

# Biblical Studies Reading List

*Students are expected to watch all films in their entirety, even if they have seen them previous to enrollment. All audio material is to be heard in full as well. For the reading material, students are expected to employ reading strategies in order to move through the material at a good pace and in a way that does not overwhelm with information. Students will receive instruction concerning reading strategies. Material to be read in full will be designated as such in the curriculum, and reading selections or excerpts will be clearly marked in the curriculum.*

- 1) Great World Religions: Judaism (Audio, Great Courses Lecture, Isaiah M. Gafni, Hebrew University)
- 2) The Story of the Bible, Parts 1 and 2 (Audio, The Teaching Company, Luke T. Johnson, Emory University)
- 3) The World's Greatest Book: The Story of How the Bible Came to Be (Book, L. Schiffman and J. Pattengale)
- 4) The Torah: A Beginner's Guide (Book, J. S. Kaminsky and J. N. Lohr)
- 5) Jesus and the Gospels (Audio, The Teaching Company, Luke T. Johnson, Emory University)
- 6) The Jewish Gospels: The Story of the Jewish Christ (Book, D. Boyarin)
- 7) Liberating the Gospels: Reading the Bible with Jewish Eyes (Book, J. S. Spong)
- 8) Beyond Belief: The Secret Gospel of Thomas (Book, E. Pagels)
- 9) A History of God: The 4000-Year Quest of Judaism, Christianity and Islam (Book, K. Armstrong)
- 10) The Indestructible Book: From Mt. Sinai to Plymouth Rock (Film, Kenneth Connolly)
- 11) The Origins of the Bible (Book, edited by Philip W. Comfort)
- 12) The Bible: A Global History (Book, Bruce Gordon)
- 13) A Most Peculiar Book: The Inherent Strangeness of the Bible (Book, Kristin M. Swenson)
- 14) Playing by the Rules: A Basic Guide to Interpreting the Bible (Book, Robert H. Stein)
- 15) The World of Jesus: Making Sense of the People and Places of Jesus' Day (Book, W. H. Marty)
- 16) Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth (Book, R. Aslan)
- 17) Miracles and Wonder: The Historical Mystery of Jesus (Book, E. Pagels)
- 18) The Pilgrim's Progress (John Bunyan)
- 19) Life in Biblical Israel (Book, Philip King and Lawrence Stager)

- 20) The Moody Handbook of Theology (Book, Paul P. Enns)
- 21) The Prophecy Handbook (Book, Carol Smith)
- 22) Tulip: The Five Points of Calvinism in the Light of Scripture (Book, Duane E. Spencer)
- 23) The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable (Book, F. F. Bruce)
- 24) Introduction to Philosophy: A Christian Perspective (Book, Norman L. Geisler and Paul D. Feinberg)
- 25) Think: A Compelling Introduction to Philosophy (Book, Simon Blackburn)
- 26) The Universe Upstairs: A Cartoon Guide to Worldviews (Book, Merve Jones)
- 27) Lifeviews: Make a Christian Impact on Culture and Society (Book, R. C. Sproul)
- 28) Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners (Book, John Bunyan)
- 29) The Autobiography of George Mueller (Book, George Mueller)
- 30) The Matrix (film, 1999, dir. by L. Wachowski and L. Wachowski)
- 31) Hail, Caesar (film, 2016, dir. by E. Coen and J. Coen)
- 32) Magic in the Moonlight (film, 2014, dir. by Woody Allen)
- 33) Lady in the Water (film, 2006, dir. by M. Night Shyamalan)
- 34) Signs (film, 2002, dir. by M. Night Shyamalan)
- 35) Life of Pi (film, 2012, dir. by And Lee)
- 36) Contact (film, 1997, dir. by R. Zemeckis)
- 37) All Is Lost (film, 2013, dir. by J. C. Chandor)
- 38) Gravity (film, 2013, dir. by Alfonso Cuaron)
- 39) Collateral Beauty (film, 2016, dir. by David Frankel)
- 40) Hereafter (film, 2010, dir. by Clint Eastwood)