

Key resources for Biblical scholarship

A check-list for Cranmer Students

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This list points to useful journals, book series, sources of book reviews, and online sources for journal articles. We hope it is a useful guide into the forest of secondary literature.

Journals [listed with their SBL abbreviations]

Using journals has been transformed by the internet – we now hold very few paper copies of journals, and in most cases you will be able to access everything you need online.

- We are privileged to have full online e-access to most (all?) of the journals listed here. Simply go to <https://library.dur.ac.uk/search> and choose 'University Library e-journals' to refine your search.
- Note that in most cases the relevant home webpage will allow you to sign up for 'Table of Contents' email alerts – a listing of the new articles straight to your inbox.
- In some cases the availability is greater than what will be first listed when you search – e.g. a search result might tell you it has '1961–2018' available online, but in practice that usually means it is still subscribing, and no one has updated the search figure, so 2019, 2020 ... will also be available when you click through. Some journals that are no longer publishing are also fully available (e.g. *Semeia*, which ceased in 2002).
- Also worth knowing: <https://biblicalstudies.org.uk/articles.php>, which has uploaded back issues of many worthwhile journals (e.g. *Anvil*), many published by Christian presses. These may be flagged through Bill Bryson searches to the 'biblical studies.org.uk' website that hosts this. Some are now on-line themselves also.

Top rank OT/NT journals:

Journal for the Study of the OT = JSOT – historical-critical, literary, some theological

Journal for the Study of the NT = JSNT – likewise

Vetus Testamentum = VT – traditional historical-critical approaches

Novum Testamentum = NovT – likewise

New Testament Studies = NTS – full range of critical approaches

Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft = ZAW } some English / some German

Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft = ZNW } historical-critical+ approaches

In addition note two journals consciously redefining their OT/NT focus to broader issues:

Early Christianity = EC

Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel = HeBAI (both multi-lingual)

2 journals focused on particular areas of NT Studies:

Journal for the Study of Paul and His Letters = JSPL

Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus = JSHJ

Biblical Studies journals:

Biblica = Bib – for this journal see <http://www.bsw.org/index.php?l=71>

Biblical Interpretation = BibInt – tends to include either OT or NT critical pieces

Biblical Theology Bulletin = BTB – shorter articles, with theological interest

**Bulletin for Biblical Research* = BBR – evangelical (published by the IBR, in America)

**Catholic Biblical Quarterly* = CBQ – scholarly, not just by or for Catholics

Currents in Biblical Research = *CurBR* – provides valuable survey articles on topics

Horizons in Biblical Theology = *HBT* – again: theological interest

**Interpretation* = *Int* – issues tend to have a theme, so worth looking for your topic

Journal for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies = *JIBS* – an open access online journal, see:

<https://jibs.group.shef.ac.uk>

Journal of Biblical Literature = *JBL* – from the SBL, professional biblical studies society

Journal of Theological Interpretation = *JTI* – focused on theological reading of scripture

Neotestamentica = *Neot* – South African based NT journal

Revue biblique = *RB* – sometimes includes a more literary focus

Broader journals that can have valuable biblical articles:

Bibliotheca Sacra = *BSac* – journal of Dallas Theological Seminary (conservative)

**Expository Times* = *ExpTim* – includes preaching resources and short articles

Journal of Pentecostal Theology = *JPT* – good e.g. on the Spirit in the OT/NT

Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society = *JETS* – American, conservative

**Journal of Theological Studies* = *JTS* – publishes long articles and many book reviews

Review and Expositor = *RevExp* – published by the Southern Baptists (US)

Scottish Journal of Theology = *SJT* – includes some (more theological) biblical studies

**Themelios* = *Them* – for theological students, was a journal of IFES, now with the

Gospel Coalition, free online: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/themelios/>

Tyndale Bulletin = *TynBul* – journal of the Tyndale Fellowship (Cambridge) –

evangelical, technical biblical studies, full text takes 2–3 years to come online

Westminster Theological Journal = *WTJ* – by Westminster Theological Seminary (USA)

* = contains helpful book-review sections

Book series

Many of the major journals listed above have associated monograph series, which may publish doctoral theses or leading studies in the field:

ZAW / *ZNW* each have book series: *BZAW* and *BZNW* (de Gruyter)

NovT / *VT* / *BibInt* all have book series: *NovTSup*, *VTSup*, *BINS* (Brill)

JSNT / *JSOT* each have book series: *LNTS* (formerly *JSNTSup*) and *LHBOTS* (formerly *JSOTSup*) (Bloomsbury T. & T. Clark)

NTS has the *SNTS* monograph series = *SNTSMS* (Cambridge University Press)

JTI has *JTISup* (Eisenbrauns, now published by Penn State University Press)

Mohr Siebeck also publish a range of series: *WUNT* (in 2 series) on NT; *FAT* on OT

Book reviews & Online searches for articles

Reviews in Religion and Theology = *RRT* – broad journal with sections on biblical studies

JSNT and *JSOT* both publish an annual book review issue that appears every summer

RBL online – members of SBL get a weekly email and access to <https://www.bookreviews.org>

+ note: Two journals of very useful brief summaries of key books and articles are on paper at the Bill Bryson: *New Testament Abstracts* = *NTA* and *Old Testament Abstracts* = *OTA*

Online direct searches for articles: use the ATLA database run by the American Theological Library Association. Search at the Bill Bryson by <keyword = ATLA> (hint: *bookmark the relevant ATLA search result*). Good searching takes practice, but is worth it.

NT list developed by Steve Walton, Trinity College, Bristol – used with thanks, see:

<http://stevewalton.info/a-starter-list-of-new-testament-journals-book-series-sources-of-reviews-etc/>

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