

# SBL Handbook of Style

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### Abstract

This document contains the note and bibliography examples from then **Student Supplement for *The SBL Handbook of Style Second Edition***. Each section shows what the various bib entries should look like and how to cite them.

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## Biblical Citations

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@inbook{petersen:2006,  
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  title = {Ezekiel},  
  pages = {1096-1167},  
  booktitle = {The HarperCollins Study Bible Fully Revised and Updated: New Revised  
    Standard Version, with the Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical Books},  
  editor = {Attridge, Harold W. and others},  
  location = {San Francisco},  
  publisher = {HarperSanFrancisco},  
  date = {2006}  
}
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\autocite[1096]{petersen:2006}

3. David L. Petersen, "Ezekiel," in *The HarperCollins Study Bible Fully Revised and Updated: New Revised Standard Version, with the Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical Books*, ed. Harold W. Attridge et al. (HarperSanFrancisco, 2006), 1096.

\autocite[1096]{petersen:2006}

5. Petersen, "Ezekiel," 1096.

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Petersen, David L. "Ezekiel." Pages 1096–167 in *The HarperCollins Study Bible Fully Revised and Updated: New Revised Standard Version, with the Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical Books*. Edited by Harold W. Attridge et al. HarperSanFrancisco, 2006.

## Working with Biblical Commentaries

### Series Title and Volume Title

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  location = {Minneapolis},
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  date = {1995}
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\autocite[25]{westermann:1995}

18. Claus Westermann, *Genesis 12–36*, trans. John J. Scullion, CC (Fortress, 1995), 25.

\autocite[44]{westermann:1995}

20. Westermann, *Genesis 12–36*, 44.

\printbiblist{abbreviations}

CC Continental Commentaries

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Westermann, Claus. *Genesis 12–36*. Translated by John J. Scullion. CC. Fortress, 1995.

### Multivolume Commentaries

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4. Mitchell Dahood, *Psalms*, 3 vols., AB 16–17A (Doubleday, 1965–1970), 3:127.

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7. Dahood, *Psalms*, 2:121.

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AB Anchor Bible

\printbibliography

Dahood, Mitchell. *Psalms*. 3 vols. AB 16–17A. Doubleday, 1965–1970.

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78. Mitchell Dahood, *Psalms I: 1–50*, AB 16 (Doubleday, 1965), 44.

\autocite[78]{dahood:1965}

79. Dahood, *Psalms I: 1–50*, 78.

\autocite[347]{dahood:1968}

82. Mitchell Dahood, *Psalms II: 51–100*, AB 17 (Doubleday, 1968), 347.

\autocite[351]{dahood:1968}

86. Dahood, *Psalms II: 51–100*, 351.

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AB Anchor Bible

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Dahood, Mitchell. *Psalms I: 1–50*. AB 16. Doubleday, 1965.

———. *Psalms II: 51–100*. AB 17. Doubleday, 1968.

## Notes

biblatex-sbl follows the *SBL Handbook of Style* blog and does not include the entire multi-volume work in the bibliography entries of the individual volumes. See <https://sblhs2.com/2018/05/10/series-volume-identifiers/>.

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\autocite[577]{miller:jeremiah}
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1. Patrick D. Miller, “The Book of Jeremiah: Introduction, Commentary, and Reflections,” *NIB* 6:577.

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*NIB* Keck, Leander E., ed. *The New Interpreter's Bible*. 12 vols. Abingdon, 1994–2004.

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Miller, Patrick D. “The Book of Jeremiah: Introduction, Commentary, and Reflections.” *NIB* 6:553–926.

## Notes

biblatex-sbl follows more recent publications and includes the title in these citations. See, for example, [https://www.sbl-site.org/assets/pdfs/pubs/9781628375008\\_OA.pdf](https://www.sbl-site.org/assets/pdfs/pubs/9781628375008_OA.pdf).

## Single-Volume Commentaries on the Entire Bible

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5. Jack G. Partain, “Numbers,” in *Mercer Commentary on the Bible*, ed. Watson E. Mills et al. (Mercer University Press, 1995), 175–79.

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\autocite[175]{partain:1995}
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8. Partain, “**Numbers**,” 175.

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## Bible Dictionaries and Encyclopedias

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1. Stanley D. Walters, “Jacob Narrative,” *ABD* 3:599–609.

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\printbiblist{abbreviations}
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*ABD* Freedman, David Noel, ed. *Anchor Bible Dictionary*. 6 vols. Doubleday, 1992.

