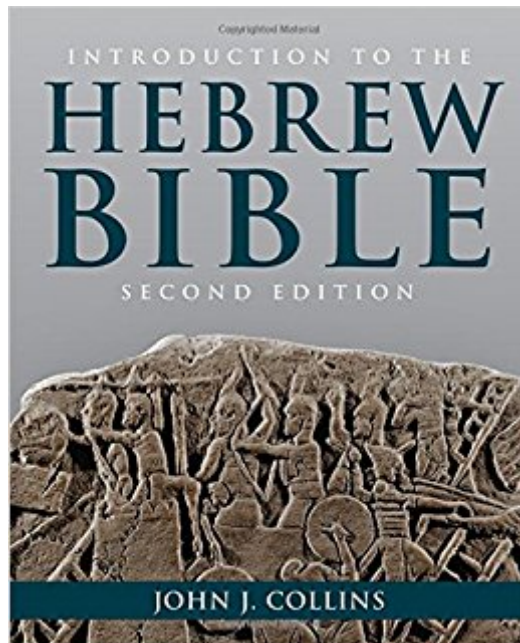




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John J. Collins is Holmes Professor of Old Testament Criticism and Interpretation at Yale Divinity School and author of many works, including from Fortress Press *Daniel* (Hermeneia, 1994), *Does the Bible Justify Violence?* (2004), and *Encounters with Biblical Theology* (2005).

Not bad, and a good use for my Hebrew class. However, this was an introductory course where I had no knowledge of what was in the bible prior to reading this class, and at times I felt this author assumed I should have more knowledge than I had. I am not sure if this is an issue with the book or class, but I'm not sure this is a great "introductory" book to the Hebrew Bible. The book assumes some knowledge of the Bible and stories & characters within.

Well written, comprehensive, plenty of references to allow those interested (or confused!) to read further. My only negative comment is that it is very much condensed, and my ignorance of Middle Eastern history has made it difficult to appreciate some of the parallels drawn. The biblical analysis is very interesting and enjoyable to read.

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Perfect

A great resource for those wanting ongoing Old Testament studies from a modern point of view.

This is the book we use in EfM training and it is clear and concise, with information that is understandable, even for the lay person. It is a real help in teaching the Old Testament.

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