbs 15:24-25
 12 1 Kings 5:1-6:38, John 16:5-33, Psalm 72:8-14, Proverbs 15:26-27
 13 1 Kings 7:1-51, John 17:1-26, Psalm 72:15-20, Proverbs 15:28-29
 14 1 Kings 8:1-66, John 18:1-23, Psalm 73:1-6, Proverbs 15:30-31
 15 1 Kings 9:1-10:29, John 18:24-19:3, Psalm 73:7-12, Proverbs 15:32-33
 16 1 Kings 11:1-12:11, John 19:4-24, Psalm 73:13-20, Proverbs 16:1-2
 17 1 Kings 12:12-13:34, John 19:25-42, Psalm 73:21-28, Proverbs 16:3-4
 18 1 Kings 14:1-15:34, John 20:1-20, Psalm 74:1-6, Proverbs 16:5-7
 19 1 Kings 16:1-17:24, John 20:21-21:9, Psalm 74:7-11, Proverbs 16:8-10
 20 1 Kings 18:1-46, John 21:10-25, Psalm 74:12-17, Proverbs 16:11-12
 21 1 Kings 19:1-20:43, Acts 1:1-26, Psalm 74:18-23, Proverbs 16:13-15
 22 1 Kings 21:1-22:23, Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 75:1-10, Proverbs 16:16-17
 23 1 Kings 22:24- 2 Kings 1:18, Acts 2:22-47, Psalm 76:1-6, Proverbs 16:18-19
 24 2 Kings 2:1-3:27, Acts 3:1-26, Psalm 76:7-12, Proverbs 16:20
 25 2 Kings 4:1-5:14, Acts 4:1-22, Psalm 77:1-6, Proverbs 16:21-22
 26 2 Kings 5:15-7:9, Acts 4:23-5:11, Psalm 77:7-12, Proverbs 16:23-24
 27 2 Kings 7:10-9:13, Acts 5:12-32, Psalm 77:13-20, Proverbs 16:25-26
 28 2 Kings 9:14-10:36, Acts 5:33-6:15, Psalm 78:1-8, Proverbs 16:27-28

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1 2 Kings 11:1-13:9, Acts 7:1-22, Psalm 78:9-16, Proverbs 16:29-30
 2 2 Kings 13:10-15:15, Acts 7:23-43, Psalm 78:17-22, Proverbs 16:31-33
 3 2 Kings 15:16-16:20, Acts 7:44-8:13, Psalm 78:23-31, Proverbs 17:1-2
 4 2 Kings 17:1-41, Acts 8:14-40, Psalm 78:32-39, Proverbs 17:3-4
 5 2 Kings Ki 18:1-19:19, Acts 9:1-22, Psalm 78:40-47, Proverbs 17:5-6
 6 2 Kings 19:20-21:26, Acts 9:23-43, Psalm 78:48-55, Proverbs 17:7-8
 7 2 Kings 22:1-23:37, Acts 10:1-23, Psalm 78:56-64, Proverbs 17:9-10
 8 2 Kings 24:25:30, Acts 10:24-48, Psalm 78:65-72, Proverbs 17:11-12
 9 1 Chronicles 1:1-2:2, Acts 11:1-30, Psalm 79:1-8, Proverbs 17:13-14
 10 1 Chronicles 2:3-55, Acts 12:1-25, Psalm 79:9-13, Proverbs 17:15-16
 11 1 Chronicles 3:1-4:43, Acts 13:1-22, Psalm 80:1-7, Proverbs 17:17
 12 1 Chronicles 5:1-6:32, Acts 13:23-41, Psalm 80:8-13, Proverbs 17:18-19
 13 1 Chronicles 6:33-81, Acts 13:42-14:7, Psalm 80:14-19, Proverbs 17:20-21
 14 1 Chronicles 7:1-8:28, Acts 14:8-28, Psalm 81:1-7, Proverbs 17:22-23
 15 1 Chronicles 8:29-9:44, Acts 15:1-21, Psalm 81:8-16, Proverbs 17:24-25
 16 1 Chronicles 10:1-11:47, Acts 15:22-41, Psalm 82:1-8, Proverbs 17:26
 17 1 Chronicles 12:1-13:14, Acts 16:1-24, Psalm 83:1-8, Proverbs 17:27-28
 18 1 Chronicles 14:1-16:6, Acts 16:25-17:9, Psalm 83:9-18, Proverbs 18:1-3
 19 1 Chronicles 16:7-17:15, Acts 17:10-34, Psalm 84:1-12, Proverbs 18:4-5
 20 1 Chronicles 17:16-20:8, Acts 18:1-23, Psalm 85:1-7, Proverbs 18:6-8
 21 1 Chronicles 21:1-23:13, Acts 18:24-19:20, Psalm 85:8-13, Proverbs 18:9-11

- 22 1 Chronicles 23:14-24:31, Acts 19:21-41, Psalm 86:1-10, Proverbs 18:12-13
 23 1 Chronicles 25:1-26:32, Acts 20:1-21, Psalm 86:11-17, Proverbs 18:14-15
 24 1 Chronicles 27:1-28:21, Acts 20:22-21:6, Psalm 87:1-7, Proverbs 18:16-17
 25 1 Chronicles 29:1- 2 Chronicles 1:17, Acts 21:7-29, Psalm 88:1-9, Proverbs
 18:18- 19
 26 2 Chronicles 2:1-4:22, Acts 21:30-22:10, Psalm 88:10-18, Proverbs 18:20-21
 27 2 Chronicles 5:1-6:42, Acts 22:11-30, Psalm 89:1-10, Proverbs 18:22
 28 2 Chronicles 7:1-8:18, Acts 23:1-22, Psalm 89:11-18, Proverbs 18:23-24
 29 2 Chronicles 9:1-10:19, Acts 23:23-24:9, Psalm 89:19-29, Proverbs 19:1-3
 30 2 Chronicles 11:1-13:22, Acts 24:10-27, Psalm 89:30-37, Proverbs 19:4-5
 31 2 Chronicles 14:1-16:14, Acts 25:1-22, Psalm 89:38-45, Proverbs 19:6-7

