

## EBR Spellings and Capitalizations

For further spelling examples, see B. J. Collins et al. (eds.), *The SBL Handbook of Style* (Atlanta, Ga. 2014) § 4.3.6. (p. 37-52).

BUT note that differences exist between EBR and SBL spellings.

### A) Basic Rules

- *Spelling of biblical names* should follow the *New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*.
- *Spelling of non-biblical names* should follow “common usage” (check with editors) and/or “Merriam-Webster” online dictionary ([www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary)).
- *Arabic names with “al-”* should retain this in their short form (e.g., always “al-Tabari”, not “Tabari”).
- *Genitive of words ending in “s”* have apostrophe only (e.g., “Abraham’s horse” but “Amos’ horse”).
- *Note use and absence of hyphen* (e.g., “in the 17th century” but “in the 17th-century texts”).

### B) Some Common Spellings and “In-Text” Capitalizations

aggadah (except for Passover haggadah)	[ <i>not</i> : haggadah; agadah]
aggadic	[ <i>not</i> : haggadic; agadic]
‘am ha-arets	[ <i>not</i> : am haarez; ‘am ha-arets]
amoraim	
amphitheater	[ <i>not</i> : amphitheatre]
ancient Near East	[ <i>not</i> : Ancient Near East]
ancient Near Eastern	[ <i>not</i> : Ancient Near Eastern]
Antichrist, the	[ <i>not</i> : antichrist, the]
antiquity	[ <i>not</i> : Antiquity]
antisemitic	[ <i>not</i> : anti-Semitic; anti-semitic]
antisemitism	[ <i>not</i> : anti-Semitism; anti-semitism]
Apocrypha, the	[ <i>not</i> : apocrypha, the]
apocryphal	[ <i>not</i> : Apocryphal]
apostle(s), the	[ <i>not</i> : Apostle(s), the]
Aqedah	[ <i>not</i> : Akedah; aqedah]

archaeology		[ <i>not</i> : archeology]
Aramaean		[ <i>not</i> : Aramean]
ark (Noah's)		[ <i>not</i> : Ark]
ark of the covenant		[ <i>not</i> : Ark of the Covenant]
bar/bat mitzvah		[ <i>not</i> : bar/bat mitzvah; mitzwah; mitzwah]
Baroque		[ <i>not</i> : baroque]
beatitudes	(general)	[ <i>not</i> : Beatitudes]
Beatitudes, the	(NT sayings)	[ <i>not</i> : beatitudes, the]
Bible		[ <i>not</i> : bible]
biblical		[ <i>not</i> : Biblical]
biblicist		[ <i>not</i> : Biblicist]
catalogue		[ <i>not</i> : catalog]
center		[ <i>not</i> : centre]
Christology		[ <i>not</i> : christology]
christological		[ <i>not</i> : Christological]
commandment (first, second, etc.; but "Ten Commandments")		
creation, the		[ <i>not</i> : Creation, the]
Creator, the		[ <i>not</i> : creator, the]
crusader		[ <i>not</i> : Crusader]
Crusades		[ <i>not</i> : crusades]
Davidic		[ <i>not</i> : davidic]
Day of Atonement		[ <i>not</i> : day of atonement]
day of judgment		[ <i>not</i> : Day of Judgment; day of judgement]
day of Pentecost		[ <i>not</i> : Day of Pentecost]
Day of the Lord		[ <i>not</i> : day of the Lord]
deity		[ <i>not</i> : Deity]
deuterocanonical		[ <i>not</i> : Deuterocanonical]
Deuteronomic		[ <i>not</i> : deuteronomic]
Diaspora		[ <i>not</i> : diaspora]
divine		[ <i>not</i> : Divine]
Divine Warrior		[ <i>not</i> : divine warrior]
early antiquity		[ <i>not</i> : Early Antiquity]
early church		[ <i>not</i> : Early Church]
emperor, the		[ <i>not</i> : Emperor, the]
Emperor Nero	(but "the emperor Nero")	
empire, the		[ <i>not</i> : Empire, the]
Empire, Roman/Assyrian etc.		[ <i>not</i> : empire, Roman/Assyrian etc.]
Epistle to the Romans (etc.)		
Erets Israel		[ <i>not</i> : Eretz Israel; erets Israel; erez Israel]
Eucharist		[ <i>not</i> : eucharist]
eucharistic		[ <i>not</i> : Eucharistic]
exile, the		[ <i>not</i> : Exile, the]
exodus, the		[ <i>not</i> : Exodus, the]
fall, the (theological concept)		[ <i>not</i> : Fall, the]
First Temple		[ <i>not</i> : First temple; first temple]
flood, the		[ <i>not</i> : Flood, the]
footwashing		[ <i>not</i> : foot-washing]
garden of Eden		[ <i>not</i> : Garden of Eden]
genizah, a	(but "Cairo Genizah")	[ <i>not</i> : geniza]

