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Part 1. Citation and Transliteration Guidelines for Term Papers

1.1. Getting Started

The text of this supplement is formatted to match the style of *SBLHS*; thus it follows article style as opposed to term-paper style. Citing works properly is an important component of writing a journal article. Become familiar with the styles for notes and bibliographies illustrated in the second edition of *The SBL Handbook of Style (SBLHS)*. These general (*SBLHS* 6.2–3) and special (6.3) examples have been chosen with care to cover the broadest array of resources. *SBLHS* provides sample entries for the initial citation of a work in a footnote, subsequent citations of the same work, and the entry for the bibliography at the end of the paper.

When conducting research, check the title page of a source and carefully record all pertinent bibliographic information. Frustrations arise when students are preparing manuscripts and realize that they are missing key pieces of information. In addition to the author and title of the work, authors should record the editor, translator, number of volumes, edition, series, city, publisher, and date.

The following material will address problems students typically encounter when working with biblical texts and secondary literature. These illustrations will help authors avoid many problems, but they do not replace the need to become familiar with the examples provided in *SBLHS*.

1.2. Biblical Citations

Citations of modern Bible versions do not require publisher's information in either footnotes or bibliography; instead, use the standard abbreviation for the Bible version (e.g., ESV, NKJV, RSV; see *SBLHS* 8.2). If citing scripture from a single version, include the abbreviation of the version following the chapter and verse on the first scripture reference only. When citing more than one version in a paper, include the version after each citation.

“Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother” (2 Thess 3:15 ESV).

When citing specific chapters or chapters and verses, use the standard abbreviated titles of biblical books provided in *SBLHS* 8.3.1–3. If, however, a biblical book is the first word of the sentence, do not abbreviate it. In addition, when referring to the book as a whole or a person with the same name as a biblical book, do not abbreviate it.

Correct: Revelation 3 begins with the letter to the church in Sardis.
We know little about the historical Habakkuk.

Incorrect: Rev 3 begins with the letter to the church in Sardis.
We know little about the historical Hab.

Cite biblical verses with chapter and verse(s) using Arabic numerals separated by a colon. Do not write out the numbers. When referencing consecutive verses, separate the first and last verse numbers with an en dash, not a hyphen (see *SBLHS* 2.1.3.4).

Correct: John 5:8–9

Incorrect: John chapter five verses eight and nine.
John 5:8-9

When citing multiple passages, list the abbreviated title of each *new* biblical book followed by

the chapter number and colon, with all verses in that chapter separated by a comma and space. A semicolon should separate references to subsequent chapters or books. Do not include the conjunction “and” or an ampersand before the last citation. List passages in canonical and numerical order.

Correct: Matt 2:3; 3:4–6; 4:3, 7; Luke 3:6, 8; 12:2, 5; Acts 15:1–5; Rom 1:8–12

Incorrect: Luke 3:6, 8; Luke 12:2
Matt 2:3, 3:4–6; 4:3; Luke 3:6, 8 and 12:2
Rom 1:8–12; Matt 2:3; 4:3, 7; 3:4–6

Further examples of correct and incorrect citations are listed in *SBLHS* 8.2. In study Bibles such as *The HarperCollins Study Bible* or *The New Oxford Annotated Bible*, special articles and the notes (usually at the bottom of the page) are not part of the biblical text. Study notes are written by authors or editors whose names are included in the front matter of the study Bible. If these notes are cited, all the relevant information from the specific study Bible should be included.

Internal (in-text) citation

Sentence (Imuwahen, 1998, p. 28).

According to Timothy Imuwahen, “...quotation...” (2023, p. 28)

First footnote

3. David L. Petersen, “Ezekiel,” in *The HarperCollins Study Bible Fully Revised and Updated: New Revised Standard Version, with the Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical Books*, ed. Harold W. Attridge et al. (San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 2006), 1096.

Subsequent footnote

5. Petersen, “Ezekiel,” 1096.

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Petersen, David L. “Ezekiel.” Pages 1096-1167 in *The HarperCollins Study Bible Fully Revised and Updated, New Revised Standard Version, with the Apocryphal or Deuterocanonical Books*. Edited by Harold W. Attridge et al. San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 2006.

1.3. Working with Biblical Commentaries

1.3.1. Series Title and Volume Title

Most biblical commentaries appear as part of a commentary series, the purpose of which is to comment upon the biblical text using the same general format. When working with a single volume in a commentary series, follow the citation guidelines for “A Work in a Series” (*SBLHS* 6.2.24). Most commentary series are listed in the abbreviations found in *SBLHS* 8.4.1–2.

