**BIBHB 604B: BOOK OF JOB**

Fall 2023/Mondays 6:30-9:30/Synchronous Online

Instructor: Julie Ann Duncan

**COURSE DESCRIPTION/OUTCOMES**

At the end of the course students will have:

1. Gained familiarity with the book of Job, its theological themes, and the major critical issues involved.
2. Developed skills in close reading of texts.
3. Become acquainted with features of Hebrew narrative style, and Hebrew poetry.
4. Gained proficiency in reading and assessing scholarly positions on critical issues and gained confidence in dialoguing with the “experts.”
5. Reinforced knowledge acquired in the introductory Hebrew Bible course (major theological themes, genres, etc.).
6. Be able to exegete a passage or passages from Job in a longer format project, such as a topical or exegetical paper.

**FORMAT**

Text assignments should be prepared using the commentary by Carol Newsom (*New Interpreter’s Bible*) as an orientation point, along with the secondary references listed on the weekly schedule.

Several portions of this book pose difficulties for translators and it is good to be aware that English translations are conjectural at points. Given the challenges of the text it is critical that participants read the assigned passages with care, and with attentiveness to these issues (note that interpretations may vary due to translation choices).

REQUIREMENTS:

1) An exegesis paper, 11-13 pages in length (2,750 to 3, 250 words), due December 17th. Students have the option of doing a topical or thematic paper. (30%)

2) Participation includes the following:

1. Regular attendance (5%)

1. Thoughtful participation in class discussions, reflecting familiarity with the biblical text and assigned reading, including your preparation of the weekly study guides (distributed in advance). (35%)
2. One or two reports on a scholarly essay, article, or film (depending on class size). These should be between 20 and 30 minutes in length, depending on the material; allow an additional 10-15 minutes for discussion. Some may be done in partnership. (30 % total).[[1]](#footnote-1)

*NOTE: Guidelines for reports will be posted on the course site.*

**Required Texts**

Newsom, Carol. "The Book of Job." *The New Interpreter's Bible*. Vol. IV. Nashville:

Abingdon, 1996. ISBN 9780687278176 Price: 57.00 at Amazon.com

Gutiérrez, Gustavo. *On Job: God-Talk and the Suffering of the Innocent*. Maryknoll:

Orbis, 1987. ISBN 9780883445525 Price: 18.00 at Amazon.com

Janzen, J. Gerald. *Job*. Interpretation Series; Atlanta: John Knox, l985.

ISBN 9780664238773 Price: 25.00 at Amazon.com

**Supplemental:**

Holbert, John. *Preaching Job*. St. Louis: Chalice Press, 1999.

ISBN 9781610972789. Price: 9.99 to 12.99 at Amazon.com

**General Introductions to Wisdom Literature**

Brown, William. *Wisdom’s Wonder: Character, Creation, and Crisis in Bible’s Wisdom*

*Literature*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2014.

Ceresko, Anthony. *Introduction to Old Testament Wisdom: A Spirituality for Liberation*. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1999.

Clifford, Richard. *The Wisdom Literature*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1998.

Murphy, Roland. *The Tree of Life: An Exploration of Biblical Wisdom Literature*. Grand

Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002.

Weeks, Stuart. *An Introduction to the Study of Wisdom Literature*. London: T&T Clark,

2010.

**Commentaries**

Alter, Robert. *The Wisdom Books: Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes*.A translation

with commentary. New York: W.W. Norton and Company, 2010.

Anderson, F. I. *Job: An Introduction and Commentary*. Tyndale Old Testament

Commentaries. Downers Grove: Inter-Varsity, 1976.

Balentine, Samuel. *Job.* Macon, GA: Smyth & Helwys, 2006.

Clines, David. *Job 1-20*.Word Biblical Commentary. Dallas: Word, 1989.

Clines, David.  *Job 21-37*. Word Biblical Commentary, Dallas: Word, 2006.

Clines, David. *Job 38-42.*  Word Biblical Commentary, Dallas: Word, 2011.

Crenshaw, James. *Reading Job: A Literary and Theological Commentary*. Macon:

Smyth and Helwys, 2011.

Good, Edwin. *In Turns of Tempest: A Reading of Job with A Translation.*  Stanford:

Stanford University Press, 1990.

Gordis, Robert. *The Book of Job: Commentary, New Translation, and Special*

*Studies.* New York: Jewish Theological Seminary, 1978.

Hester, David. *Job*. Interpretation Bible Studies. Louisville: Westminster, 2005.

Lewis, Andrew Zach. *Approaching Job*. Eugene: Cascade Books, 2017.

Pope, Marvin. *Job*. 3rd Edition. Anchor Bible 15. Garden City: Doubleday, l973.

Rowley, H. H. *The Book of Job*. New Century Bible, London: Oliphants, 1976.

Seow, C.L. *Job 1-21*: Interpretation and Commentary. Illuminations Series. Grand

Rapids: Eerdmans, 2013.

Stone, Ken. “Job.” In The *Queer Bible Commentary*, edited by Deryn Guest et al. SCM

Press: 2006.

Wilson, Lindsay. *Job*. The Two Horizons Old Testament Commentary. Grand Rapids:

Eerdmans, 2015.

**Additional Resources**

Balentine, Samuel. *Have You Considered My Servant Job? Understanding the Biblical*

*Archetype of Patience*. Columbia, South Carolina: South Carolina University Press, 2015.

Balentine, Samuel. *Look at Me and Be Appalled. Essays on Job, Theology, and Ethics:*

*An Interdisciplinary Dialogue.*  Leiden: Brill, 2021.

Blumenthal, David R. *Facing the Abusing God: A Theology of Protest*.

Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1993.

Bowler, Kate. *Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I’ve Loved*. New

York: Random House, 2018.

Brown, William. *The Seven Pillars of Creation: The Bible, Science, and the Ecology of*

*Wonder*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2010.

Carter, Jason A. *Inside the Whirlwind. The Book of Job Through African Eyes*.

Eugene: Pickwick, 2017.

Cho, Eun Suk. “Job 3 in the Creation of God: An Exegetical Essay from a Korean

Perspective.” *The Asia Journal of Theology* 16 (2002).

Claassens, Juliana. “Tragic Laughter: Laughter as Resistance in the Book of Job.”

*Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 69/2 (2015) 143-155.

Dell, Katherine and Will Kynes. *Reading Job Intertextually*. New York: Bloomsbury,

2013.

Fackenheim, Emil, ed. *The Jewish Bible after the Holocaust: A Rereading*.

Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1999.

Farley, Wendy. *Tragic Vision and Divine Compassion: A Contemporary Theodicy*.

Louisville: Westminster, 1990.

Habel, Norman. “In Defense of God the Sage,” in *The Voice from the Whirlwind:*

*Interpreting the Book of Job*.Ed. Leo G. Perdue and W. Clark Gilpin.

Nashville: Abingdon, 1992.

Herman, Judith. *Trauma and Recovery: The Aftermath of Violence – From Domestic*

*Abuse To Political Terror*. New York: Basic Books, 1997.

Kahn, Jack. *Job’s Illness: Loss, Grief, and Integration*. Oxford: Pergamon Press,

1975.

Kushner, Harold. *The Book of Job: When Bad Things Happened to a Good Person*.

Jewish Encounters Series. New York: Nextbook, 2012.

Linafelt, Todd (ed.). *Strange Fire: Reading the Bible after the Holocaust*. New York:

New York University Press; Sheffield, Sheffield Academic Press, 2000.

Long, William and Glandion Carney. *A Hard-Fought Hope: Journeying with Job*

*Through Mystery*. Nashville: Upper Room Books, 2004.

Masenya, Madipoane. “Job” (237-243), in H.R. Page and R. Bailey (eds.). *The Africana*

*Bible: Reading Israel’s Scriptures from Africa and the African Diaspora*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2010.

McKenzie, Alyce.  *Preaching Biblical Wisdom in a Self-Help Society.* Nashville;

Abingdon, 2002.

McKibben, Bill. *The Comforting Whirlwind*: *God, Job, and the Scale of Creation*.

Cambridge: Cowley Publications, 2005.

Newsom, Carol. *The Book of Job: A Contest of Moral Imaginations*. New York: Oxford

University Press, 2003.

Ngwa, Kenneth. “Did Job Suffer for Nothing? The Ethics of Piety, Presumption and the

Reception of Disaster in the Prologue of Job.” *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament 33* (2009) 359-380.

Nielsen, Kirsten, “Post-traumatic Stress Disorder and the Book of Job,” (62-70), in

Eve-Marie Becker, Jan Dochhorn and Else Holt (eds.).*Trauma and Traumatization in Individual and Collective Dimensions: Insights from Biblical Studies and Beyond*. Gottingen:Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2014.

Pardes, Ilana and Leora Batnitsky (eds). *The Book of Job: Aesthetics, Ethics,*

*Hermeneutics*. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2015. Available online.

<https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/northwestern/detail.action?docID=1377127>

Perdue, Leo. *Wisdom in Revolt: Metaphorical Theology in the Book of Job*. Sheffield:

JSOT Press, 1991.

Sweeney, Marvin. “*Reading the Hebrew Bible after the Shoah: Engaging Holocaust*

*Theology*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2008.

Walton, John H. and Tremper Longman III, *How to Read Job*. Downers Grove:

Intervarsity Press, 2015.

Whedbee, J. William. “The Comedy of Job: Creation, Chaos, and Carnival” (221-262), in

*The Bible and the Comic Vision*. Cambridge: Cambridge Press, 1998.

**Advance reading** (anytime before 9/18):

E. Barreto and M. Chan, *Exploring the Bible, “*How Do We Read Wisdom Literature?”

79-86 (c.14). Available on course site.

E. Barreto and M. Chan, *Exploring the Bible, “*How Do We Read Narratives?”

87-94 (c.13). Available on course site.

The Book of Job: cc. 1-7 and 38-41 (in the NRSV translation).

**Schedule of Readings**

*[Note: Essays, films, and forums marked by a double asterisk are student presentation options]*

**Mon 9/11**

Introduction/Orientation

**Mon 9/18**

**The Wisdom Literature**

Texts:

Pritchard, *The Ancient Near East*, vol. 1, pp. 421-424 ("Instruction of Amen-em

Opet"). Available on course site.

Proverbs 10:1-22:16 (select any three chapters).

Proverbs 1-9.

Reading:

R. Clifford, *The Wisdom Literature*, pages17-21 (“Our Quest and the Bible’s

Wisdom”) and 33-38 (Egyptian wisdom literature). On course site.

Read the introduction to Proverbs in the Oxford Annotated Study Bible (NRSV).

Roland Murphy, *Tree of Life*, 1-29.

Supplementary:

Carol Newsom, “Positive Psychology and Ancient Israelite Wisdom” (117-135)

in Brent Strawn (ed.) *The Bible and The Pursuit of Happiness*.

Carol Newsom, “Woman and the Discourse of Patriarchal Wisdom”(142-160) in

Peggy Day (ed.) *Gender and Difference in Ancient Israel*.

Robert Alter, *The Art of Biblical Poetry*, 163-184 ("Poetry of Wit").

**Book of Job: Introductory Issues**

Carol Newsom, "Book of Job," *New Interpreter's Bible*, 319-325 (from

Introduction).

Gustavo Gutiérrez, *On Job: God-Talk and the Suffering of the Innocent*, l-6.

Gerald Janzen*, Job*, 15-24 (from Introduction).

Supplementary:

D. Clines, "Story and Poem: The Old Testament as Literature and as Scripture"

*Interpretation* 34 (1980) 115-127.

K. Stendahl, "The Bible as a Classic and the Bible as Holy Scripture" *JBL* 103

(1984) 3-10.

**Mon 9/25**

(Note: A study guide will be distributed for these sessions)

**Discussion – Job 1–2**

David Hester, *Job*, 7-17.

Newsom, *New Interpreter’s Bible*, 343-358.

Ilana Pardes, “Job’s Wife” (144-156 [esp. 144-151]) in *Countertraditions*

*in the Bible: A* *Feminist Approach*.

(Review) G. Gutierrez, 1-6 (“The Wager”).

Optional: Janzen, *Job*, 34-60 (with special attention to 51-60).

**Discussion – A Riddle:** The relationship between the prologue (Job 1-2)

and the poetic section (Job 3–42: 6)

Newsom, *New Interpreter’s Bible*, 320- 324 (review).

M. Pope, *Job* (Anchor Bible) xxiii – xxx (*The Problem of Literary*

*Integrity).*

N. Habel, *Book of Job*, 25-35 (supplemental).

Supplementary:

D. Clines, "False Naivety in the Prologue to Job," *Hebrew Union Annual*

*Review* (1985)127-136.

Robert Wafula, “Power and Conflict Management: The Joban-God Talk” in

*Narrative and Conflict: Explorations in Theory and Practice* 3 (2016) 20.

Michael Fox. “The Meaning of the Book of Job.” *Journal of Biblical Literature*

137 (2018) 7-18.

**Mon 10/2**

Additional general orientation to Job:

Newsom, 325-334 **(**this continues her introduction: date and provenance, and ancient Near Eastern background.)

**Mon 10/2**  (cont.)

**Session Discussion: Job 3 (Job's Lament)** Study guide provided.

C. Newsom, 362-372.

G. Gutiérrez, 7-10 ("Between Death and Life").

J. Holbert, *Preaching Job* (17-21).

On Hebrew Poetry – *Read within the next two weeks*.

Adele Berlin, “Introduction to Hebrew Poetry, *NIB IV*, 301-315, esp. 303- 305 (parallelism) and 311-314 (Imagery). [[2]](#footnote-2)

Supplementary:

Karen Langton, “Job’s Attempt to Regain Control: Traces of A Babylonian Birth

Incantation in Job 3.” *JSOT* 36 (2012) 459-69.

Moshe Halbertal, “Job, the Mourner” (37-46) in Ilana Pardes and Leora Batnitsky

(eds.), *The Book of Job: Aesthetics, Ethics, Hermeneutics*.

Katherine O’Connor, “Job Uncreates the World,” *Horizons in HBT* 34 (1996) 4-8.

R. Alter, 3-26 and 62-84, *Art of* *Biblical Poetry* (“Dynamics of Parallelism” and

"Structures of Intensification").

Eun Suk Cho. “Job 3 in the Creation of God: An Exegetical Essay from a

Korean Perspective.” *The Asia Journal of Theology* 16 (2002).

**Mon 10/9**

**Session 1 Discussion: Job 4-5** (Beginning of 1st Cycle) (See Study Guide)

Newsom, *NIB IV,* 375-384.

Janzen, 71-75 (Job 4-5).

**Session 2 Discussion Job 6-7 (**Job’s 1st reply) (See Study Guide)

Newsom, 384-396.

Janzen, 76-82 (Job 6, 7)

Gutiérrez, 21-30 ("Sorry Comforters").

Susan Brison, "Survival Course," *New York Times Magazine* (1993) 20- 21.

J. Holbert, *Preaching* Job, 31-39.

Supplementary:

Paul Duke, “First Prayer from the Ashes: A Sermon on Job 7:7-21,” *Review and*

*Expositor* 99 (2002) 615-19.

Michael Lyons, “‘I Also Could Talk as You Do’(Job 16:4): The Function of

Intratextual Quotation and Allusion in Job,” in Katherine Dell and Will

Kyne (ed.), *Reading Job Intertextually*.

N. Habel, " 'Only the Jackal is my Friend'; On Friends and Redeemers in

Job," *Interpretation* 31 (1977) 227-237). (Job 6)

**Mon 10/16 Texts: Job 8–14**

# Session 1 Job 9-10 and Job 12-14 See Study Guide on the lawsuit theme

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N. Habel, *Job,* Old Testament Library,54-57 (on the lawsuit theme in Job).

Read Newsom’s commentary for chapter 9 and 10 (*NIB*).

Read the biblical text for chapters 9, 12 and 13 with particular attentiveness.

**Session 2 Discussion: Bildad (Job 8) and Zophar (Job 11)**

Read Newsom’s commentary for chapters 8 and 11. Study Guide provided.

**Mon 10/23**

**Session 1 Text: Job 15-21** *(2nd cycle***)** (esp. chapters 15-17)

**Text: Job 22-27 (***3rd cycle)* **(**esp. chapters 22 and 23:1 - 24:17**)**

**Discussion: Job 16-17** (Study guide provided)

J. Holbert, 71-77 (Job 16-17)

G. Janzen, 122-127 (Job 16-17)

Supplementary:

G. Gutierrez, *On Job*, 31-38.

J. Briggs Curtis, "On Job's Witness in Heaven," *JBL* 102 (1983) 549-562.

**Session 2**

**Text: Job 27:1-6; and chapters 29­–31** *(Job's Oath of Integrity and*

*Job's Apology)*

**\*\* Report**: Carol Newsom, "The Moral Sense of Nature: Ethics in the Light of

God's Speech to Job," *Princeton Seminary Bulletin* 15 (1994) 9-27.

**Mon 10/30**

**Session 1**

**Text:** (*review*) **Job 27:1-6 and chapters 29 – 31**

Overview of the Lawsuit Theme (with attention to Job’s Oath of Integrity

27:1-6).

Newsom, *NIB*, 522-523 and 525 -526 (includes 27:1-6 and *Theological*

*Reflections* on 27: 1-6).

Newsom, *NIB*, 551-555 (Chapter 31, *Job’s Oath of Innocence*).

**NOTE:** Be prepared to discuss the observations and questions raised in Carol Newsom’s

*Theological Reflections* on Job 27:1-6 (*Job’s Oath of Integrity*) 525-526.

Supplementary:

G. Janzen, *Job*, 201-206 **(**on Job 29-31).

G. Gutierrez, 39-43 (*God and the Poor*).

F. Fensham, "Widow, Orphan, and the Poor in Ancient Near Eastern Legal

Literature," in *Studies in Ancient Israelite Wisdom*.

**\*\* Session 2 Student led forum: TheElihu Speeches (32 –37)** (see Study Guide)

Read 32:1–34:37 and 36:22–37:24.

**For general orientation read:**

Newsom, 558 – 560 (*NIB*).

H. H. Rowley, *Book of Job*, New Century Bible Commentary,12-13.

M. Pope, *Job*, Anchor Bible, xxvii - xxviii.

N. Habel, *Job,* 36-37.

**The contribution of Elihu: A Debate**

J. Holbert, *Preaching Job*, 112–118.

Long and Carney, *A Hard-Fought Hope*, 121-129 (“Listening

Differently”).

Supplementary on Elihu:

Edwin Good, *In Turns of Tempest*, 319-337.

C. L. Seow, *Job 1-21*: *Interpretation And Commentary*, pp. 31-37.

G. Gutierrez, *On Job*, 43-49 (Divine Pedagogy and the Cry of the Oppressed).

**Session 3 Job 28 An Interlude**

J. Holbert, *Preaching Job*, pp.107-109.

Robert Alter, *The Wisdom Books: A Translation with Commentary*, pp.114-118.

Supplementary:

Newsom, *NIB*, 528-533.

**Mon 11/6**

**Text: Job 38 – 40: 5** (First Whirlwind Speech/ Job’s First Response)

**Text: Psalm 104**

Readings:

Newsom, *NIB*, 597-614 (“Understanding the Divine Plan in the World”)

**\*\*Report** Robert Gordis, "The Lord Out of the Whirlwind. The Climax and

Meaning of Job," *Judaism* 13 (1964) 48-63.

**\*Report** Kathleen M. O’Connor, “Wild, Raging Creativity: Job in the

Whirlwind.” In *Earth, Wind, and Fire: Biblical and Theological Perspectives on Creation*, edited by Carol Dempsey and Mary Margaret Pazdan, 48-56. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2004.

Supplementary:

G. Janzen, *Job*, 225-242.

Bill McKibben, The *Comforting Whirlwind*: *God, Job, and the Scale of Creation*.

William Brown, “Wonder Gone Wild,” pp. 109-131, in *Wisdom’s Wonder*.

Norman Habel, “In Defense of God the Sage” in L. Perdue and W. Gilpin, *Voice*

*from* *the Whirlwind,* 21-38.

Robert Wafula. “Power and Conflict Management: The Joban-God

Talk,”*Narrative and Conflict: Explorations in Theory and Practice* 3 (2016) 1-20.

**Mon 11/13** **Session 1 Text: Job 40: 6-14** (Bridge to 2nd Whirlwind Speech)

Study Guide provided.

David Hester, *Job*, 89-92 **(“**Out of theWhirlwind A Second Time”)

Newsom, *NIB*, 614-617 (“Understanding the Nature of Divine Governance”).

G. Janzen, *Job,* 243-244.

**Session 2 Text: Job 40: 15 – 41: 34** (2nd Whirlwind: Behemoth/Leviathan)

David Hester, *Job*, 92-97 **(“**Out of the Whirlwind a Second Time”)

Newsom, *NIB*, 618-627

**\*\*Report:**  Ken Stone, “Job.” In *The* *Queer Bible Commentary*, edited by Deryn Guest,

et al., 294-303 (The Speeches of God). London: SCM Press, 2006.

**\*\*Report:** William Brown, “Wonder Gone Wild,” pp. 109-131, in *Wisdom’s Wonder*.

See also the conversation with William Brown at: https://thetwotestaments.com/job-38-41-the-divine-speeches-with-william-p-brown/.

Supplementary:

R. Alter, “Truth and Poetry in the Book of Job,” in *Art of Biblical Poetry (Revised*

*and updated)* 105-138.

T.C. Ham, “The Gentle Voice of God in Job.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 132 (2013)

527-541.

Bill McKibben, *The Comforting Whirlwind: God, Job, and the Scale of Creation.*

William Brown, “Wonder Gone Wild,” pp. 109-135, in *Wisdom’s Wonder*.

John Briggs Curtis. “On Job’s Response to Yahweh,” *Journal of Biblical*

*Literature* 98 (1979) 497-511.

**Preview** (time permitting)**: Job’s Final Response (Job 42: 1-6)**

**Mon 11/20** ***Thanksgiving Recess***

**Mon 11/27 Text: Job 42:1-6** (Job’s Final Response)

Newsom, *NIB,* 627-632.

Supplementary:

Dale Patrick, “The Translation of Job 42:6,” VT 26 (1979) 497-511.

J. Kaplan, “Maimonides, Dale Patrick, and Job 42: 6,” *Vetus Testamentum* 28

(1978) 356-358.

W. Morrow, “Consolation, Rejection and Repentance in Job 42: 6,” JBL 105

(1986).

J. Briggs Curtis, “On Job’s Response to Yahweh,” *Journal of Biblical Literature*

98 (1979) 497-511.

Ellen Van Wolde, “The Development of Job: Mrs. Job as Catalyst,” A. Brenner

(ed.), *A Feminist companion to Wisdom Literature*.

**\*\*Report:** Film: *God on Trial*. Teleplay by Frank Cottrell Boyce. Hat Trick

Productions, 2008.

Supplementary on Job and Post-Holocaust Theology:

Alexandra Zapruder, *Salvaged Pages: Young Writers’ Diaries of the Holocaust*.

Second Edition. Yale University Press, 2015.

Marvin Sweeney, “The Shoah and Biblical Theology” (1-22) in *Reading the Hebrew*

*Bible after the Shoah: Engaging Holocaust Theology*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2008.

Stephen Kepnes, “Job and Post-Holocaust Theodicy” (252-256) in T. Linafelt (ed.)

*Strange Fire: Reading the Bible after the Holocaust*. New York: New York University,2000.

Eli Wiesel, *All Rivers Run to the Sea: Memoirs*. New York, Schocken, 1995.

Eli Wiesel, “Job: Our Contemporary,” in *Messengers of God*: *Biblical Portraits and*

*Legends*. New York: Summit, 1976.

**Mon 12/4** Reading/Research Day

**Mon 12/11 Text: 42:7-17 The Epilogue**

\*\*Student led discussion based on questions and insights submitted by students,

drawing on the assigned readings.[[3]](#footnote-3)#

C. Newsom, 634-637 (Epilogue).

J. Holbert, *Preaching Job* (Epilogue) 143-148.

N.Habel, *Job*, 583-586 (Epilogue).

J. Crenshaw, *A Literary and Theological Commentary*, 159-65 (Epilogue and

Postscript: Why Read Job Today?)

\*\* **Report:** Moshe Halbertal, “Job, the Mourner.” In *The Book of Job: Aesthetics, Ethics, Hermeneutics*, edited by Leora Batnisky and Ilana Pardes, 37-46. Berlin: DeGruyter, 2014.

**\*\* Report:** J. Holbert, “On Becoming a Joban Preacher,” in *Preaching Job* (149-

163).

**\*\* Report** (optional)**:** Film *The Tree of Life*. Directed by Terrence Malick. Fox

Searchlight Pictures, 2011**.**

Supplementary:

Ilana Pardes, “Job’s Wife” (144-156, esp. 151-156) in *Countertraditions in the*

*Bible: A* *Feminist Approach*.

Peter Leithart, *Shining Glory: Theological Reflections on Terence Malick’s Tree*

*of Life*. Wipf and Stock, 2013.

J. William Whedbee, “The Comedy of Job: Creation, Chaos, and Carnival” (221-

262), in *The Bible and the Comic Vision* (Cambridge: Cambridge Press, 1998.

Michael Fox. “The Meaning of the Book of Job.” *Journal of Biblical Literature*

137 (2018) 7-18.

Ellen Davis, “Job and Jacob: The Integrity of Faith,” (203-24) in Dana Fewell

(ed.), *Reading Between Texts: Intertextuality and the Hebrew Bible*.

Additional Films:

“A Serious Man.” Directed by Ethan and Joel Coen. Focus Features,

2009.

“Adam’s Apples”(Danish). Directed by Anders Jensen. Nordisk Film,

2005.

1. Reports and other student-led forums will be marked with a double asterisk. \*\* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. This essay is posted on the course site for your convenience; however, it may also be found in Vol IV of the NIB, the same volume containing *Job*. You may wish to read it there, since the quality of print is better. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. # Each student submits one to two questions arising from reading, AND any new insights gained from readings. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)