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Walters, Stanley D. “Jacob Narrative.” *ABD* 3:599–609.

### Notes

- The pages for Walters, “**Jacob Narrative**,” 3:599–609 are incorrect in the Student Supplement bibliography entry.
- SBL prefers the shorter form in the bibliography with *ABD* appearing in a list of abbreviations. See point 5 in <https://sblhs2.com/2017/04/13/citing-reference-works-5-topical-dictionaries-and-encyclopedias/>. This includes when multiple articles are cited from the same dictionary or encyclopedia.

## Citations of Electronic Sources

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\autocite{mclay:2006}
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7. R. Timothy McLay, "The Goal of Teaching Biblical and Religious Studies in the Context of an Undergraduate Education," *SBL Forum*, 6 October 2006, <http://www.sbl-site.org/publications/article.aspx?articleId=581>.

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9. McLay, "Goal of Teaching."

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McLay, R. Timothy. "The Goal of Teaching Biblical and Religious Studies in the Context of an Undergraduate Education." *SBL Forum*, 6 October 2006. <http://www.sbl-site.org/publications/article.aspx?articleId=581>.

## Footnotes

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7. John Van Seters, *Prologue to History: The Yahwist as Historian in Genesis* (Westminster John Knox, 1992), 115.

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8. Van Seters, *Prologue*, 150.

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Van Seters, John. *Prologue to History: The Yahwist as Historian in Genesis*. Westminster John Knox, 1992.

## Bibliography

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  location = {Garden City, NY},
  publisher = {Doubleday},
  date = {1965/1970}
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  editor = {Kraft, R. A. and Nickelsburg, G. W. E.},
  series = {The Bible and Its Modern Interpreters},
  shortseries = {BMI},
  number = {2},
  location = {Philadelphia},
  publisher = {Fortress},
  date = {1986}
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  title = {The Original Language of Pseudo-Philo's Liber Antiquitatum Biblicarum},
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  shortjournal = {HTR},
  volume = {63},
  date = {1970},
  pages = {503-514}
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date = {2007}
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DMBI, mclay:2006, oday:intertextuality, vonrad:1990}

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AB	Anchor Bible
BMI	The Bible and Its Modern Interpreters
DBI	Hayes, John, ed. <i>Dictionary of Biblical Interpretation</i> . 2 vols. Abingdon, 1999.
DMBI	McKim, Donald K., ed. <i>Dictionary of Major Biblical Interpreters</i> . InterVarsity Press, 2007.
HTR	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
Jastrow	Jastrow, Morris, comp. <i>A Dictionary of the Targumim, the Talmud Babli and Yerushalmi, and the Midrashic Literature with an Index of Scriptural Quotations</i> . Luzac; G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1903.
NIDNTT	Brown, Colin, ed. <i>New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology</i> . 4 vols. Zondervan, 1975–1985.
OTL	Old Testament Library

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Dahood, Mitchell. *Psalms*. 3 vols. AB 16–17A. Doubleday, 1965–1970.

Harrington, Daniel. “The Original Language of Pseudo-Philo’s Liber Antiquitatum Biblicarum.” *HTR* 63 (1970): 503–14.

———. “Palestinian Adaptations of Biblical Narratives and Prophecies.” Pages 239–47 in *Early Judaism and Its Modern Interpreters*. Edited by R. A. Kraft and G. W. E. Nickelsburg. BMI 2. Fortress, 1986.

McLay, R. Timothy. “The Goal of Teaching Biblical and Religious Studies in the Context of an Undergraduate Education.” *SBL Forum*, 6 October 2006. <http://www.sbl-site.org/publications/article.aspx?articleId=581>.

O’Day, Gail. “Intertextuality.” *DBI* 1:546–48.

Rad, Gerhard von. *Genesis: A Commentary*. Translated by John H. Marks. OTL. Westminster, 1990.

## Notes

- Following the blog, biblatex-sbl prefers to use abbreviations for dictionaries and encyclopedias.
- The *Student Supplement* includes the definite article in sorting the two Harrington bibliography entries. In line with more recent publications, biblatex-sbl ignores articles for the purposes of sort order in the bibliography. See [https://www.sbl-site.org/assets/pdfs/pubs/9781628375008\\_OA.pdf](https://www.sbl-site.org/assets/pdfs/pubs/9781628375008_OA.pdf) for an example of this sort order. This is also the position taken by the *Chicago Manual of Style*. See §14.71 “Alphabetical order for titles by the same author” in the 18th edition.