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- 1 2 Chronicles 17:1-18:34, Acts 25:23-26:18, Psalm 89:46-52, Proverbs 19:8-9
 2 2 Chronicles 19:1-21:11, Acts 26:19-27:8, Psalm 90:1-12, Proverbs 19:10-12
 3 2 Chronicles 21:12-24:16, Acts 27:9-29, Psalm 90:13-17, Proverbs 19:13-14
 4 2 Chronicles 24:17-26:23, Acts 27:30-28:10, Psalm 91:1-8, Proverbs 19:15-16
 5 2 Chronicles 27:1-29:17, Acts 28:11-31, Psalm 91:9-16, Proverbs 19:17
 6 2 Chronicles 29:18-31:10, Romans 1:1-23, Psalm 92:1-7, Proverbs 19:18-19
 7 2 Chronicles 31:11-33:13, Romans 1:24-2:16, Psalm 92:8-15, Proverbs 19:20-21
 8 2 Chronicles 33:14-35:15, Romans 2:17-3:8, Psalm 93:1-5, Proverbs 19:22-23
 9 2 Chronicles 35:16- Ezra 1:1-11, Romans 3:9-31, Psalm 94:1-11, Proverbs
 19:24-25
 10 Ezra 2:1-70, Romans 4:1-25, Psalm 94:12-23, Proverbs 19:26-27
 11 Ezra 3:1-5:17, Romans 5:1-21, Psalm 95:1-11, Proverbs 19:28-29
 12 Ezra 6:1-7:28, Romans 6:1-23, Psalm 96:1-9, Proverbs 20:1
 13 Ezra 8:1-9:15, Romans 7:1-25, Psalm 96:10-13, Proverbs 20:2-3
 14 Ezra 10:1- Nehemiah 1:11, Romans 8:1-25, Psalm 97:1-6, Proverbs 20:4-6
 15 Nehemiah 2:1-3:32, Romans 8:26-9:5, Psalm 97:7-12, Proverbs 20:7-9
 16 Nehemiah 4:1-6:19, Romans 9:6-29, Psalm 98:1-9, Proverbs 20:10-12
 17 Nehemiah 7:1-60, Romans 9:30-10:21, Psalm 99:1-9, Proverbs 20:13-15
 18 Nehemiah 7:61-9:38, Romans 11:1-21, Psalm 100:1-5, Proverbs 20:16-18
 19 Nehemiah 10:1-11:19, Romans 11:22-12:7, Psalm 101:1-8, Proverbs 20:19-21
 20 Nehemiah 11:20-12:47, Romans 12:8-13:7, Psalm 102:1-11, Proverbs 20:22-23
 21 Nehemiah 13:1 - Esther 1:22, Romans 13:8-14:12, Psalm 102:12-17, Proverbs
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 22 Esther 2:1-4:17, Romans 14:13-15:13, Psalm 102:18-22, Proverbs 20:26-27
 23 Esther 5:1-7:10, Romans 15:14-33, Psalm 102:23-28, Proverbs 20:28-30
 24 Esther 8:1-10:3, Romans 16:1-27, Psalm 103:1-5, Proverbs 21:1-3
 25 Job 1:1-3:26, 1 Corinthians 1:1-19, Psalm 103:6-14, Proverbs 21:4-5
 26 Job 4:1-6:10, 1 Corinthians 1:20-2:9, Psalm 103:15-22, Proverbs 21:6-7
 27 Job 6:11-8:22, 1 Corinthians 2:10-3:15, Psalm 104:1-9, Proverbs 21:8-9
 28 Job 9:1-10:22, 1 Corinthians 3:16-4:13, Psalm 104:10-15, Proverbs 21:10-11
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- 2 Job 18:1-20:11, 1 Corinthians 7:25-40, Psalm 105:1-6, Proverbs 21:20-21
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- 5 Job 24:13-27:23, 1 Corinthians 10:6-24, Psalm 105:28-36, Proverbs 21:27-28
- 6 Job 28:1-30:8, 1 Corinthians 10:25-11:16, Psalm 105:37-45, Proverbs 21:29-31
- 7 Job 30:9-31:40, 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, Psalm 106:1-12, Proverbs 22:1-2
- 8 Job 32:1-33:33, 1 Corinthians 12:1-20, Psalm 106:13-23, Proverbs 22:3-4
- 9 Job 34:1-35:16, 1 Corinthians 12:21-13:13, Psalm 106:24-31, Proverbs 22:5-6
- 10 Job 36:1-37:24, 1 Corinthians 14:1-25, Psalm 106:32-39, Proverbs 22:7-8
- 11 Job 38:1-39:12, 1 Corinthians 14:26-15:11, Psalm 106:40-48, Proverbs 22:9-10
- 12 Job 39:13-40:24, 1 Corinthians 15:12-34, Psalm 107:1-9, Proverbs 22:11-12
- 13 Job 41:1-42:17, 1 Corinthians 15:35-58, Psalm 107:10-16, Proverbs 22:13-14
- 14 Ecclesiastes 1:1-3:8, 1 Corinthians 16:1-24, Psalm 107:17-22, Proverbs 22:15-16
- 15 Ecclesiastes 3:9-6:12, 2 Corinthians 1:1-22, Psalm 107:23-32, Proverbs 22:17-19