When collecting bibliographic information, distinguish carefully between the volume title and the series title. Whether abbreviated or written in full, volume titles are italicized, but series titles are not.

18. Claus Westermann, *Genesis 12–36*, trans. John J. Scullion, CC (Minneapolis: Fortress, 1995), 25.

20. Westermann, *Genesis 12–36*, 44.

Westermann, Claus. *Genesis 12–36*. Translated by John J. Scullion. Continental Commentaries. Minneapolis: Fortress, 1995.

1.3.2. Numbered Series or Non-numbered Series

The publishers of some biblical commentaries number each volume in the series, while others do not. If the series uses numbers (e.g., Anchor Bible or Word Biblical Commentary), the number goes immediately after the name of the series but does not include the word “volume” or its abbreviation.

1.3.3 Multivolume Commentaries

1.3.3.1. Multivolume Commentaries on a Single Biblical Book by One Author. Usually each volume has a separate title for the books and chapters treated in a given volume, as in Wenham’s two-volume commentary on Genesis in the Word Biblical Commentary. The title of one volume is *Genesis 1–15*, and the other is *Genesis 16–50*. In other cases each volume uses the same title and is distinguished only by volume number, using either roman or Arabic numerals. The following example of Dahood’s three-volume Psalms commentary is taken from *SBLHS* 7.3.10.

If the paper references all three volumes, cite the entire multivolume work.

4. Mitchell Dahood, *Psalms*, 3 vols., AB 16–17A (Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, 1965–1970), 3:127.

7. Dahood, *Psalms*, 2:121.

Dahood, Mitchell. *Psalms*. 3 vols. AB 16–17A. Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, 1965–1970.

If the paper refers to only one or two of the three volumes, cite each volume individually.

78. Mitchell Dahood, *Psalms I: 1–50*, AB 16 (Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1965), 44.

79. Dahood, *Psalms I: 1–50*, 78.

82. Mitchell Dahood, *Psalms II: 51–100*, AB 17 (Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1968), 347.

86. Dahood, *Psalms II: 51–100*, 351.

Dahood, Mitchell. *Psalms I: 1–50*. Vol. 1 of *Psalms*. AB 16. Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1965.

———. *Psalms II: 51–100*. Vol. 2 of *Psalms*. AB 17. Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, 1968.

1.3.3.2. Multivolume Commentaries for the Entire Bible by Multiple Authors. To save space, multivolume commentaries often combine treatments of multiple biblical books into a single volume. A different author usually writes the commentary on each biblical book. In this case, treat each author’s commentary like a chapter in a book written by several authors (*SBLHS* 6.2.23).

Multivolume commentaries cited in a footnote should use the abbreviated title listed in *SBLHS* 8.4.1–2. The author of the section should still be cited. The bibliographical entry may provide the complete title and publication information of the larger work or use the abbreviated title, as in the final example below.

1. Patrick D. Miller, *NIB* 6:577.

Miller, Patrick D. “The Book of Jeremiah: Introduction, Commentary, and Reflections.” Pages 553–926 in *Introduction to Prophetic Literature, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Baruch, Letter*

of Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel. Vol. 6 of New Interpreter's Bible. Edited by Leander E. Keck. Nashville: Abingdon, 2001.

Miller, Patrick D. "The Book of Jeremiah: Introduction, Commentary, and Reflections." *NIB* 6:553–926.

1.3.4 Single-Volume Commentaries on the Entire Bible

Check the resource carefully. Some single-volume commentaries are authored by one individual and are thus cited like any other monograph. Others are edited volumes where more than one person has written the commentary on individual books. In these cases, cite the author of that section of the commentary as you would the chapter in a book with an editor (*SBLHS* 6.2.12).

5. Jack G. Partain, "Numbers," in *Mercer Commentary on the Bible*, ed. Watson E. Mills et al. (Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 1995), 175–79.5

8. Partain, "Numbers," 175.

Partain, Jack G. "Numbers." Pages 175–79 in *Mercer Commentary on the Bible*. Edited by Watson E. Mills et al. Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 1995.

1.3.5. Series with New Numbers

Occasionally a publisher will restart the numbering of a book series or a journal. When this happens, include the number of the new series, separated from the volume number by a forward slash as illustrated in *SBLHS* 6.2.24.