Gentile(s)	(noun and adj.)	[ <i>not</i> : gentile(s)]
gnostic		[ <i>not</i> : Gnostic]
Gnosticism		[ <i>not</i> : gnosticism]
golden calf, the		[ <i>not</i> : Golden Calf, the]
gospel		[ <i>not</i> : Gospel]
Gospel of [title]	(but “Mark’s gospel”)	
gospels	(generically)	
Gospels, the	(division of the canon)	
Greco-Roman		[ <i>not</i> : Graeco-Roman; greco-roman]
Ḥadīth		[ <i>not</i> : ḥadīth; hadith; Hadith]
haggadah		[ <i>not</i> : aggadah]
halakhah		[ <i>not</i> : halakah; halakha; halacha]
halakhic		[ <i>not</i> : halakic; halachic]
halakhist		[ <i>not</i> : halakist; halachist]
Hanukkah		[ <i>not</i> : Chanukkah; Chanukah]
Hasidic		[ <i>not</i> : hasidic]
Hasmonean		[ <i>not</i> : Hasmonaeen]
he / him / his (God)		[ <i>not</i> : He / Him / His]
heaven		[ <i>not</i> : Heaven]
Hellenism		[ <i>not</i> : hellenism]
Hellenistic		[ <i>not</i> : hellenistic]
hellenize		[ <i>not</i> : Hellenize]
high priest		[ <i>not</i> : High Priest]
holy of holies		[ <i>not</i> : Holy of Holies]
house of David		[ <i>not</i> : House of David]
intertestamental		[ <i>not</i> : Intertestamental; inter-testamental]
Islamic		[ <i>not</i> : islamic]
Jordan River, the	(but “the river Jordan”)	
Judea		[ <i>not</i> : Judaea]
Judean		[ <i>not</i> : Judaeen]
judgment		[ <i>not</i> : judgement]
Kabbalah		[ <i>not</i> : kabbalah]
kabbalist / kabbalistic		[ <i>not</i> : Kabbalist / Kabbalistic]
king, the		[ <i>not</i> : King, the]
King David	(but “the king David”)	
kingdom of God / heaven		[ <i>not</i> : Kingdom of God / Heaven]
last days		[ <i>not</i> : Last Days]
Last Judgment		[ <i>not</i> : last judgment; Last Judgement]
late antiquity		[ <i>not</i> : Late Antiquity]
Latter-day Saints		[ <i>not</i> : Latter-Day Saints; Latter day Saints]
law	(generically)	
Law, the	(division of the canon)	
Letter to the Romans (etc.)		
Levitical		[ <i>not</i> : levitical]
Maccabean		[ <i>not</i> : Maccabaeen]
Maccabeus, Judas		[ <i>not</i> : Maccabee/Maccabaeus, Judas/Judah]
magi		[ <i>not</i> : Magi]
Masorah		[ <i>not</i> : masorah]
Masoretes		[ <i>not</i> : masoretēs]

