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Below are **five classic JPS references**, followed by **ten suggestions for courses** based on some of our best books in Bible Studies.

#### **JPS Classic References:**

1. ***JPS TANAKH***

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2. ***JPS Torah Commentary***

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

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*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:**

a. ***The Jewish Bible: A JPS Guide***

b. ***Who's Who in the Jewish Bible*** (David Mandel)

c. ***How to Read the Bible*** (Marc Brettler)

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## Course Suggestions:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Suggested Text</b>
1. <i>A History of the Bible</i>	<b><i>The Divine Symphony: The Bible's Many Voices</i></b> (Israel Knohl)
2. <i>The Bible as Literature</i>	<b><i>The Bible's Many Voices</i></b> (Michael Carasik)
3. <i>The Bible's Strangest Stories</i>	<b><i>From Gods to God: How the Bible Debunked, Suppressed, or Changed Ancient Myths &amp; Legends</i></b> (Avigdor Shinan and Yair Zakovitch)
4. <i>The World of the Torah</i>	<b><i>Torah Through Time: Understanding Bible Commentary from Rabbinic Period to Modern Times</i></b> (Shai Cherry)
5. <i>The Lost Scriptures</i>	<b><i>Outside the Bible: Ancient Jewish Writings Related to Scripture</i></b> 3 vols. (Louis H. Feldman, James L. Kugel, Lawrence H. Schiffman, eds.)
6. <i>Questions from the Bible</i>	<b><i>Eight Questions of Faith: Biblical Challenges That Guide and Ground Our Lives</i></b> (Niles Goldstein)
7. <i>Kabbalah and the Bible</i>	<b><i>The Aura of Torah: A Kabbalistic-Hasidic Commentary to the Weekly Readings</i></b> (Rabbi Larry Tabick)
8. <i>Hasidism and the Bible</i>	<b><i>The Language of Truth: The Torah Commentary on the Sefat Emet</i></b> (Arthur Green)
9. <i>Matriarchs</i>	<b><i>The Lost Matriarch: Finding Leah in the Bible and Midrash</i></b> (Jerry Rabow)
10. <i>Patriarchs</i>	<b><i>The Gods Are Broken: The Hidden Legacy of Abraham</i></b> (Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin)

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