1.4. Bible Dictionaries and Encyclopedias

Cite the author of the article, not the editor of the work as a whole (*SBLHS* 6.3.6). Most Bible dictionaries and encyclopedias put the author's name at the end of the article that he or she wrote. If multiple articles from the same source are used, cite the author and article individually in the footnotes. The bibliographical entry may provide the complete title and publication information of the larger work or use the abbreviated title, as in the final example below.

1. Stanley D. Walters, "Jacob Narrative," *ABD* 3:599–609.

Walters, Stanley D. "Jacob Narrative." Pages 359–609 in vol. 3 of *The Anchor Bible Dictionary*. Edited by David Noel Freedman. 6 vols. New York: Doubleday, 1992.

Walters, Stanley D. "Jacob Narrative." *ABD* 3:359–609.

When multiple articles from the same dictionary or encyclopedia have been used, list the work as a whole under the editor in the bibliography, but cite the individual authors and articles in the footnote as above.

Freedman, David Noel, ed. *The Anchor Bible Dictionary*. 6 vols. New York: Doubleday, 1992.

1.5. Abbreviations

Abbreviate titles of journals and book series both in footnotes and in the bibliography; provide a full reference for a reference work such as BAGD in the bibliography. *The SBL Handbook of Style* offers two extensive lists of abbreviations for journals, series, and other standard reference works. The first abbreviation list is alphabetized by source (*SBLHS* 8.4.1) and the second by abbreviation (*SBLHS* 8.4.2). If the work you are citing is in these lists, use the standard abbreviation listed.

Note that both lists italicize abbreviations of journal titles and abbreviations based on book titles (e.g., *JBL*, *COS*) but do not italicize the abbreviations of book series (e.g., *WGRW*, *JSOTSup*) or abbreviations based on personal names (e.g., *BAGD*, *BDB*).

If a work is not included in the abbreviation lists of *SBLHS* or some other authoritative resource (e.g., *IATG*, *CAD*), use complete titles throughout or include a list of additional abbreviations on a separate page at the beginning of the paper (after the title page and before the main text).

1.6. Citations of Electronic Sources

As Internet-based publications play a growing role in scholarly discourse, students must familiarize themselves with citation guidelines for electronic sources. Students should consult the detailed instructions for documenting CD-ROM and Internet resources in *SBLHS* 6.1.6, 6.3.10, 6.4.12–15. List electronic sources by the author's name, and enclose the title of the webpage in quotation marks, as you would a journal article. Since pagination will change from printer to printer, do not cite page numbers for online resources. Since many websites change their content frequently, try to include the date the resource was published on the website; *SBLHS* discourages including the date the student last accessed the page (see 6.1.6).

7. R. Timothy McLay, "The Goal of Teaching Biblical and Religious Studies in the Context of an Undergraduate Education," *SBL Forum*, 6 October 2006, <http://www.sbl-site.org/publications/article.aspx?articleId=581>.

9. McLay, "The Goal of Teaching."

McLay, R. Timothy. "The Goal of Teaching Biblical and Religious Studies in the Context of an Undergraduate Education." *SBL Forum*, 6 October 2006. <http://www.sbl-site.org/publications/article.aspx?articleId=581>.

1.7. Transliterating Greek and Hebrew Words

- If a student has training in biblical languages, it is preferable to use a Greek or Hebrew font when discussing particular words. When citing Hebrew, use only the consonantal text unless the vowel pointing is necessary for the argument.
- The *SBL Handbook of Style* provides two different transliteration options for Hebrew: an academic style (5.1.1) that makes extensive use of diacritical markings to distinguish subtle differences in sounds, and a general-purpose style (5.1.2). Unless stated otherwise, the general-purpose style is usually adequate for term papers. For transliteration in theses and dissertations, consult specific departmental guidelines. Only one transliteration system is provided for Greek (5.3).
- Students should be careful to use the same transliteration style for all words cited, especially when these words have been found in secondary literature from different publishers. Transliteration styles vary widely among publishers.
- Word-processing software such as Microsoft Word and WordPerfect can insert most diacritical characters. To add diacritical characters in Word, for example, select the "Insert" menu, then click on "Symbol" and choose the appropriate character from the list.
- Fonts for working with Greek and Hebrew are available for download from the *SBL* website (<http://www.sbl-site.org>; click on the "Educational Resources" tab at the left of the page). To improve font stability and ensure cross-platform performance, the *SBL* Font Foundation developed a new group of Unicode fonts. Available fonts include those with Hebrew and Greek characters and fonts with all the transliteration symbols. Unicode fonts such as *SBL Hebrew* require installing particular software before they function properly; refer to the FAQ page for more information (<http://www.sbl->

Part 2. AJOKE Headings and SBL Citation Style

2.1. Getting Started

The African Journal of Kingdom Education (AJOKE) has curated its own Headings for all authors and editors at *AJOKE*. It is important to note that *AJOKE* uses only three levels of headers aside the Primary Header.

