

## REL 5V00 (3 hours): Readings in the Laws of Leviticus

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### Assessment and Goal

The student will meet with the professor on a weekly basis to discuss the week's readings and observations regarding the Hebrew translation.

The student will produce a 500-word dissertation proposal by the end of the semester.

### Reading & Translation Schedule

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1	<p><u>Introduction to Biblical Law (153 pgs)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alt, Albrecht. "The Origins of Israelite Law." Pages 103–71 in <i>Essays on Old Testament History and Religion</i>. Garden City: Anchor, 1966.</li><li>• Greenstein, Edward L. "Biblical Law." Pages 83–103 in <i>Back to the Sources: Reading the Classic Jewish Texts</i>. Edited by Barry W. Holtz. New York: Summit, 1984.</li><li>• Westbrook, Raymond. "Biblical and Cuneiform Law Codes." Pages 485–95 in <i>Folk Law: Essays in the Theory and Practice of Lex Non Scripta</i>. Edited by A. D. Renteln and A Dundes. Vol 1. 2 Vols. Madison: University of Wisconsin, 1995.</li><li>• Segal, P. "Further Parallels between the Priestly Literature in the Bible and the Hittite Instructions for Temple Servants." <i>Shnaton</i> 7/8 (1983/84): 265-68.</li><li>• Roth, Martha. "The Because Clause: Punishment Rationalization in Mesopotamian Laws." Pages 407–412 in <i>Veenhof Anniversary Volume: Studies Presented to K. R. Veenhof on the Occasion of His Sixty-Fifth Birthday</i>. Edited by W. H. van Soldt. Leiden: Nederlands Instituut voor het Habije Oosten, 2001.</li><li>• Brin, Gershon. "The Formula 'If He Shall Not (Do)' and the Problem of Sanctions in Biblical Law" Pages 341–62 in <i>Pomegranates and Golden Bells: Studies in Biblical, Jewish, and Near Eastern Ritual, Law, and Literature in Honor of Jacob Milgrom</i>. Edited by David P Wright, David Noel Freedman, and Ari Hurvitz. Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 1995.</li><li>• Bright, John. "The Apodictic Prohibition: Some</li></ul>	Lev 7

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	Observations.” <i>JBL</i> 92 (1973): 185–204.	
2	<p><u>Compositional Issues Surrounding Leviticus (136 pgs)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blenkinsopp, Joseph. “An Assessment of the Alleged Pre-Exilic Date of the Priestly Material in the Pentateuch.” <i>ZAW</i> 108 1996: 495–518.</li> <li>• Blum, Erhard. “Issues and Problems in the Contemporary Debate Regarding the Priestly Writings.” Pages 31–44 in <i>Strata of the Priestly Writings</i>. Edited by Shectman and Baden. Theologischer Verlag: Zurich, 2009.</li> <li>• Hurvitz, Ari. "Dating the Priestly Source in Light of the Historical Study of Biblical Hebrew a Century after Wellhausen." <i>ZAW</i> 100 (1988): 88-99.</li> <li>• Milgrom, Jacob. "The Antiquity of the Priestly Source." <i>ZAW</i> 111 (1999): 10-22.</li> <li>• Otto, Eckart. “The Holiness Code in Diachrony and Synchrony in the Legal Hermeneutics of the Pentateuch.” Pages 135–156 in <i>Strata of the Priestly Writings</i>. Edited by Shectman and Baden. Theologischer Verlag: Zurich, 2009.</li> <li>• Thiel, Winfried. "Zur Existenz des sogenannten 'Heiligkeitsgesetzes'." <i>ZAW</i> 86 (1969): 307-16</li> <li>• Stackert, Jeffrey. “The Holiness Legislation and its Pentateuchal Sources: Revision, Supplementation, and Replacement. Pages 187–204 in <i>Strata of the Priestly Writings</i>. Edited by Shectman and Baden. Theologischer Verlag: Zurich, 2009.</li> <li>• Gane, Roy E. “Didactic Logic and the Authorship of Leviticus.” Pages 197–222 in <i>Current Issues in Priestly and Related Literature: The Legacy of Jacob Milgrom and Beyond</i>. Edited by Roy E. Gane and Ada Taggar-Cohen. Atlanta: SBL, 2015.</li> </ul>	Lev 8
3	Knohl, Israel. <i>The Sanctuary of Silence: The Priestly Torah and the Holiness School</i> . Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2007. (246 pgs).	Lev 9
4	<p><u>Structure and Rhetoric in Leviticus (169 pgs)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ruwe, Andreas. “The Structure of the Book of Leviticus in the Narrative Outline of the Priestly Sinai Story.” Pages 55–78 in <i>The Book of Leviticus: Composition and Reception</i>. Edited by Rolf Rendtorff and Robert A. Kugler. Leiden: Brill, 2003.</li> <li>• Smith, Christopher R. “The Literary Structure of Leviticus.” <i>JSOT</i> 21 (1996): 17–32.</li> <li>• Watts, James W. <i>Ritual and Rhetoric in Leviticus:</i></li> </ul>	Lev 11

