# THEOLOGY AND BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

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### **REQUIRED TEXTS**

- J. Todd Billings The Word of God for the People of God (Eerdmans 2010). 0802862357
- Stephen Fowl *Theological Interpretation of Scripture: Classic and Contemporary Readings* (Wiley Blackwell 1997). ISBN 1557868352. This book may be available in other editions, in which case that would be acceptable to buy.

#### **RECOMMENDED TEXTS**

#### **Books**

- Gary Anderson, *The Genesis of Perfection: Adam and Eve in Jewish and Christian Imagination* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 2002). 280 pp. Catholic perspective w appreciation for Orthodox & Judaism.
- Augustine On Christian Teaching Trans. R.H.P. Green (Oxford World Classics, 2008).
- Bonhoeffer *Life Together & Prayer Book of the Bible*. Vol. 5 of the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works (Augsburg Fortress 2004). 234 pp.
- Sarah Coakley, God, Sexuality and the Self: An Essay 'On the Trinity' (Cambridge University Press, 2013), 384 pp.
- Ellen Davis, *Biblical Prophecy: Perspectives for Christian Theology, Discipleship, and Ministry* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 2014) 250 pp
- Karlfreid Froelich Sensing the Scripture: Aminadab's Chariot and the Predicament of Biblical Interpretation (Fortress, 2014), 176 pp.
- Michael Legaspi, The Death of Scripture and the Rise of Biblical Studies (Oxford University Press, 2010). 169 pp
- Peter Leithart *Deep Exegesis: The Mystery of Reading Scripture* (Baylor University Press, 2009). 209 pp. A quite conservative Reformed perspective informed by post-modern hermeneutics and Anglican liturgy.
- Jon Levenson *The Hebrew Bible, the Old Testament, and Historical Criticism: Jews and Christians in Biblical Studies* (Westminster 1993).
- Matthew Levering *Participatory Biblical Exegesis* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2008).
- Andrew Louth Discerning the Mystery (Wichita Ks: Eighth Day Press, 2007). The key text of the class.
- Russell Reno and John O'Keefe Sanctified Vision: An Introduction to Early Christian Interpretation of the Bible (Hopkins 2005).

## **Essays**

- Lewis Ayres, "On the Teaching and Practice of Christian Doctrine," Gregorianum 80, no. 1 (1999): 33-84.
- Stephen Fowl, "Vigilant Communities and Virtuous Readers," in *Engaging Scripture: A Model for Theological Interpretation* (Eugene, Oreg.: Wipf & Stock, 2008).
- Stanley Hauerwas, *Unleashing the Scripture: Freeing the Bible from Captivity to America* (Nashville: Abingdon, 1993), part 1, pp 7-46.
- Nicholas Lash *Theology on the Way to Emmaus* (London: SCM, 1986), especially the essays "Performing the Scriptures" and "What Might Martyrdom Mean."
- Jon Levenson *The Hebrew Bible, the Old Testament, and Historical Criticism: Jews and Christians in Biblical Studies.* 188 pp Jewish perspective