

You must use sources that are on this approved list! Please do not email me requesting to use sources not listed in each of the following sections. The sources listed represent the highest levels of scholarship and as such you will need to use one approved source from each section. Finding them will require visiting a college or university library. Some of these resources may also be found in some public libraries.

A. **Scholarly Journals** – Go to NCLive and access one full-text article from one of the religion journals listed below on a topic related to OT study. If you do not have the required password for NCLive, contact the library. (You may also choose a scholarly journal from the library, but any journal not listed below must be approved in advance.) In 2-3 pages summarize the article. Provide a brief biography of the author/s (2 sentences). Identify three (3) things you learned about the OT or OT study from reading the article. The article must specifically address the Old Testament.

**Approved journals in NCLive:**

- Interpretation*
- Journal for the Study of the Old Testament*
- Journal of Biblical Literature*
- Near Eastern Archaeology*
- Commentary*

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B. **Bible Dictionary** - Locate a good Bible Dictionary (a few are suggested below – others will need prior approval). Familiarize yourself with the dictionary. In a 2-3 page paper:

1. Describe the contents of the dictionary (how it is organized, what kinds of articles are included, who is the author/editor, is each article is authored by a different person, etc.).

2. Choose three (3) entries related to the study of the OT.

- a. Summarize each entry, identify the author with a brief biography (1-2 sentences),
- b. Share at least one thing you learned from each article. Entries chosen should be at least one column in length.

**Approved Bible Dictionaries:**

- The Dictionary of Bible and Religion*, William H. Gentz, ed.
- Dictionary of the Bible*, James Hastings, ed
- Mercer Dictionary of the Bible*, Waston E. Mills, gen. ed.
- Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*, David Noel Freedman, ed.
- The Westminster Dictionary of the Bible*, John David
- The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary*, Merrill C. Tenny, gen. ed.
- Harper's Bible Dictionary*, Madeline S. Miller and J. Lane Miller
- The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, Keith Crim, gen. ed.
- The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, Katherine Sakenfeld, ed.
- The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*, Geoffrey W. Bromiley, gen. ed.
- Anchor Bible Dictionary*, David Noel Freedman, ed.
- A Concise Dictionary of the Bible and Its Reception*, John F.A. Sawyer

**Commentary** – Choose one volume from a multi-volume Bible Commentary series. Do not use a one-volume commentary! The volume chosen should be on one of the books of the Old Testament.

Familiarize yourself with the Commentary. In a 2-3 page paper:

1. Describe the contents of the commentary (how it is organized, what kind of information is included about each book, who is the editor of the series, what translation(s) of the Bible does