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## **Biblical Themes in Science Fiction**

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*Biblical Themes in Science Fiction* is a handbook for exploring how biblical themes appear in contemporary science fiction. Contributors Frank Bosman, Rhonda Burnette-Bletsch, Krista N. Dalton, Tom de Bruin, James F. McGrath, Kelly J. Murphy, Steven J. Schweitzer, Jason A. Staples, Nicole L. Tilford, Christine Wenderoth, and Jackie Wyse-Rhodes examine the relationship between ancient and modern depictions of Adam and Eve, the tower of Babel, Noah's ark, handmaids, utopian cities, the promised land, the city of Babylon, messiahs, resurrection, and the apocalypse. Works of science fiction explored range from book series such as *Lilith's Brood* to television shows such as *Doctor Who* and video games such as *Fallout 3*. Essays are supplemented by images and key science fiction sources for diving deeper into how the Bible influenced authors and creators. An afterword considers the imaginative impulses common to both science fiction and biblical texts.

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