

## **Michael S. Heiser**

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### **Graduate Education**

**Ph.D. (2004), University of Wisconsin-Madison**, Madison, WI; Department of Hebrew and Semitic Studies; minor in Classical Studies. My dissertation was entitled, “The Divine Council in Late Canonical and Non-Canonical Second Temple Jewish Literature.” The dissertation involved exegesis primarily in the Pentateuch, Wisdom Literature, and Isaiah, but also dealt at length with Israelite Religion (all stages), Second Temple texts (Qumran, Pseudepigrapha, Septuagint), and early rabbinic material.

**M.A. (1998), University of Wisconsin-Madison**, Madison, WI; Department of Hebrew and Semitic Studies

**M.A. (1992), University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, PA; Department of Ancient History; Major Areas: Ancient Egypt and Syria-Palestine (Israel)

**1988-1990, attended Dallas Theological Seminary** (no degree)

#### **Selected graduate coursework:**

- Biblical Hebrew
- Exegesis in Isaiah
- Exegesis in Ezekiel
- Hermeneutics
- Septuagint
- Daniel
- Pentateuch
- Church History
- Ancient Near East Religions
- Psalms & Wisdom Literature
- Ancient Near East
- History of Israel
- Syro-Palestinian Archaeology
- Akkadian (independent)
- Culture of Ancient Egypt
- Systematic Theology
- Ugaritic
- Middle Egyptian
- NT Greek
- Phoenician
- Aramaic
- Moabite
- Syriac
- Textual Criticism

### **Teaching Experience**

**Fall 2006 – present: Adjunct Instructor of Biblical Studies; Liberty Theological Seminary Distance Education program; Lynchburg, VA**

**Fall 2003: Assistant Professor of Bible, Department of Religious Studies, Grace College, Winona Lake, IN.** This position was a sabbatical replacement.

- I taught Introduction to the Old Testament, Historical Books of the Old Testament, and Christian Ethics.

**Fall 2000 – present: Adjunct Instructor, Department of Biblical Studies, College of Adult and Lifelong Learning (Correspondence and Online Program), Taylor University, Fort Wayne, IN.** I presently have six courses available for correspondence and online study:

- Wisdom Literature
- Hermeneutics
- History of Israel
- Archaeology & the OT
- Angelology
- Christian Ethics

**2000-2002: Instructor, Madison Senior Scholars Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison.** I taught five non-credit adult courses:

- Dead Sea Scrolls
- OT Pseudepigrapha
- History of the Bible
- Jesus Outside the NT
- Angelology
- World Religions

**1999-2002, Spring 2004: Teaching Assistant in the Department of Communication Arts,** University of Wisconsin-Madison. I teach Communication Arts 100, an introductory writing and public speaking course.

**1995-2002: Adjunct Instructor of History** in the Departments of Social & Behavioral Sciences, Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI. I taught World Civilizations I & II and Foundations of Christian Experience, an introductory theology class. My teaching experience included traditional undergraduates and adult learners.

**1992-1995: Assistant Professor, Department of Biblical Studies,** Pillsbury Baptist Bible College, Owatonna, MN. While at Pillsbury I taught the following courses multiple times:

- OT Survey
- NT Survey
- Pentateuch
- Bible Doctrine
- Psalms & Wisdom Literature
- Biblical Archaeology
- Ancient Near East
- Hermeneutics
- History of Israel
- Advanced Bibliology
- Greek Grammar
- Christian Ethics

## Other Academic Work Experience

- **(Current Position):** Academic Editor, Logos Research Systems / Logos Bible Software, Bellingham, WA. Logos is the leading creator of software for research in the original languages of the Bible and digital library collections for ministry and biblical study.
- Editor, Center for Education and Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Educational Sciences (series editor for the case studies for the CEW's project on Charter Schools and Real-World Practices)
- Proofreader, Hendrickson Publishers (summer, 2000; Leningradensis / Dotan Hebrew Bible project)
- Editorial Assistant, National Association for Professors of Hebrew, Department of Hebrew and Semitics, UW-Madison (this semester; responsible for the NAPH database and website)

