



**Society for Biblical Literature – De Gruyter  
Prize for Biblical Studies and Reception History**

In partnership with the Society for Biblical Literature (SBL), De Gruyter has established the “Prize for Biblical Studies and Reception History” to support biblical scholars at the early stages of their careers. De Gruyter will support this award with an annual cash prize of \$1,500 for the best recent (last two calendar years) unpublished dissertation or first monograph in biblical studies, with special attention to submissions in the field of reception history, starting in 2014. Winning manuscripts will be published in appropriate De Gruyter book series or, if no appropriate series exists, as stand-alone titles.

The SBL will organize the solicitation of submissions. An SBL award committee will review submitted manuscripts. Submissions will be accepted in English language only. The Prize for Biblical Studies and Reception History is intended to be awarded annually at the SBL Annual Meeting, which takes place every November.

The submitted manuscripts will be evaluated by a committee appointed by the Research and Publications Committee of the SBL. The award committee will consist of seven persons: five members from among the SBL general membership (one of the five may be on the SBL Research and Publications Committee) and two scholars appointed by De Gruyter. All members of the award committee will have experience in directing dissertations. The committee as a whole will be diverse in terms of textual expertise and methodology, with demonstrable interest in reception history.

**Rules and Regulations:**

1. To be eligible, a dissertation must have been completed, successfully defended, and accepted no more than two years before the submission deadline. All other manuscripts must be unpublished first monographs. A dissertation must have been submitted as part of the requirement for a Ph.D. or comparable doctoral degree.
2. De Gruyter will publish the award-winning manuscript after it has been revised into a publishable book manuscript, at the sole discretion of De Gruyter.
3. An annual award ceremony will be organized at the SBL Annual Meeting.
4. The manuscript award program is open to SBL members from any country. There is no age limit.
5. Submissions are accepted in English language only (with reference to and selections of Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek, and other languages as appropriate) and must adhere to the guidelines of the *SBL Handbook of Style*. Manuscripts should be delivered in PDF format with embedded fonts to an SBL contact no later than June 1. Submissions

should include a curriculum vitae, abstract, and cover letter, and sent as attachments to [bibleandreception@sbl-site.org](mailto:bibleandreception@sbl-site.org).

7. The committee will submit its selection report to the SBL Executive Director and a De Gruyter representative no later than October 1. The award will be announced by SBL prior to the Annual Meeting (in a newsletter and the Society Report), and the prize will be publicly awarded at the Annual Meeting.