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	<i>From Sacrifice to Scripture</i> . Cambridge: Cambridge University, 2007. (chs. 1–5; 129 pgs)	
5	<p><u>Leviticus 13–14 (100 pgs)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baden, Joel S, and Candida R Moss. “The Origin and Interpretation of Šāra‘at in Leviticus 13-14.” <i>JBL</i> 130 (2011): 643–62.</li> <li>• Feder, Yitzhaq. “Behind the Scenes of a Priestly Polemic: Leviticus 14 and Its Extra-Biblical Parallels.” <i>JHebS</i> 15 (2015): 1–26.</li> <li>• Gevaryahu, Gilad J, and Harvey Sicherman. “What Never Was and Never Will Be: Rebellious Son--Subverted City--Infected House.” <i>JBQ</i> 29: 250–254</li> <li>• Meier, Sam. “House Fungus: Mesopotamia and Israel (lev 14:33-53).” <i>RB</i> 96, no. 2 (1989): 184–92.</li> <li>• Pilch, John J. “Biblical Leprosy and Body Symbolism.” <i>BTB</i> 11 (1981): 108–13.</li> <li>• Reventlow, Henning Graf. “Krankheit -- ein Makel an heiliger Vollkommenheit: das Urteil altisraelitischer priester in Leviticus 13 in seinem Kontext.” <i>BZAW</i> 374 (2007): 275–302.</li> <li>• Staubli, Thomas. “Die Symbolik des Vogelrituals bei der Reinigung von Aussätzigen (Lev 14:4–7).” <i>Bib</i> 83 (2002): 230–37</li> </ul>	Lev 12
6	Sternberg, Meir. <i>The Poetics of Biblical Narrative: Ideological Literature and the Drama of Reading</i> . Indiana Literary Biblical Series. Bloomington: Indiana University, 1985. (Chs 1–6: pgs 1–229). (229 pgs)	Lev 13
7	<p><u>Law and Literature Studies (145 pgs)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cover, Robert. “Nomos and Narrative.” <i>Harvard Law Review</i> 97 (1983): 4–68</li> <li>• Brooks, Peter. “Narrativity of the Law.” <i>Law and Literature</i> 14 (2002). 1–10.</li> <li>• Berlin, Adele. “Numinous Nomos: On the Relationship Between Narrative and Law.” Pages 25–31 in “<i>A Wise and Discerning Mind</i>”: <i>Essays in Honor of Burke O. Long</i>. Edited by Saul M. Olyan and Robert C. Culley. BJS. Providence, R.I.: Brown Judaic Studies, 2000.</li> <li>• Liss, Hanna. “Kanon und Fiktion: Zur literarischen Funktion biblischer Rechtstexte” <i>BM</i> 121 (2004): 7–38.</li> <li>• Milgrom, Jacob. “Law and Narrative and the Exegesis of Leviticus XIX 19.” <i>VT</i> 46 (1996): 544–48.</li> <li>• Nasuti, Harry. “Identity, Identification, and Imitation: The Narrative Hermeneutics of Biblical Law.” <i>Journal of Law and Religion</i> 4 (1986): 9–23</li> </ul>	Lev 14

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Halberstam, Chaya. "The Art of Biblical Law." <i>Prooftexts</i> 27 (2007): 345–64</li> </ul>	
8	Binder and Weisberg. <i>Literary Criticisms of Law</i> . Princeton: Princeton University, 2000. (Chs. 2–4: pp 122–377; 256 pgs).	Lev 15
9	Douglas, Mary. <i>Leviticus as Literature</i> . Oxford: Oxford University, 1999. (252 pgs)	Lev 17
10	Bibb, Bryan D. <i>Ritual Words and Narrative Worlds in the Book of Leviticus</i> . LHBOTS 480. New York, T&T Clark, 2009. (164 pgs)	Lev 18
11	Warning, Wilfried. <i>Literary Artistry in Leviticus</i> . BibInt 35. Leiden: Brill, 1999. (230 pgs)	Lev 19
12	Jackson, Bernard S. <i>Studies in the Semiotics of Biblical Law</i> . JSOTSup 314. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic, 2000. (338 pgs).	Lev 20
13	Watts, James W. <i>Reading Law: The Rhetorical Shaping of the Pentateuch</i> . Biblical Seminar 59. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic, 1999. (192 pgs).	Lev 21
14	Bartor, Assnat. <i>Reading Law as Narrative: A Study in the Casuistic Laws of the Pentateuch</i> . AIL 5. Atlanta: SBL, 2010. (230 pgs).	Lev 22

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