

This week we tried an experiment. After we listened to Amy-Jill Levine's lecture on Joshua,¹ we recorded our Q & A sessions. I broke the video lecture into 2 parts, and took questions after each part. Since the questioners are far from the mike, I will type out their questions here. This Q & A is "lightly edited." I did not take out all of my stutters and mistakes. **Feedback is appreciated. Is it helpful to post this?** pmadden@dioshpt.org

Questions: Set 1

- 1) Did Levine say that of all the people who came out of Egypt, **only two** entered the promised land?
- 2) Would their families have been allowed to enter?
- 3) Did this include the priests?
- 4a) In Levine's lecture, what was the connection between the 430 years in Egypt and the cities mentioned immediately after that: Lachish & Debir; Hazor and Megiddo?
- 4b) "The Conquest" was the conquest of Egypt, right?
- 5) **Only two** people from Egypt entered the Promised Land?
- 6) Did the Hyksos overcome the Egyptians? Or did the Egyptians overcome the Hyksos?
- 7) **Why** was the first generation not allowed to enter the Promised Land?
- 8) So the Israelites were in the wilderness for a long time?
- 9) Are the biblical numbers often just symbolic?

Questions: Set 2

- 1) Dan did not have an inheritance. Perhaps he was not a legitimate son of Jacob?
- 2) Does Amy-Jill say that Judges refutes Joshua? When were these books written?
- 3a) So the books were not written until about 600 BC, right?
- 3b) The authors of these books -- did they know each other?
- 4) Is this the same as the P source?
- 5a) Paul wrote his letters before the Gospels. This had implications for the historicity of Jesus. When you used this example, what were the implications for the historicity of Moses?
- 5b) And Moses is never really mentioned among the prophets? [**post-lecture check: "Moses" occurs 3x in the prophets**]
- 6) When you mentioned the 6th & 7th century editors, were you thinking of Baruch and Ezra?

Questions: Set 3 [after my Lecture # 31]

- 1) Moses had his experience of the divine at Sinai. Where did Joshua have his experience?
- 2) And was the angel telling him about upcoming battles?

¹ The video lectures of A. J. Levine are a 24-lecture series, *The Old Testament*, part of "The Great Courses" series. These notes are to accompany the viewing by a small group of people who wish to discuss them together. No tuition is being paid by any member of this group. Anyone who wishes a personal copy of these excellent lectures will find them available from The Teaching Company at their web site: <http://www.thegreatcourses.com/courses/old-testament.html>