**Possible Topics for Paper 2**

Since we had not covered I & II Samuel, I & II Kings, the Prophets, or the Book of Job, at the time of the first essay, these are possibilities for topics as well as the books that we will cover in the next 3 weeks.

1. Historiography—Perceptions or Reality

2. Go Marry a Harlot: Hosea and Covenant as Marriage

3. The Colorful Careers of Judges

4. Saul: Sinning or Sinned Against

5. Judge, Prophet, Priest, King, and the Problem of Authority

6. God Save [Us From] the King

7. Sexual Violence and Politics in the Family of David

8. Yahweh: God of a People, God of All: the case of Second Isaiah (Ch. 40 ff)

9. Is Woman Favored or Ridiculed?: Varying Images of Wisdom in the Book of Proverbs

10. Job and the question of intimacy with God

11. To Know Yahweh: Social Justice and Temple Ritual

12. Why Have You Seduced Me? The Burdens of a Prophet

13. The Image of the Pharisees in Mark and Acts

14. Jesus and the Memory of Jeremiah: Jer. 7 and Mark 11-13

15. The Beginning is Half of the Whole: A Comparison of the opening three chapters of two of the gospels—especially the Infancy narratives in Matthew and Luke

16. Jesus Cites Tanahk: The Gospel of Mark

17. The Memory of a Trial and Death: Matt. 26-28, Mark 14-16, Luke 22-24,

John 18-19

18. Women in the Early Jesus Movement: Mark and Acts

19. The Christian as Interpreter: Luke 24: 13-53 and Acts 8: 26-40

20.Kashrut (Cleanliness), Circumcision and Community in Acts

21. Paul and the Hardening of Hearts: Romans 9-11

22. Making Distinctions: on Eating, Dressing, and Eucharist: I Cor. 10-11

23. Rereading Tanahk: Paul and Christian Polemic: Gal. 4, 2 Cor. 3: 7-18

24. The Wearying Wait: The Theme of Endurance in the Apocalypse

25. New Jerusalem: The City Remade -- Apocalypse 21-22:5

Two reminders:

1. Your paper is a type of commentary, that is an explication or analysis of a complicated idea, an exploration or inquiry into a problematic passage or concept, or a reflection on some lines or image of interest. You want to be sure that you don’t simply list similarities and differences; you need to comment on/analyze the significance of the point you’re making about the text.

2. You have the option of focusing this paper on how a specific literary work, author, or style has been influenced by specific biblical texts. It would be best if you could focus on literary works, authors, or style influenced by biblical texts from the Prophets through the CFW.