## Publications:

### *Peer-Reviewed*

2008

- "Divine Council," in the *Dictionary of the Wisdom and Poetical Writings* (Intervarsity Press, forthcoming 2008)
- "Angels and Angel-Like Beings: Greco-Roman Literature," in the *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (Berlin: Verlag Walter de Gruyter, forthcoming 2008)

2007

- "Monotheism, Polytheism, Monolatry, or Henotheism? Toward an Assessment of Divine Plurality in the Hebrew Bible" (forthcoming, *Bulletin of Biblical Research*)
- "You've Seen One *elohim*, You've Seen Them All? A Critique of Mormonism's Use of Psalm 82" (forthcoming, *Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies Review*)
- "Response to David Bokovy's 'Ye Really ARE Gods: A Response To Michael Heiser Concerning the LDS Use of Psalm 82 and the Gospel of John'" (forthcoming, *Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies Review*)

2006

- Review of *Text and History: Old Testament Texts as a Source of Israel's History*, by Jens Bruun Kofoed (Eisenbrauns, 2004), *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 49:1 (March 2006): 137-138
- Review of *Twilight of the Gods: Polytheism in the Hebrew Bible*, by David Penchansky (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2005), *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 6 (2006-2007); online journal, <http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/JHS/reviews/review227.htm>.
- "Are Yahweh and El Distinct Deities in Deut. 32:8-9 and Psalm 82?" *HIPHIL* 3 (2006); online journal, <http://www.see-j.net/Default.aspx?tabid=77>; posted October 3, 2006.

2001

- "Deuteronomy 32:8 and the Sons of God," *Bibliotheca Sacra* 158:629 (January-March 2001): 52-74
- "The Mythological Provenance of Isaiah 14:12-15: A Reconsideration of the Ugaritic Material," *Vetus Testamentum* LI:3 (Fall 2001)

1996

- "Moses as High Priest and Sorcerer? A Response to Graham Hancock's Egyptian Explanation for the Ark of the Covenant," *Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin* (1995-1996)

#### *Academic, Not Peer-Reviewed*

- "The *Da Vinci Code* as New Age Apologetic: The Jesus Bloodline Mythology and New Age Cosmology," *Countercult Apologetics Journal* 1:2 (Feb. 2006)
- Review of *The Re-Enchantment of the West*, vol. 1, by Christopher Partridge (Continuum, 2004); *Countercult Apologetics Journal* 1:3 (2006)
- "Why Syntax Matters . . . To You!" Logos Bible Software Blog; May 30, 2006; accessed at <http://www.logos.com/logos3/syntax>.
- "What's Ugaritic Got to Do with Anything?" Logos Bible Software product page; October 25, 2006; accessed at <http://www.logos.com/ugaritic>.

#### *Electronic Resources*

- Introductions to the following books in the *Morphologically-Tagged Greek Pseudepigrapha* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2005):
  - "Book of Jubilees"; "1 Enoch"; "Testament of Abraham, Recensions A and B"; "Testament of Job"; "Joseph and Aseneth"; "Pseudo-Phocylides"; "Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs"; "Eupolemus"; "Pseudo-Eupolemus"; "Fragments of Pseudo-Greek Poets"; "Hellenistic Synagogal Prayers"; "Letter of Aristeas"; "Life of Adam and Eve"; "Martyrdom and Ascension of Isaiah"; "Sibylline Oracles"; "2 Baruch"; "3 Baruch"; "4 Baruch"; "Apocalypse of Daniel"; "Theophilus"; "Pseudo-Callisthenes"; "Ahiqar"; "Prayer of Jacob"; "Prayer of Joseph"; "Odes of Solomon"; "Demetrius the Chronographer"; "Aristobulus"; "Cleodemus Malchus"; "Artapanus"; "Ezekiel the Tragedian"; "Pseudo-Orpheus / Orphica"; "Philo the Epic Poet"; "Theodotus"; "Pseudo-Hecataeus"; "Aristeas the Exegete"; "History of Joseph"; "Eldad and Modad"; "History of the Rechabites"; "Jannes and Jambres"; "Apocryphon of Ezekiel"; "Testament of Adam"; "Apocalypse of Sedrach"; "Greek Apocalypse of Ezra"; "Apocalypse of Zephaniah"; "Psalms of Solomon"; "Apocalypse of Elijah"; "Testament of Solomon"; "Lives of the Prophets"; "Testament of Moses / Assumption of Moses"; "3 Maccabees"; "4 Maccabees"; "4 Ezra (Apocalypse of Ezra)"

