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**To my amazing daughters, Megan and Alisha, wise beyond their years**

**and**

**To my beloved husband, Jonathan, infinitely supportive**

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Once again when he reminds us of Thomas S. Kuhn's work on paradigms: "But as Thomas S. Kuhn has stated in the *Structure of Scientific Revolutions*, theory often follows rather than precedes the practical 'shift in paradigm' that he regards as constituting a revolution in most research disciplines."<sup>95</sup> Perhaps the practice of a new paradigm is coming into place with the theory to follow. Perhaps we as historians of ancient Israel should acknowledge an axiom of philosopher of history, Michael Stanford,

It is therefore not a weakness of history that it generates unending debates. Therefore history is to be seen not as a set of cast-iron facts, but rather as an ongoing conversation with one's fellows about affairs of importance or interest – past, present or future. The discussion can at times become debate, or fierce argument...History is not a concept but an activity – an activity of a unique kind...History is...best understood as an endless debate, constituting an important part of the continuing conversation of mankind [sic].<sup>96</sup>

Contemporary historians then continue to press forward by contemplating increasingly complex questions. Perhaps it is in conversation with the broader discipline of history and philosophy of history that historians of ancient Israel will find acceptable foundations for a new paradigm.<sup>97</sup> Historiography in general, and historiography of ancient Israel specifically, finds itself at an extended crossroad, in need of an agreed-upon historiographic framework. In establishing this framework, the discipline must acknowledge the tradition upon which it stands; it must acknowledge the corrective challenges that have and continue to modify that tradition; it must push that tradition to ask itself challenging questions; it must reformulate itself to meet its current "depression + conduct disorder but do not have ADHD". This is a more accurate representation of the presentation clinicians must deal with in community settings. Finding "pure" examples of a single diagnosis is uncommon. Therefore, in the current study, a child was listed as having a diagnosis if he/she met the criteria for that diagnosis and regardless of the other diagnoses for which he/she might have qualified.

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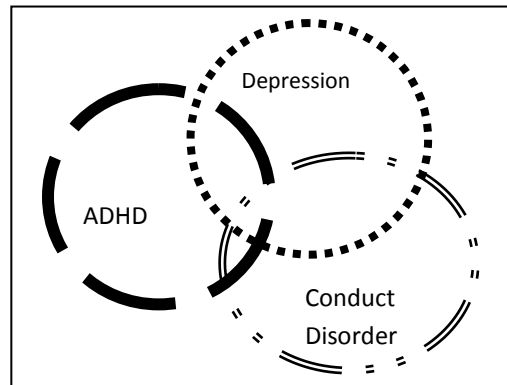
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<sup>96</sup> Stanford, *An Introduction to the Philosophy of History*, preface, viii.

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**Figure 2. Venn Diagram of Co-Morbid Disorders**

In addition to the *PCAS* diagnoses, Internalizing and Externalizing scores from the *Child Behavior Checklist* were used as indicators of “broadband-specific features” (Weiss, Susser, & Catron, 1998) rather than the narrowband-specific features represented by specific diagnostic categories. Measures of Internalizing and Externalizing behaviors function as indicators of what the parent/surrogate views as the primary problem. *T* scores for these two scales were used in analyses. These *T* scores reflect the deviation of all subjects from the mean of their respective normative (age and gender) groups in the same fashion without losing any statistical power (Achenbach, 1991).

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