



Rembrandt, The Toilette of Bathsheba (detail)

Session 6: March 18: Solomon; Wisdom Books; Isaiah

Assignment:

Late Hebrew Bible timeline [[link](#)]

Kugel, p. 471-72 (Psalm 23)

2 Kings 22 (discovery of Deuteronomy in 622)

Kugel, p. 501-518 (Solomon; Proverbs; Ecclesiastes; Song of Songs)

Kugel, p. 520-537 (North and South)

[Second] Isaiah 52:13 through 53 (suffering servant)

Kugel, p. 539-568 (The Book of Isaiah(s))

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (valley of dry bones)

Optional Reading:

Ecclesiastes (it's short: 16 pgs)

Hayes on the Deuteronomistic History [[link](#)] [[link](#)] [[link](#)]

Hayes on Second Isaiah [[link](#)]

Looking forward:

We won't have time to read chapters 2 through 6 of Ehrman as part of our regular assignments. As introductory material to the heart of the book it's easy and accessible reading. Please plan to fit it into your schedule at some point before Session 7 on April 1st when we'll pick up reading chapter 7. Our main reading for Session 8 will be the Gospel of Mark and, if possible, I recommend that you read it ahead of time in a single burst of two-and-a-half hours focussed on the flow and story, not the details.