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Biblical Scholarship Program Bibliography

\*Bible (Both the Hebrew and the New Testament with Apocrypha) various editions and translations. Recommended: Oxford Editions.

**Any text of the Old Testament or Hebrew Bible is acceptable.** Especially good are the Fox and Alter translations of the Torah, as is Friedman's *Commentary of the Torah* by Edward Friedman. In addition, versions of Plaut and the *Women's Torah Commentary* are good for Genesis-Deuteronomy. Others include: New Revised Standard Edition, Jewish Study Bible (published by Oxford Press), New American Edition. Translations will be compared. A Hebrew/English edition is also acceptable but not necessary. Rashi and Nachmanides commentaries are also excellent.

**The Bible:**

J. Telushkin, *Biblical Literacy: The Most Important People, Events, and Ideas of the Hebrew Bible*, W. Morrow & Co., Inc.

N. Rosen, *Biblical Women Unbound: Counter Tales*, Jewish Publication Society of America

M. Glazer, *Psalms of the Jewish Liturgy: A Guide to their Beauty, Power, and Meaning*, Aviv Press

J. Kugel, *The Great Poems of the Bible: A Reader's Companion with New Translations*, Free Press

Boadt, Lawrence. *Reading the Old Testament: An Introduction*, New York: Paulist Press, 1984

Pelikan, Jaroslav. *Whose Bible is It? A Short History of the Scriptures*. NY, London: Penguin

**Ancient Interpretations:**

RE Friedman, *The Bible with Sources Revealed*, Harper San Francisco

A Cohen, *Everyman's Talmud*, EP Dutton & Co., Inc./A Commentary Classic

CG Montefiore and H Loewe, *A Rabbinic Anthology*, Jewish Publication Society of America

A Steinsaltz, *The Essential Talmud*, Basic Books, Inc.

S. Sandmel, *The Hebrew Scriptures: An Introduction to their Literature and Religious Ideas*

GH Hartman & S Budnick, *Midrash and Literature*, Yale University Press

M Weissman *The Midrash Says*, Vols. 1-5, Benei Yakov Publications

R Hammer, *The Classic Midrash: Tannaitic Commentaries on the Bible*, Paulist Press

*The Talmud* (Soncino, Steinsaltz, Art Scroll editions)

A Bonchek, *What's Bothering Rashi (Vol 1-5): An In Depth Analysis of his Torah Commentary*, Feldheim Publishers

W Shuchat, *The Creation According to the Midrash Rabbah*, Devora Publishing

N Leibowitz, *Studies in Bereishit, Shemot, Bamidbar, Devarim*, World Zionist Organization

Kugel, James. L. *The Bible As it Was* (Cambridge, Belnap, 1997)

Torah Me'Am Loez

Frazer, James George. *Folklore of the Old Testament*

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### **Modern Biblical Criticism:**

M Mansoor, *General Survey of Hebrew Literature in Translation—The Biblical Period*, UW-Extension

Grant, Robert M. with David Tracy. *A Short History of the Interpretation of the Bible*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Revised and Enlarged. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1984. ISBN 0-8006-1762-2 (paperback)

### **Modern Interpretations:**

GL Schroeder, *The Science of G-d*, The Free Press

GL Schroeder, *Genesis and the Big Bang*, Bantam Books

Loades, Ann. Editor *Feminist Theology: a reader*. Westminster-John Knox Press, 1990

### **Archeology & Biblical Culture:**

B Feiler, *Walking the Bible*, W. Morrow & Co., Inc.

I Finkelstein & NA Silberman, *The Bible Unearthed*, Free Press

I Finkelstein & NA Silberman, *David and Solomon: In Search of the Bible's Sacred Kings and the Roots of Western Tradition*, Free Press

National Geographic Society, *Everyday Life in Bible Times*

HG May, *Oxford Bible Atlas*, Oxford University Press

Debray, Regis. *Old Testament through 100 Pieces of Art*. Translated and adapted by Benjamin Lifson. London: Merrell, 2004

Encyclopedia Judaica

**Women's Interpretations:**

\*\*Frymer-Kensky, Tikva. *Reading the Women of the Bible*. New York: Schocken Books, 2002

George, Elizabeth. *The Remarkable Women of the Bible and their message for Your Life today*. Eugene, Oregon: Harvest House Publishers, 2003 (ISBN 07-7369-0738-6pbk)

Hyman, Naomi M. *Biblical Women in the Midrash, a sourcebook*. New Jersey: Jason Aaronson, Inc., 1997

Goldstein, Elyse, Rabbi. *ReVisions: Seeing Torah Through a Feminist Lens*. Vermont: Jewish Lights

Kalas, J. Ellsworth. *Strong Was Her Faith: Women of the New Testament*. Nashville: Abingdom, 2007 (ISBN 13-978-0-687-64121-5)

*Out of the Garden: Women Writers on the Bible*, edited by Buchmann, Christina and Spiegel, Celina. New York: Fawcett, Colombine, 1994

Syswerda, Jean, E. *Women of the Bible*. Zondervan, 2002

Trible, Phyllis, *Texts of Terror: Literary Feminist Readings*

\*Kugel, James L. *How to Read the Bible, A Guide to Scripture, Then and Now*. The Free Press

\*\**Women of the Hebrew Bible*. Alice Bach, editor. New York, Routledge, 1999