

Matthew Howard Patton

Personal

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Status: Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church (Vandalia, OH)
Ordained as a minister in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Education

2009–2014 Ph.D. in Biblical & Theological Studies (Concentration in Old Testament)
from Wheaton College (Wheaton, IL)

2005–2009 M.Div. from Westminster Theological Seminary (Glenside, PA)

1998–2002 B.S. in Computer Science from Lafayette College (Easton, PA)
Graduated *summa cum laude* at the top of the class.

Languages

Ancient: Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek
Modern: French, German, Spanish
(Reading knowledge only; basic speaking ability in French)

Professional Associations

Evangelical Theological Society (2010–present)
Institute for Biblical Research (2017–present)
Society of Biblical Literature (2010–2011, 2017–2020)

Teaching & Ministry Experience

Pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church (Vandalia, OH), 2015–present
Examiner in Hebrew, Greek, and piety for the Presbytery of Ohio's Candidates
and Credentials committee, 2017–present
Chair of the Presbytery of Ohio's Candidates and Credentials committee, 2018–
2021

Instructor at the Ministerial Training Institute of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church,
2017–present
Hebrew Refresher
Preaching Jeremiah

Adjunct Professor at Indianapolis Theological Seminary, 2022–present
LA 520 (Master's): Hebrew Exegesis

Instructor at Greystone Theological Institute, 2021
Jeremiah as Christian Scripture (PhD course)

Steering Committee Member, The Gospel Coalition (Miami Valley Chapter), 2017–2021

Pastoral Intern at Bethel Orthodox Presbyterian Church (Wheaton, IL), 2014–2015

Adjunct Professor at Mid-America Reformed Seminary, 2011–2012, 2014–2015
Greek 201 & Greek 202

Visiting Assistant Professor of Old Testament at Wheaton College, 2012–2014

Adjunct Professor of Old Testament at Wheaton College, 2014

BITH 211, 212 (Undergrad): Old Testament Literature and Interpretation

BITH 349 (Undergrad): OT Topics: Daniel

BITH 349 (Undergrad): OT Topics: Ezra-Nehemiah

BITH 449 (Undergrad): OT Book Study: 1 & 2 Kings

BITH 635 (Master's): Hebrew Exegesis: Jeremiah

HEBR 301, 302 (Undergrad & Master's): Elementary Hebrew

HEBR 401 (Undergrad & Master's): Intermediate Hebrew

Visiting Professor of Old Testament at Seminario ESEPA (San Jose, Costa Rica), Nov 6–12, 2012

Hebrew Discourse Analysis

Visiting Professor at Knox Theological College (Mbale, Uganda), Mar 24 – Apr 7, 2011
Preaching Christ from the Old Testament

Teaching Assistant at Wheaton College, 2009–2011

BITH 635: Hebrew Exegesis: Deuteronomy (Co-taught with Dr. Daniel I. Block as part of the pedagogical experience PhD requirement)

BITH 111: Gospel, Church and Culture (Discussion group leader for two semesters)

Pastoral Intern at New Life OPC (Williamsport, PA), 2007

Independent Software Developer with TNTMax (Wyckoff, NJ), 2006–2014

Campus Minister / Web Developer with DiscipleMakers (State College, PA), 2002–2005

Publications: Monographs

1. *Jeremiah*. Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the Old Testament (ZECOT). Grand Rapids: Zondervan, forthcoming (2025 projected).
2. *Jeremiah*. The Gospel Coalition Biblical Commentary. Deerfield, IL: The Gospel Coalition, 2023. Published on the web:
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/commentary/jeremiah/>
3. Frederic C. Putnam, co-author. Miles Van Pelt, editor. *Basics of Hebrew Discourse*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2019.
4. *Deuteronomy: A 12-Week Study*. J. I. Packer, Dane C. Ortlund, and Lane T. Dennis, eds. Knowing the Bible. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2017.
5. *Hope for a Tender Sprig: Jehoiachin in Biblical Theology*. BBR Supplement 16. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2017.

