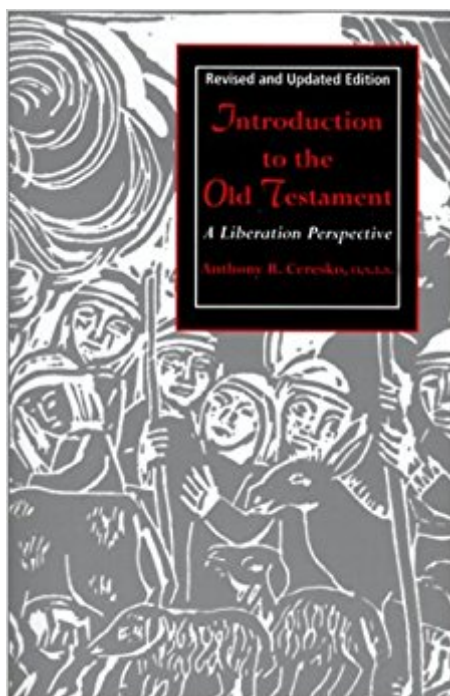


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# Introduction To The Old Testament: A Liberation Perspective



## Synopsis

Applying Norman Gottwald's thesis on Israel's origins, Cereski argues that Israel was formed through a process of social revolution, inspired by the memory of runaway slaves and their worship of a God whose cult mandated radical social equality and justice.

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A revised and updated edition which brings a fresh new look to an academic classic. Introduction to the Old Testament has become a favorite for those using a liberative approach to biblical studies. While covering standard issues such as literary formation of the texts and their religious themes, Ceresko goes behind the texts to uncover the social background and the vital history of competing interests reflected in the scriptures.

I really enjoyed reading Anthony Ceresko's book. It was comprehensive in scope with brief summations of the entire text, highlighting important verses. My only reservation is that Liberation was mentioned in the intro and the conclusion, but was not a dominant theme throughout the body of the work. I have found Dr. Jose P. Miranda's books, "Marx and the Bible" and "Being and the Messiah" to focus exclusively on the liberation theme of justice. Ceresko's book is mainly an academic treatment of the OT, presenting the scholarly views of the text and discoveries in archaeology that contribute to the context of the OT, but not focusing on the theme of liberation or social justice as prominently as Miranda. Overall, I did enjoy reading an academic treatment of the

text and the author provided much commentary and analysis instead of just summarizing the OT as Sweeney does in his intro.

It is well-written, easy to follow, and gives a concise view of the Old Testament. I think it is good for beginners, but there would have to be more research to find a balance (it shouldn't be the end all, be all) on Old Testament views. It is; however, a great book to have in your library if you are a student (and believer) of the Bible.

This book is very well written and interesting. While I must confess I have not finished it yet, what I have read has already helped to explain what at first glance appeared to be inconsistencies in the Hebrew Scriptures.

A little difficult to understand, from a "beginner's" point of view; nevertheless, very, very informative. Just what the professor ordered!

no page number! Beside the page number problem, there is nothing else to complain about. In general, I would rate it good product!

It is difficult to find a reasonably priced, scholarly yet easily readable OT Intro text. I had been using the Boadt *READING THE OLD TESTAMENT*, which I enjoyed, when our professor recommended Ceresko's book as a good and more recent alternative. If a person were to study both of these texts, paying attention to the bibliographies, one would be well served.

Textbook for a class on the OT. I have heard some of the ideas before, but the treatment here is systematic and puts ideas in perspective. I've skimmed the chapters on the Pentateuch and history, but not the wisdom books and prophets. I'm looking forward to the class.

It was a good purchase for a family member. What they needed and I believe they learned a lot from the book that assists them in their seminary mission.

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