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QOHELET(H) / ECCLESIASTES

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The entries are arranged according to the date of publication. Such an arrangement facilitates a quick overview over the history of interpretation. Only publications in English are listed, which, of course, is a severe limitation. Publications listed in *Old Testament Abstracts* will be added at another time.

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M. Dahood insisted (from 1951 until his death in 1982) that Northwest Semitic studies (which includes Hebrew, Aramaic, Phoenician-Punic, Ugaritic, Eblaite, etc.) have a great impact on the reading of the basic text of the Hebrew Bible and clarify many passages in a way never available to us before the twentieth century and the various archaeological discoveries (Ugarit, 1928; Ebla, 1974/75, etc.). My own scholarly work follows Dahood very closely. The reader needs to know, though, that most scholars are either not willing or not able to follow Dahood's line of thinking.

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The publications by M. Dahood are extensive, extremely important, but seriously undervalued by many scholars (in my opinion to their detriment and to the detriment of a deeper knowledge of the biblical text).

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A complete bibliography of Dahood's publications is available from me. I own a set of copies of all of Dahood's articles and monographs. A second set of copies is stored in my office at LSTC for the use of interested students and colleagues upon request.

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