Publications: Scholarly Articles

1. Co-authors: Alison Bailey, Gary Gordon, Jennifer Scancella. "Expected Value Expansions in Rooted Graphs." *Discrete Applied Mathematics* 128 (2003): 555–71.

Publications: Popular Articles

1. "Three Things to Know about Jeremiah." *Ligonier.org*. Published February 5, 2024. <https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/3-things-jeremiah>
2. "How to Read Hebrew Poetry." *Ligonier.org*. Published January 18, 2023. <https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/hebrew-poetry>
3. "Zion." *TableTalk* 46.8 (August 2022): 22–24.
4. "The End of Exile." 3-part series for *TableTalk Magazine*.
 - a. "The End of Exile: The Old Testament as Cliffhanger." *TableTalk Magazine*. Published June 21, 2021. <https://tabletalkmagazine.com/posts/the-end-of-exile/>
 - b. "The End of Exile: Jesus Inaugurates the Restoration." *TableTalk Magazine*. Published June 28, 2021. <https://tabletalkmagazine.com/posts/the-end-of-exile-2/>
 - c. "The End of Exile: The Church's Enjoyment of Christ's Restoration." *TableTalk Magazine*. Published July 5, 2021. <https://tabletalkmagazine.com/posts/the-end-of-exile-3/>
5. "What Does Deuteronomy 31:6 Mean?" *Crossway Blog*. Published Dec 28, 2020. <https://www.crossway.org/articles/what-does-deuteronomy-316-mean/>
6. "Cherishing and Defending the Old Testament." *TableTalk* 44.10 (October 2020): 70–71.
7. "From Judgment to Restoration." *TableTalk Magazine*. Published May 15, 2020. <https://tabletalkmagazine.com/posts/judgment-onto-restoration-jeremiah-christ-and-us-2020-05/>
8. "Why Study the Book of Deuteronomy?" *Crossway Blog*. Published Aug 9, 2019. <https://www.crossway.org/articles/why-study-the-book-of-deuteronomy/>

Publications: Reviews

1. Review of Craig A. Carter. *Interpreting Scripture with the Great Tradition*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2018 in *New Horizons* (March 2019): 23.
2. Review of C. L. Crouch. *An Introduction to the Study of Jeremiah*. T&T Clark Approaches to Biblical Studies. London: Bloomsbury, 2017 in *BBR* 27.3 (2017): 403–4.
3. Review of Chad L. Eggleston. "See and Read All These Words": *The Concept of the Written in the Book of Jeremiah*. Siphut: Literature and Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures 18. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns: 2016 in *JETS* 59.4 (2016): 834–36.
4. Review of Elizabeth Robar. *The Verb and the Paragraph in Biblical Hebrew: A Cognitive-Linguistic Approach*. Studies in Semitic Languages and Linguistics 78. Leiden, Brill: 2015 in *JETS* 58.4 (2015): 810–13.
5. Review of Michael Wittmer. *Becoming Worldly Saints: Can You Serve Jesus and Still Enjoy Your Life?* Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2015 in *Themelios* 41.1 (2016): 195–97.
6. Review of Christopher J. H. Wright. *The Message of Jeremiah*. The Bible Speaks Today. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2014 in *New Horizons* (2016).
7. Review of Ohad Cohen. *The Verbal Tense System in Late Biblical Hebrew Prose*. Translated by Avi Aronsky. Harvard Semitic Studies 63. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2013 and John A. Cook. *Time and the Biblical Hebrew Verb: The*