2.2. Headings and Subheadings

Article title heading:	centred, bold, capitalized headline case/style, main title
Primary heading:	centred, bold, capitalized headline style
First-level subheading:	on left margin, bold, capitalized headline style
Second-level heading:	on left margin, capitalized headline style
Third-level heading:	on the left margin, italics, capitalized headline style

The Following are Samples

Article Title Heading **Article Title Heading is written in this Format**

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Primary Heading

This is the format of AJOKE article. Reduce the font size from Garamond 11-pt to Garamond 6-pt before you start this paragraph. Aside the Title Heading Case that is centred at the top before your "Abstract," you are required to justify all the text paragraphs in your article. Primary headings are: Abstract, Introduction, Literature Review, Methods, Discussions, Findings, Conclusion, etc.

First-Level Subheading

The first-level heading is on the left margin, in bold, capitalized headline style. A heading should never be the last text on a page. Add an extra black space of Garamond 11-pt below a completed paragraph and begin the following page or paragraph with a heading. First-level headings are: Background of the Study, Statement of the Study, Research Hypotheses, etc.

Second-Level Subheading

The second-level heading is on the left margin, capitalized headline style. Second-level headings are: Types of Hypotheses, Kinds of Methodologies, etc.

Third-Level Subheading

The third-level heading is on the left margin, italics, and capitalized headline style. This is the last subheading at AJOKÉ which authors don't get to use most of the time because of the style of writing journal articles. Most of our authors end at First-level subheading.

Bibliography

Leave two blank lines between the title and the first entry. Justify the first line of each entry to the left margin; indent subsequent lines one-half inch. See *SBLHS* 6.2–5 for samples of the correct format. A bibliography consists of one list of the sources—alphabetical, by author—you consulted or cite in the paper. Separate the entries with one blank line. The entries themselves are single spaced. The bibliography follows the appendixes (if any) and is numbered consecutively.

Brown, Colin, ed. *New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology*. 4 vols. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1975–1985.

Dahood, Mitchell. *Psalms*. 3 vols. AB 16–17A. Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1965–1970.

Harrington, Daniel. "Palestinian Adaptations of Biblical Narratives and Prophecies." Pages 239–47 in *Early Judaism and Its Modern Interpreters*. Edited by R. A. Kraft and G. W. E. Nickelsburg. BMI 2. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1986.

———. "The Original Language of Pseudo-Philo's *Liber Antiquitatum Biblicarum*." *HTR* 63 (1970): 503–14.

Jastrow, Marcus. *A Dictionary of the Targumim, The Talmud Babli and Yerushalmi, and the Midrashic Literature*. New York: Judaica Press, 1996.

McKim, Donald K., ed. *Dictionary of Major Biblical Interpreters*. Downers Grove, IN: InterVarsity Press, 2007.

McLay, R. Timothy. "The Goal of Teaching Biblical and Religious Studies in the Context of an Undergraduate Education." *SBL Forum*, 6 October 2006. <http://www.sbl-site.org/publications/article.aspx?articleId=581>.

O'Day, Gail. "Intertextuality." Pages 546–48 in vol. 1 of *Dictionary of Biblical Interpretation*. Edited by John H. Hayes. 2 vols. Nashville: Abingdon, 1999.

Rad, Gerhard von. *Genesis: A Commentary*. Translated by John H. Marks. OTL. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1990.

2.3. Title Page

Use capitalized headline case on the title page. Centre all elements.

2.4. Footnote

Use footnotes in 10-point. Arial Narrow font this is *AJOKÉ* footnote font style.

- Separate text and footnotes with a short rule of two inches.
- Indent the footnote number one-half inch, with subsequent lines of the citation justified to the left margin.
- Insert one en space between the number and the footnote text.
- Separate each entry with a single space.
- Maintain subsequent numbering throughout the paper.

- Cite all publishing information available for each source. The order for listing publishing information in notes is: editor, edition, translator, number of volumes, series, city, publisher, and date.
- If you cite two or more works by the same author, subsequent notes should include the author's family name and a shortened title of each work.

7. John Van Seters, Prologue to History: *The Yahwist as Historian in Genesis* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1992), 115.

