

Short Assignment 1: Read an Article of Your Choosing

Library due date: if you use *Currents in Biblical Research*, you will need to request your article via Interlibrary loan by Mon Sept 11.

Assignment due date: Mon Sept 18 at 11 pm CST

Word Limit: the answer to the last question should not exceed 200 words

These directions have two parts. The first briefly explains what you will be expected to do. The second explains how to do things like locate articles.

What You Need to Do

Students need to pick an article related to the Old Testament from *Currents in Biblical Research*, *Interpretation*, or *Word & World*. See the introduction to “How to Do It” below if you’re not sure which to pick or how to access the articles.

Students need to read the article they chose.

They need to answer these questions. They can do their work ahead of time and then upload each question onto Moodle.

1. What is the article you read?
 - a. Provide the correct citation, which should look like this:
Author last name, Author first name. “Article Title: Subtitle.” *Journal Name* Volume Number (Year): Beginning page–end page.
 - b. Example:
Tillema, Aron. “The Book of Jonah in Recent Research.” *Currents in Biblical Research* 21 (2023): 145–77.
 - c. Note: ATLA provides citations (click on “Cite” on right side after you click on the article title). However, **these citations are almost always formatted incorrectly, so avoid them** (or use them to get the information and then rearrange it in the correct format).

2. Share a permanent web address to the article you chose on ATLA. If you’re not sure how to do it, see #6 under “How to Do It” below.

3. In one or two sentences, explain why this article looked interesting to you. Be specific. This is your chance to talk about a personal connection with the field. Let your instructor get to know you as a person.

4. Provide a 200-word summary of the article.
 - a. If you chose an article from *Interpretation* or *Word and World*, start by writing, “The thesis (or main argument) of this article is _____.” Then, explain the

evidence the author gives to support the thesis. Lastly, explain whether you find the article convincing. Why or why not?

- b. If you chose an article from *Currents in Biblical Research*, describe at least three things taking place in the subfield. Generally, you do not need to talk about particular authors, but you should mention one article or book that sounds like it might be interesting for further study. Lastly, explain whether the article was illuminating. Explain why (e.g., was it easy to understand?).

How to Do It (If You Don't Know)

There are many types of articles on the Old Testament and Hebrew Bible. Some of these are too technical for first-year seminary students. For example, some only make sense if you know Hebrew. However, three journals are more accessible:

- *Currents in Biblical Research*¹: Biblical studies is made up of many subfields. When you're new to a subfield, it can be difficult to understand the conversations taking place. This journal publishes review articles, that is, articles that explain what's taking place with particular subfields. It's a great entrypoint for deeper study.
- *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*, published by Union Presbyterian Seminary:² This journal focuses on particular themes and is geared toward pastors, seminary students, and scholars.
- *Word & World*, published by Luther Seminary³: Like *Interpretation*, this journal focuses on particular themes and is geared toward pastors, seminary students, and scholars.

How can you tell what's in these journals? The easiest way is to go to the "ATLA Religion Database," or "ATLA" for short.

1. Go to our library homepage, <https://www.dbq.edu/library/>
2. Scroll down to "Find Articles." Then click the "ATLA" tab.

¹ From the web: "*Currents in Biblical Research* summarizes the spectrum of recent research on particular topics or biblical books. Articles cover specific biblical books or clusters of books, ancillary ancient literature, archaeology, historical studies, as well as new and developing areas of study."

² From the web: "Since 1947, *Interpretation* has offered pastors, scholars, and theologians a valuable resource for study, preaching, and teaching. Each issue explores a theme or biblical book with writers who have relevant expertise. Four to five major articles, 'Between Text and Sermon' essays, and book reviews offer a variety of options for adding to and enhancing our readers' knowledge."

³ From the web:

Word & World is a quarterly journal of theology, published by the faculty of Luther Seminary, that is meant for readers who are concerned for Christian ministry in and to the world. The journal seeks to relate the word of God to the contemporary world and to relate theology to Christian ministry.

Now in its forty-first year of publication, *Word & World* presents theological articles and book reviews of interest to scholars and students but geared more directly toward those engaged in Christian ministry. Each 100+ page issue contains articles on the theme of that issue along with features such as "Face to Face" (different or opposing views on current questions in church and world); "Texts in Context" (providing preachers and teachers with reflections, insights, methods, and models to help in proclaiming the biblical message in a particular context); and substantial book reviews.

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 - a. JN “Currents in Biblical Research”
 - b. JN “Interpretation” or
 - c. JN “Word & World” NOTE: It won’t work if you type out “and” so be sure to use the &-symbol.
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- [3. The Genesis of Iconographic Exegesis](#)
By: Cardoso, Silas Klein. Source: **Currents in Biblical Research**, 21 no 2 Feb 2023, p 178-217. Publication Type: Article



5. Scroll and find an article that looks good to you. **It needs to deal with the Old Testament or you'll be asked to redo the assignment.** Click on the article title, which will be in blue font with a number next to it. Example:



16. [Abraham and the Multiverse](#)  


 **Academic Journal**

By: Fentress-Williams, Judy. Source: **Interpretation**, 77 no 1 Jan 2023, p 33-39. Publication Type: Article

Subjects: Abraham, (Biblical patriarch); Bakhtin, Mikhail Mikhaïlovich, 1895-1975; Friedman, Edwin H, 1932-1996; Bible. Genesis -- Criticism, Literary; Bible. Genesis -- Theology; Dialogism (Literary analysis); Characters and characteristics in the Bible; Multiverse theory (Superstring theory); God -- Biblical teaching

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17. [Genesis and Job: A Cosmic Conversation in Conflict](#)  

 **Academic Journal**

By: Brown, William P. Source: **Interpretation**, 77 no 1 Jan 2023, p 6-17. Publication Type: Article

Subjects: Bible. Genesis -- Criticism, Literary; Bible. Job -- Criticism, Literary; Creation --

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