

OT 301 Old Testament Poetry

Learning Tasks for Week 1

Learning Task 1: In 5-7 sentences, share the place the Psalms, Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs have had in your life and how they have helped you speak with God. Share the central idea from the Brief 7-10 Minute Lecture and one thing Pastor Crenshaw said about his experience with Old Testament Poetry.

Learning Task 2: Read pages (ix-28)

Learning Task 3: Lucas highlights Gunkel's classification of the psalms according to their literary type. In 5 sentences, share the two classifications and some of the criticism Gunkel received for his classification. Find a classification that differs from Gunkel's and share it. Be sure to cite the source.

Learning Task 4: Share the classification for Psalm 22, connect Lucas' common elements for lament psalms with Psalm 22 (list the connections while noting that all elements may not connect), and share whether the lament psalms suggest that enemies are the cause of psalmist illness.

Learning Task 5: In 7 sentences, share why Lucas says one should know the difference between praise that speaks "about God" and praise that speaks "to God" and why context is vital when understanding the Hebrew verb *hodah*.

Learning Task 6: In 5-7 sentences, share where Psalm 2:7 shows up in the book of Hebrews and how you interpret the writer's use of Psalm 2:7.

Learning Task 7: Lucas talks about the "mood" of some psalms. In 5-7, share the mood of Psalm 42.

Learning Task 8: In 5 sentences, elaborate on the argument for a postexilic or pre-exilic Psalter.

Learning Task 9: Lucas states, "There is nothing in the psalm to link it specifically to Moses, or indeed to suggest that it is a particularly early poem." Find a scholarly source that agrees with Lucas and one that disagrees with Lucas. In 5-7 sentences, share from both sources and then analyze and share your concluding position.

Learning Task 10: In 5 sentences, share what it means for you to know that the Psalter is divided into five books with four doxologies and the reason why book five does not have a doxology verse.

Please note the following:

- Before submitting your Week 1 Learning Tasks for the Week 1 Quiz 1, review and reread your responses for grammatical errors, clarity, and correct in-text citations for information

taken from the course textbook (only cite the page number). Correct in-text citation is required when using information from other sources (e.g., Crenshaw 2018, 17).

- No contractions (e.g., instead of writing “won’t,” “will not)
- Use Grammarly to check your work (The Premium Version is awesome www.Grammarly.com).
- Do not expect the instructor or reader to edit your work. Become proficient in proofreading your work.