

Biblical Studies Matriculation Suggested Reading

Some Useful Short Introductions

Bauckham, R., *Jesus*, OUP, 2011

Coogan, M. *The Old Testament*, OUP, 2008

Johnson, L.T., *The New Testament*, OUP, 2010

Riches, J., *The Bible*, OUP, 2000

Sanders, E. P., *Paul*, OUP, 2001

Barton, J. *A History of the Bible: The Book and its Faiths*, Penguin, 2020

More Detailed Studies:

I. Old Testament Literature

Introductory reading: J. J. Collins, *Introduction to the Hebrew Bible*, Augsburg, 2004. Pp. 283 – 306; 505 – 521 (this book is very useful for all sections of the exam)

Special studies:

The Joseph Story: C. Westermann, *Genesis 37 – 50*. Augsburg, 1986.

Amos: K. Koch, *The Prophets, Volume I, The Assyrian Period*, SCM 1978 pp. 1-75

Book of Job: J. L. Crenshaw, "Job, Book of." In *Anchor Bible Dictionary vol 3*, pp. 858 – 68.

C. Newsom, "The Book of Job" in *New Interpreter's Bible, vol. 4*, 319 -637.

N. Habel, *The Book of Job*, Westminster, 1985. (a more detailed study)

2. Early Christian Literature and Jewish world of Jesus

(a) Narrative: Acts of the Apostles

B. D Ehrman, *The New Testament: A Historical Introduction to the Early Christian Writings*. Oxford 2004 (ch. 9)

(b) Gospels: Mark's Gospel: B. D. Ehrman, *The New Testament: A Historical Introduction to the Early Christian Writings* (ch. 5)

(c) Letters: First Corinthians: B. D. Ehrman, *The New Testament: A Historical Introduction to the Early Christian Writings* (ch. 20)

(d) Jewish World of Jesus:

S. Freyne, *The World of the New Testament*. 1980

J. Neusner, *Judaism At the Beginning of Christianity*. 1984.