Women in the Hebrew Bible Fall 2017 HBS 428

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Required Books:

Ebeling, Jennie R. *Women’s Lives in Biblical Times*. New York: T&T Clark, 2010. (ISBN

9780567196446)

Gafney, Wilda C. *Womanist Midrash: A Reintroduction to the Women of the Torah and the*

*Throne*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2017. (ISBN 9780664239039)

Newsom, Carol A., Sharon H. Ringe and Jacqueline E. Lapsley, Eds. *Women’s Bible*

*Commentary: Twentieth-Anniversary Edition (Third Edition)*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2012. (ISBN 9780664237073)

Recommended Books:

Stanton, Elizabeth Cady. *The Woman’s Bible*. 1895. (multiple reprinted editions available)

Trible, Phyllis. *God and the Rhetoric of Sexuality*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 1978. (ISBN

9780800604646)

Weems, Renita. *Just a Sister Away: A Womanist Vision of Women’s Relationships in the Bible*. 1991. Repr., Publishing/Editing Network, 1991. (ISBN 978-0931055522)

Wolfe, Lisa M. *Ruth, Esther, Song of Songs, and Judith*. Eugene, OR: Cascade Press, 2011.

(ISBN 9781606085202)

Each student will complete four reading logs and one student presentation throughout the course of the semester. Each student will submit one final paper or project.

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| Date | Topic  | Read before class | Discussion questions: be prepared to share your answers in class |
| Aug. 22 | Women in Ancient Israel  | Ebeling (whole book) | **1.** What did you learn that surprised you about women in biblical times? **2.** What are some of the incorrect assumptions many people have about women in biblical times? **3.** How do our assumptions about women in biblical times inform our Bible reading? **4.** What are the main things we need to be teaching about women in biblical times? |