masoretic		[ <i>not</i> : Masoretic]
Masoretic Text		[ <i>not</i> : masoretic text]
Mecca	(technical usage = Makka)	
medieval		[ <i>not</i> : Medieval; mediaeval]
Medina	(technical usage = Madina)	
messiah	(in general)	[ <i>not</i> : Messiah]
Messiah, the	(specific)	[ <i>not</i> : messiah]
messiahship		[ <i>not</i> : Messiahship]
messianic		[ <i>not</i> : Messianic]
Middle Ages		[ <i>not</i> : middle ages]
Middle East		
midrash	(in general)	[ <i>not</i> : Midrash]
Midrash	(part of the title of a work)	[ <i>not</i> : midrash]
midrashic		[ <i>not</i> : Midrashic]
midrashim		[ <i>not</i> : Midrashim]
miqwa'ot		[ <i>not</i> : mikva'ot; mikvaot; miqvaot; miqwaot]
miqweh		[ <i>not</i> : mikveh; miqweh; mikweh]
Mishnah		[ <i>not</i> : mishnah]
mishnaic		[ <i>not</i> : Mishnaic]
Muhammad		[ <i>not</i> : Muhammad; Mohammed]
Muslim		[ <i>not</i> : Moslem]
Mu'tazilite/s		[ <i>not</i> : Mutazilite]
Near East		
Negev		[ <i>not</i> : Negeb]
Neo-Assyrian period	(but "Neo-Assyrian Empire")	
Neo-Babylonian period	(but "Neo-Babylonian Empire")	
neoplatonic		[ <i>not</i> : Neoplatonic; neo-platonic]
neoplatonism		[ <i>not</i> : Neoplatonism; neo-platonism]
neoplatonist		[ <i>not</i> : Neoplatonist; neo-platonist]
northern Israel		[ <i>not</i> : Northern Israel]
northern kingdom		[ <i>not</i> : Northern Kingdom]
Northwest Semitic		[ <i>not</i> : northwest Semitic]
paleography		[ <i>not</i> : palaeography]
patriarchal		[ <i>not</i> : Patriarchal]
patriarchs, the		[ <i>not</i> : Patriarchs, the]
patristic(s)		[ <i>not</i> : Patristic(s)]
<i>Pax Romana</i>		[ <i>not</i> : pax Romana]
Pentateuch		[ <i>not</i> : pentateuch]
pentateuchal		[not: Pentateuchal]
pharaoh, the		[ <i>not</i> : Pharaoh, the]
Pharaoh	(as proper name)	
Pharisaic		[ <i>not</i> : pharisaic]
pope, the		[ <i>not</i> : Pope, the]
Pope John XXIII	(but "the pope John XXIII")	
postbiblical		[ <i>not</i> : Postbiblical; post-biblical]
postexilic		[ <i>not</i> : Postexilic; post-exilic]
post-Nicene		[ <i>not</i> : Post-Nicene; postnicene; Postnicene]
potsherd		[ <i>not</i> : potshard]
preexilic		[ <i>not</i> : Preexilic; pre-exilic]

priesthood		[ <i>not</i> : Priesthood]
Priestly Code/Document		[ <i>not</i> : priestly code/document; Priestly code/etc.]
Priestly source		[ <i>not</i> : priestly source; Priestly Source]
priestly writings		[ <i>not</i> : Priestly Writings; Priestly writings]
promised land		[ <i>not</i> : Promised Land]
prophets	(generically)	
Prophets, the	(division of the canon)	
pseudepigrapha	(generically)	
Pseudepigrapha, the	(body of literature)	
pseudepigraphic		[ <i>not</i> : Pseudepigraphic]
Qur'ān		[ <i>not</i> : Qur'an; Qur'an; Qur'ān; Koran]
qur'ānic		[ <i>not</i> : qur'anic; qur'anic; Qur'anic; Koranic]
rabbi(s)		[ <i>not</i> : Rabbi(s)]
rabbinic		[ <i>not</i> : Rabbinic]
Rasta		[ <i>not</i> : Rastafarian]
Rastas/Rastafari		[ <i>not</i> : Rastafarian]
Rastafarian movement		[ <i>not</i> : Rastafarianism]
Rebekah		[ <i>not</i> : Rebecca]
Renaissance		[ <i>not</i> : renaissance]
river Jordan, the	(but "the Jordan River")	
Saadia Gaon		[ <i>not</i> : Sa'adiah Gaon]
Sabbath, the		[ <i>not</i> : sabbath, the]
Scripture	(Bible as canon)	[ <i>not</i> : scripture]
scriptural		[ <i>not</i> : Scriptural]
Second Temple		[ <i>not</i> : Second temple; second temple]
Second Temple period		[ <i>not</i> : second temple period]
Septuagint		[ <i>not</i> : septuagint]
Sermon on the Mount/Plain		[ <i>not</i> : sermon on the mount/plain]
Son of God	(title)	[ <i>not</i> : son of God]
sons of God	(general)	[ <i>not</i> : Sons of God]
Son of Man		[ <i>not</i> : son of man]
southern kingdom		[ <i>not</i> : Southern Kingdom]
Spirit, the		[ <i>not</i> : spirit, the]
spirit of God		[ <i>not</i> : Spirit of God]
sūra		[ <i>not</i> : sura; Sūra; Sura]
synoptic	(adjective)	[ <i>not</i> : Synoptic]
Synoptic Gospels, the		[ <i>not</i> : synoptic gospels, the]
Synoptic Problem, the		[ <i>not</i> : synoptic problem, the]
Synoptics, the		[ <i>not</i> : synoptics, the]
tabernacle		[ <i>not</i> : Tabernacle]
Talmud		[ <i>not</i> : talmud]
talmudic		[ <i>not</i> : Talmudic]
talmudist		[ <i>not</i> : Talmudist]
Tanakh		[ <i>not</i> : Tanak]
tannaim		
Targum		[ <i>not</i> : targum]
targumic		[ <i>not</i> : Targumic]
targumist		[ <i>not</i> : Targumist]
temple, the	(Solomon's temple, etc.)	[ <i>not</i> : Temple, the]

