

Here is a list of some of my favorites [in addition to Josephus (translated by William Whiston or, more recently, Paul L. Maier)--that is a text book for the Intertestament Period]. As a side note, I like anything by Aubrey de Selincourt and books like the Landmark series and Blanco's Herodotus which have numerous helps. I also like the modern author Michael Grant (A Guide to the Ancient World, The Roman Emperors, et al), and the less recent Will Durant (The Story of Civilization series)

First tier (multiple copies recommended)

Herodotus (translated by Andrea L.

Purvis **ISBN-10:** 1400031141; **ISBN-13:** 978-1400031146 or by Aubrey de

Selincourt **ISBN-10:** 0140449086; **ISBN-13:** 978-0140449082 or by Walter Blanco an edition with commentary/criticism **ISBN-10:** 0393959465; **ISBN-13:** 978-0393959468)

Livy

(**ISBN-10:** 0140448098; **ISBN-13:** 978-0140448092 and **ISBN-10:** 0140443886; **ISBN-13:** 978-0140443882 and **ISBN-10:** 0199555974; **ISBN-13:** 978-0199555970 and **ISBN-10:** 0140443185; **ISBN-13:** 978-0140443189)

Tacitus (**ISBN-10:** 0812966996; **ISBN-13:** 978-0812966992)

Suetonius

(**ISBN-10:** 0140455167; **ISBN-13:** 978-0140455168 or **ISBN-10:** 0199537569; **ISBN-13:** 978-0199537563)

Juvenal [one of the most under-rated writers of antiquity due to the nature of his work]

(**ISBN-10:** 0140447040; **ISBN-13:** 978-0140447040)

Second tier (one or two copies would be sufficient)

Plutarch

(**ISBN-10:** 1420933515; **ISBN-13:** 978-1420933512 and **ISBN-10:** 1420933787; **ISBN-13:** 978-1420933789)

Philo (**ISBN-10:** 1565638093; **ISBN-13:** 978-1565638099)

Third tier (these would be good to have, but are not necessary)

Arrian (**ISBN-10:** 037542346X; **ISBN-13:** 978-0375423468)

Thucydides (**ISBN-10:** 0684827905; **ISBN-13:** 978-0684827902)

Xenophon (**ISBN-10:** 1400034760; **ISBN-13:** 978-1400034765

and **ISBN-10:** 0140440070; **ISBN-13:** 978-0140440072)

Polybius (**ISBN-10:** 0140443622; **ISBN-13:** 978-0140443622

and **ISBN-10:** 1420934236; **ISBN-13:** 978-1420934236)

Diodorus Siculus

Curtius Rufus

Lucian

Fourth tier (if someone were giving them away)

Cicero, Sallust, et al Roman politics

Homer, Virgil, Ovid, Hesiod, Theognis, Aeschylus, et al mythology (great for appreciating the religious background of the people whom Paul was addressing)

The Greek Alexander Romance