

MINI- Pre-Class Assignment: Looking for Signs of Deuteronomistic Theology/Writing

This is an additional dimension of the assignment for the class on Deuteronomy and the Deuteronomistic History. It is meant to help you see signs of Deuteronomistic Theology and Writing as you read the primary texts assigned for the class. You *do not* submit written work as part of this assignment. But you should take written notes and be prepared to be a contribute your insights to class discussion, including specific themes and citations of the texts where you found those themes.

GROUPS: if you last name begins with...

- A-C: Assigned texts from Deuteronomy
- D-K: Assigned texts from Joshua
- L-Q Assigned texts from Judges and Samuel
- R-Z Assigned texts from 1 and 2 Kings

KEY VALUES/THEMES IN THE DEUTERONOMISTIC HISTORY:

(see also the reading from Richard Nelson for additional themes and discussion)

exclusive fidelity to YHWH alone

hostility toward foreign influence of any kind

purification of worship of all foreign influence

belief that YHWH will punish infidelity

but also enable destruction of foreign influence

and conquering of foreign lords

leadership accountable to enforcement of purity

PREPARE for Class

Based on your last name, look especially at the texts assigned to your group. Which of the distinctive themes/values of the Deuteronomistic History occur in your group's texts and where (chapter and verse)? Make a list and be prepared to contribute in class.