8. Van Seters, *Prologue*, 150

2.5. SBL Citation Style

This citation style is the format used for most articles and paper written within the Biblical and Theological Studies department. Further information for any other type of sources than those listed here can be found in *The SBL Handbook of Style*.

These examples will be listed as follows: general bibliographic format, specific bibliography example, in-text citation format and example.

Book with a single Author (SBL reference - 6.2.1)

First footnote

15. Charles H. Talbert, *Reading John: A Literary and Theological Commentary on the Fourth Gospel and the Johannine Epistles* (New York: Crossroad, 1992), 127.

8. Jean-Jacques Lavoie, *La pensée du Qohélet: étude exégétique et intertextuelle* (Saint-Laurent, Québec: Fides, 1992), 134.

Subsequent footnote

19. Talbert, *Reading John*, 22.

34. Lavoie, *La pensée du Qohélet*, 134.

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Talbert, Charles H. *Reading John: A Literary and Theological Commentary on the Fourth Gospel and the Johannine Epistles*. New York: Crossroad, 1992.

Lavoie, Jean-Jacques. *La pensée du Qohélet: étude exégétique et intertextuelle*. Saint-Laurent, Québec: Fides, 1992.

*The numbers suggested for the footnotes are random examples, only meant to show progression. Your footnotes should start at 1 and grow subsequently.

Book with two or three authors (SBL reference - 6.2.2)

First footnote

4. James M. Robinson and Helmut Koester, *Trajectories through Early Christianity* (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1971), 237.

Subsequent footnote

12. Robinson and Koester, *Trajectories through Early Christianity*, 23.

Bibliography

Robinson, James M., and Helmut Koester. *Trajectories through Early Christianity*. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1971.

Book with more than three authors (SBL reference - 6.2.3)

First footnote

7. Bernard Brandon Scott et al., *Reading New Testament Greek* (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1993), 53.

Subsequent footnote

9. Scott et al., *Reading New Testament Greek*, 42.

Bibliography

Scott, Bernard Brandon, Margaret Dean, Kristen Sparks, and Frances LaZar. *Reading New Testament Greek*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1993.

Book with no author (SBL reference - 14.79 Chicago Manual of Style)

First footnote

1. *New York Public Library American History Desk Reference* (New York: Macmillan, 1997), 87.

18. *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*, 4th ed. (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2000), 6.

Subsequent footnote

2. *New York Public Library*, 87.

19. *American Heritage Dictionary*, 6.

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New York Public Library American History Desk Reference. New York: Macmillan, 1997.

The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language. 4th ed. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2000

Book with one editor (SBL reference - 6.2.6)

First footnote

5. Jeffrey H. Tigay, ed., *Empirical Models for Biblical Criticism* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1985), 35.

23. Vincent W. Lloyd, ed., *Race and Political Theology* (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2012), 59.

Subsequent footnote

9. Tigay, *Empirical Models*, 38.

27. Lloyd, *Race and Political*, 67.

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Tigay, Jeffrey H., ed. *Empirical Models for Biblical Criticism*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1985.

Lloyd, Vincent W., ed. *Race and Political Theology*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2012.

Book with two or three editors (SBL reference - 6.2.7)

First footnote

44. John Kaltner and Steven L. McKenzie, eds., *Beyond Babel: A Handbook for Biblical Hebrew and Related Languages*, RBS 42 (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2002), xii.

8. William J. Abraham and Frederick D. Aquino, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of the Epistemology of Theology*, 1st ed. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017), 24.

20. Katharine J. Dell and Paul M. Joyce, eds., *Biblical Interpretation and Method: Essays in Honour of John Barton*, 1st ed. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013), 45.

Subsequent footnote

47. Kaltner and McKenzie, viii.

13. Abraham and Aquino, Oxford Handbook, 24.

22. Dell and Joyce, Biblical Interpretation, 45.

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Kaltner, John, and Steven L. McKenzie, eds. *Beyond Babel: A Handbook for Biblical Hebrew and Related Languages*. RBS 42. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2002.

Abraham, William J., and Frederick D. Aquino, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of the Epistemology of Theology*. 1st ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017.

Dell, Katharine J., and Paul M. Joyce, eds. *Biblical Interpretation and Method: Essays in Honour of John Barton*. 1st ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013.

Book with author, editor, and translator (SBL reference - 6.2.10)

First footnote

3. Friedrich Blass and Albert Debrunner, *Grammatica del greco del Nuovo Testamento*, ed. Friedrich Rehkopf, trans. Giordana Pisi (Brescia: Paideia, 1982), 40.

