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**JPS Classic References:**

1. **JPS Tanakh**
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   *Genesis* (Nahum M. Sarna), *Exodus* (Nahum M. Sarna), *Leviticus* (Baruch A. Levine), *Numbers* (Jacob Milgrom), *Deuteronomy* (Jeffrey H. Tigay)

3. **JPS Bible Commentary**
   Five Torah volumes (above) plus these additional six volumes: *Jonah* (Uriel Simon), *Ecclesiastes* (Michael V. Fox), *Esther* (Adele Berlin), *Ruth* (Tamara Cohn Eskenazi, Tikva Frymer-Kensky), *Song of Songs*-NEW (Michael Fishbane)

4. **The Commentators’ Bible – The Rubin JPS Miqra’ot Gedolot**
   *Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy*-NEW, *Genesis* to be published in 2018
   Edited, translated and annotated by Michael Carasik

5. **Legends of the Jews** (2 vols.)
   By Louis Ginzberg

**Other worthy references:**

b. *Who’s Who in the Jewish Bible* (David Mandel)
c. *How to Read the Bible* (Marc Brettler)

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| 1. A History of the Bible    | *The Divine Symphony: The Bible’s Many Voices*  
                                 | (Israel Knohl)                                                              |
| 2. The Bible as Literature   | *The Bible’s Many Voices*  
                                 | (Michael Carasik)                                                          |
| 3. The Bible’s Strangest Stories | *From Gods to God: How the Bible Debunked, Suppressed, or Changed Ancient Myths & Legends*  
                                 | (Avigdor Shinan and Yair Zakovitch)                                        |
| 4. The World of the Torah    | *Torah Through Time: Understanding Bible Commentary from Rabbinic Period to Modern Times*  
                                 | (Shai Cherry)                                                              |
| 5. The Lost Scriptures       | *Outside the Bible: Ancient Jewish Writings Related to Scripture* 3 vols.  
                                 | (Louis H. Feldman, James L. Kugel, Lawrence H. Schiffman, eds.)            |
                                 | (Niles Goldstein)                                                         |
| 7. Kabbalah and the Bible    | *The Aura of Torah: A Kabbalistic-Hasidic Commentary to the Weekly Readings*  
                                 | (Rabbi Larry Tabick)                                                      |
| 8. Hasidism and the Bible    | *The Language of Truth: The Torah Commentary on the Sefat Emet*  
                                 | (Arthur Green)                                                            |
| 9. Matriarchs                | *The Lost Matriarch: Finding Leah in the Bible and Midrash*  
                                 | (Jerry Rabow)                                                             |
                                 | (Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin)                                                 |