**BOOK PROPOSAL REVIEW:** *The Historical Origins of Ancient Israel:*

*The Bible and the Archaeological Evidence Reconciled*

**Comments on Proposal and Cover Letter**: see those documents

The main issue is that the proposal, per the Zondervan website, should be no longer than five pages. I have made suggestions throughout on how to shorten it.

**Comments on Chapter 1**

1. This was well written and well argued. My comments below and the queries in the text are made to sharpen your argument and emphasize how the dating shift you argue for is both radical but simple in that it solves current chronological issues and harmonizes archaeology and the biblical text.
2. I rearranged the order a bit, moving your personal journey to the opening page. This draws the reader in and provides the reason why you have devoted 40 years of your life to this research.
3. Depending on your comfort level, you may want to expand the introductory material to explain that you are an independent researcher who has studied this subject matter while being a pilot and flight trainer.
4. Indeed, the fact that you are independent and not in academia may have given you the courage to challenge the conventional wisdom.
5. I suggest deleting phrases throughout that weaken the force of your argument, such as “potentially.” If you are convinced of your argument, let your words reflect that.
6. On the original p. 13, I incorporated the problems you could not resolve in your dissertation into the following bullet list of issues.
7. I like the ending of the chapter, which puts all your forty years of research into context.

**Comments on Chapter 32**

This was well written and well argued. My queries in the text are made to sharpen your argument.

1. This chapter showcases your use of textual evidence.
2. Please add captions for the maps and callouts for each one in the text.