- Expression of Tense, Aspect, and Modality*. Linguistic Studies in Ancient West Semitic 7. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2012 in WTJ 77.2 (2015): 395–98.
8. Review of Csilla Saysell. “According to the Law”: Reading Ezra 9–10 as Christian Scripture. Journal of Theological Interpretation Supplements 4. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2012 in BBR 25.1 (2015): 97–99.
 9. Review of Christopher Bryan. *Listening to the Bible: The Art of Faithful Biblical Interpretation*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014 in BBR 24.4 (2014): 536–37.
 10. Review of Andrew G. Shead. *A Mouth Full of Fire: The Word of God in the Words of Jeremiah*. New Studies in Biblical Theology 29. Nottingham, England: Apollos, 2012 in Themelios 38.3 (2013): 447–48.
 11. Review of Jason B. Hood. *The Messiah, His Brothers, and the Nations (Matthew 1.1–17)*. LNTS 441. London: T. & T. Clark, 2011 in BBR 22.1 (2012): 132–34.

Publications: Other

1. Contributor to “Jeremiah” in Lexham Context Commentary of the Old Testament. Distributed as a package in Logos Bible Software. Bellingham, WA: FaithLife, 2020.
2. Miles Van Pelt and Frederic C. Putnam, co-lecturers. *Basics of Hebrew Discourse Video Lectures*. 14 Video Lectures. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2020.

Papers Presented / Conference Activity

1. “The Resolution of Jeremiah’s Conflict with YHWH” presented at the national convention of the Evangelical Theological Society, November 15, 2023.
2. “Babylon as the Way of Life: Narrative Analogies in Jeremiah 21” presented at the national convention of the Evangelical Theological Society, November 15, 2022.
3. “The Repentance of the True Israel and the End of Exile.” Invited paper for the Greystone Postgraduate Seminar, presented via the Greystone Theological Institute (Coraopolis, PA), August 26, 2020.
4. “Jazz Chords and Photo Negatives: Narrative Analogies as the Key to Biblical Narrative.” Invited paper for IBR Unscripted, presented at the Institute for Biblical Research, November 23, 2019.
5. “*Totus Christus* as Hermeneutical Key for a Christian Reading of Jeremiah” presented at the national convention of the Evangelical Theological Society, November 17, 2017.
6. “A Little Reviving in Our Bondage: Ezra-Nehemiah as a Story of Continuing Exile” presented at the national convention of the Evangelical Theological Society, November 19, 2014.
7. “A Crown in the Dust: Literary Patterning and Jehoiachin’s Rehabilitation in 2 Kings 25:27–30,” presented at the national convention of the Evangelical Theological Society, November 15, 2012.
8. “The Lord of the Ring: The Immutability of Yahweh’s Purposes for His Davidic Signet,” presented at the national convention of the Evangelical Theological Society, November 16, 2011.
9. “The Christ Must Suffer: Jechoniah in Matthew 1:11–12,” presented at the national convention of the Evangelical Theological Society, November 19, 2010.
10. “Searching for a Truly Penitent Israel: Ezra-Nehemiah and Restoration Prophecy,” presented at the regional convention of the Evangelical Theological Society, March 26, 2009. Received 2nd place in student paper competition.

Interviews

1. "Dramatic Dialogues in Jeremiah." Greystone Conversations. Published 2021. <https://www.greystoneinstitute.org/conversations/jeremiah-dramatic-dialogue-and-conjugating-the-gospel>
2. "Hebrew Discourse Analysis." Christ the Center Podcast. Published Jan 24, 2020. <https://reformedforum.org/podcasts/ctc630/>
3. "Hermeneutics in Light of Christ's Relationship to His Body." Christ the Center Podcast. Published Dec 8, 2017. <https://reformedforum.org/podcasts/ctc519/>
4. "Narrative Analogies among Israel's and Judah's Kings." Christ the Center Podcast. Published Sept 11, 2015. <https://reformedforum.org/podcasts/ctc402/>
5. "Typology and Jehoiachin." Christ the Center Podcast. Published June 7, 2013. <https://reformedforum.org/podcasts/ctc284/>
6. "Restoration Prophecy in Ezra-Nehemiah." Christ the Center Podcast. Published Oct 2, 2009. <https://reformedforum.org/podcasts/ctc90/>