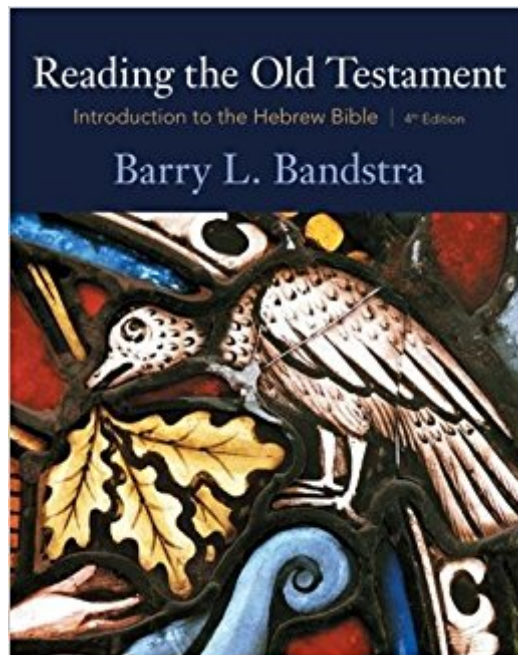




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# **Reading The Old Testament: Introduction To The Hebrew Bible**



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My pastor led me to this book; I bought a cheaper used 4th edition paperback. The paper-back edition is taken from a textbook that is used in many main-line protestant seminaries. It divides the Hebrew Bible into its different genres as they are laid out in the Bible, discusses the methodology of Biblical scholars from the past fifty years, and then takes a look at the individual books of the Bible with respect to each one's history, context, story, poetry, and authorship. He includes a review of theories of different scholars and leaves the reader to decide which one best fits the reader's comprehension of the studies. The scholars use the Hebrew texts in the ancient Hebrew language and compare and contrast them to other sources like archeological digs of Biblical times that existed at the time of the Biblical writings..Backstra treats the scriptures with the respect of those who look to the scriptures as a guide to how followers of Yahweh and Elohim (the names for the one true God known to the ancient Hebrews) experienced, followed, fell away from and ultimately returned to follow God. It is a very comprehensive, respectful and thorough study of the Hebrew Bible (the Christian Old Testament).

I found Bandstra's book helpful. I have heard about the scholarship on the compiling of the Old Testament, but have never found anything that is more clear than this book about that information. The JEDP information was helpful and I can see how it could be dissected that way. It makes sense that God used the current understanding of creation to help people acknowledge his authorship in making the universe. I am enjoying reading this and find it challenging intellectually as well as spiritually. Faith that isn't growing is stagnant.

I read three other general works on the Hebrew Bible-by John Collins, by Lawrence Boadt, and by Norman Gottwald-and this is the best. The author is a good writer and is very, very informative. I

highly recommend this work.T. Ehrlich

This is an excellent book describing the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible for Religious Studies students). It is readable for the lay public and has been well researched. I recommend it for anyone in their initial study of the Old Testament.

Came as expected

I teach a 26-week course on the Old Testament in our church, and this is an excellent resource. Bandstra is a very competent scholar. I recommend it to both professional teachers and lay people.

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