- *Glossary of Logos Morpho-Syntactic Database Terminology* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2005)
- “General Introduction to the Pseudepigrapha” (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2005)
- *The King James Version Reverse Interlinear of the Old Testament* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software; forthcoming, 2008)
- *The King James Version Reverse Interlinear of the New Testament* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software; forthcoming, 2008)
- *Database of Hebrew and Northwest Semitic Inscriptions* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software; forthcoming, 2008)

#### *Popular Academic Non-Fiction Book Reviews*

- Review of *Lights in the Sky and Little Green Men: A Rationale Christian Look at UFOs and Extraterrestrials*, by Hugh Ross, Ken Samples, and Mark Clark (NavPress, 2002); <http://www.raidersnewsupdate.com>
- Review of *Alien Intrusion: UFOs and the Evolution Connection*, by Gary Bates (Master Books, 2005); <http://www.raidersnewsupdate.com>
- Review of *Body Snatchers in the Desert: The Horrible Truth At the Heart of the Roswell Story*, by Nick Redfern (Paraview, 2005); <http://www.raidersnewsupdate.com>

### **Submitted for Publication:**

- “Did Jesus Allow for Reincarnation? Assessing the Syntax of John 9:3-4”; submitted to the *Journal for Greco-Roman Christianity and Judaism*
- “Anthropomorphisms in P”; submitted to the *Journal of Biblical Literature*

### **Papers Read at Academic Conferences**

- “Anthropomorphisms in P,” Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature; May 4-6, 2007; Lethbridge, Alberta
- “Did Jesus Allow for Reincarnation? Assessing the Syntax of John 9:3-4” Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, February, 2007
- “New Implementations of Digital Resources for the Study of the Language and Literature of Ugarit”; Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Washington, DC, 2006
- “You’ve Seen One Elohim, You’ve Seen Them All? A Critique of Mormonism’s Use of Psalm 82,” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Washington, DC, 2006
- “Are YHWH and El (Elyon) Separate Deities in Deut. 32:8-9 and Psalm 82?”; International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Edinburgh, Scotland, July 2006
- “Advances in Hebrew Syntax Database Technology as a Tool for Biblical Theology,” International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Edinburgh, Scotland, July 2006
- “Monotheism, Polytheism, Monolatry, or Henotheism? Toward an Honest (and Orthodox) Assessment of Divine Plurality in the Hebrew Bible,” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Philadelphia, PA; November, 2005
- “Yahweh, the Sons of God, and the *Monogenes* Son of God, Yahweh’s Hypostatic Vice Regent: The Divine Council of Israelite Religion as the Foundation of High Christology and Heterodox Christologies,” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Philadelphia, PA; November, 2005
- “Isaiah 40-66 and Deuteronomy 4 and 32: Implications for the Rhetoric of Monotheism,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA; November, 2003

- “The Baal Cycle as Backdrop to Daniel 7: An Old Testament Rationale for Jewish Binitarianism,” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Atlanta, GA; November, 2003
- “The Jesus Ossuary: A Critical Analysis,” Annual Meeting of the Near East Archaeological Society, Atlanta, GA; November, 2003
- "The Divine Council in the Dead Sea Scrolls," Annual Meeting of the Near East Archaeological Society, Danvers, MA; November, 1999
- "The Mythological Provenance of Isaiah 14:12-15: A Reconsideration of the Ugaritic Material," Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, MA; November 1999
- "The Divine Council in the Hebrew Bible and Israelite Monotheism," Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Orlando, FL; November, 1998
- "Mount Sinai in Arabia? A Reconsideration of Frank Moore Cross's Proposal," Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Orlando, FL; November, 1998

### **Papers Accepted for Upcoming Academic Conferences**

- “The Name Theology of Israel and the Israelite Cult,” International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, July 2007

### **Memberships in Scholarly Societies**

- Evangelical Theological Society
- Society of Biblical Literature
- American Academy of Religion
- Institute for Biblical Research
- Near East Archaeological Society
- International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies