# Comprehensive Exam Reading List (New Testament) (March 2018)

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# Biblical Studies: Method, Hermeneutics, Criticism, Linguistics (1386 pp.)

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