6. John Duns Scotus, *Selected Writings on Ethics*, ed. Thomas Williams, trans. Thomas Williams, 1st ed. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017), 34.

Subsequent footnote

9. Friedrich and Albert, *Grammatica del greco*, 98.

21. Scotus, *Selected Writings*, 67.

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Blass, Friedrich, and Albert Debrunner. *Grammatica del greco del Nuovo Testamento*. Edited by Friedrich Rehkopf. Translated by Giordana Pisi. Brescia: Paideia, 1982.

Scotus, John Duns. *Selected Writings on Ethics*. Edited by Thomas Williams. Translated by Thomas Williams. 1st ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017.

Chapter in an edited volume (SBL reference - 6.2.12)

First footnote

3. Harold W. Attridge, "Jewish Historiography," in *Early Judaism and Its Modern Interpreters*, ed. Robert A. Kraft and George W. E. Nickelsburg (Philadelphia: Fortress; Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1986), 313.

7. Pamela D. H. Cochran, "Scripture, Feminism, and Sexuality," in *Christian Theologies of Scripture: A Comparative Introduction*, ed. Justin S. Holcomb (New York City: New York University Press, 2006), 268.

Subsequent footnote

6. Attridge, "Jewish Historiography," 314–15.

11. Cochran, "Scripture, Feminism," 270.

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Attridge, Harold A. "Jewish Historiography." Pages 311–43 in *Early Judaism and Its Modern Interpreters*. Edited by Robert A. Kraft and George W. E. Nickelsburg. Philadelphia: Fortress; Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1986.

Cochran, Pamela D. H. "Scripture, Feminism, and Sexuality." Pages 261–81 in *Christian Theologies of Scripture: A Comparative Introduction*. Edited by Justin S. Holcomb. New York City: New York University Press, 2006.

Titled volume in a multivolume work (SBL reference - 6.2.21)

First footnote

5. Bruce W. Winter and Andrew D. Clarke, eds., *The Book of Acts in Its Ancient Literary Setting*, vol. 1 of *The Book of Acts in Its First Century Setting*, ed. Bruce W. Winter (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1993), 25.

Subsequent footnote

16. Winter and Clarke, *Book of Acts*, 25.

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Winter, Bruce W., and Andrew D. Clarke, eds. *The Book of Acts in Its Ancient Literary Setting*. Vol. 1 of *The Book of Acts in Its First Century Setting*. Edited by Bruce W. Winter. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1993

Work in a series (SBL reference - 6.2.24)

First footnote

12. Otfried Hofius, *Paulusstudien*, WUNT 51 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 1989), 122.

7. Trent C. Butler, *Judges*, WBC 8 (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2009), 34.

8. Douglas J. Moo, *The Epistle to the Romans*, NICNT (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1996), 106.

Subsequent footnote

14. Hofius, *Paulusstudien*, 124.

10. Butler, *Judges*, 55.
13. Moo, *Romans*, 110.

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- Hofius, Otfried. *Paulusstudien*. WUNT 51. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 1989.
- Butler, Trent C. *Judges*. WBC 8. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2009.
- Moo, Douglas J. *The Epistle to the Romans*. NICNT. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1996.

Electronic book (SBL reference - 6.2.25)

First footnote

53. Ann E. Killebrew and Margreet Steiner, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of the Archaeology of the Levant: c. 8000–332 BCE* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014), 56, doi:10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199212972.001.0001.
2. Allen Speight and Michael Zank, eds., *Politics, Religion and Political Theology*, vol. 6 (Springer, 2017), 54, <https://oi.uchicago.edu/pdf/as19.pdf>.

Subsequent footnote

55. Killebrew and Steiner, *Archaeology of the Levant*, 23.
5. Speight and Zank, *Politics, Religion*, 56.

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- Killebrew, Ann E. and Margreet Steiner, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of the Archaeology of the Levant: c. 8000–332 BCE*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014. doi:10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199212972.001.0001.
- Speight, Allen, and Michael Zank, eds. *Politics, Religion and Political Theology*. Vol. 6. Springer, 2017. <https://oi.uchicago.edu/pdf/as19.pdf>.

"When citing an online version of a book, include the DOI. In the absence of a DOI, include the URL in the citation" (6.2.25, p. 91).

Journal article (SBL reference - 6.3.1)

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- Footnotes: *JBL*, *JSOTSup*
- Bibliography: *Journal of Biblical Literature*, *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Supplement Series*

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