Temple Mount		[ <i>not</i> : temple mount]
Ten Commandments		[ <i>not</i> : ten commandments]
tent of meeting		[ <i>not</i> : Tent of Meeting]
testament	(generically)	[ <i>not</i> : Testament]
Testaments, both	(HB/OT and NT)	[ <i>not</i> : testaments, both]
theater		[ <i>not</i> : theatre]
Third Temple		[ <i>not</i> : Third temple; third temple]
Tiglath-pileser		[ <i>not</i> : Tiglath-Pileser]
torah	(generically)	
Torah, the	(division of the canon)	
tosafist		[ <i>not</i> : Tosafist]
Tosefta		[ <i>not</i> : tosefta]
tower of Babel		[ <i>not</i> : Tower of Babel]
transfiguration, the		[ <i>not</i> : Transfiguration, the]
Twelve, the	(apostles)	[ <i>not</i> : twelve, the]
twelve apostles		[ <i>not</i> : Twelve Apostles]
twelve tribes		[ <i>not</i> : Twelve Tribes]
unchristian		[ <i>not</i> : Unchristian; un-Christian]
underworld	(adj.)	[ <i>not</i> : Underworld]
Underworld, the		[ <i>not</i> : underworld, the]
united kingdom	(Israel and Judah)	[ <i>not</i> : United Kingdom]
united monarchy		[ <i>not</i> : United Monarchy]
Upper Egypt		[ <i>not</i> : upper Egypt]
upper Galilee		[ <i>not</i> : Upper Galilee]
Urim and Thummim		[ <i>not</i> : urim and thummim]
virgin	(general)	[ <i>not</i> : Virgin]
Virgin, the	(Mary)	[ <i>not</i> : virgin, the]
virgin birth, the		[ <i>not</i> : Virgin Birth; Virgin birth]
vis-à-vis		[ <i>not</i> : vis-a-vis]
West Semitic		[ <i>not</i> : west Semitic]
Western church		[ <i>not</i> : western church]
Western text		[ <i>not</i> : western text]
wisdom	(movement, quality)	[ <i>not</i> : Wisdom]
Wisdom	(personified)	[ <i>not</i> : wisdom]
Wisdom literature		[ <i>not</i> : wisdom literature; Wisdom Literature]
wisdom tradition		[ <i>not</i> : Wisdom tradition]
wise men		[ <i>not</i> : Wise Men]
Word, the	(= Jesus)	[ <i>not</i> : word, the]
word of God		[ <i>not</i> : Word of God]
worship / worshipper / worshipping		[ <i>not</i> : worshiper / worshipping]
Writings, the	(division of the canon)	
Yahwist		[ <i>not</i> : Jahwist]
yeshivah		[ <i>not</i> : yeshiva]
YHWH	(or Yahweh)	[ <i>not</i> : yhw; Jahweh]
Yom Kippur	(Day of Atonement)	
Zealots, the		[ <i>not</i> : zealots, the]

- *Further examples to be found in SBL-HS<sup>2</sup> (§ 4.3.6. [p. 37-52]), though note that differences exist between EBR and SBL spellings. The EBR spellings here take precedence over those in SBL-HS<sup>2</sup>.*