

Torah & Histories (BibSt-Fdn 3)

Part 1 of a 2-part survey of the Hebrew Bible or Christian Old Testament
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Reading Guide #1, Torah/Pentateuch Part One: Genesis

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This is the first of four monthly Reading Guides, which will give specific reading assignments of the biblical texts. Please refer to the Syllabus for the distinction between “*reading through*” and “*reading closely*.” You can do these readings in any order that seems reasonable to you.

Read through the following (remember, you may skim or even skip these as appropriate):

Genesis chapters 1-50

Read closely and prepare for discussion all of the following passages or chapters.
They are listed here in the order that we will probably discuss them.

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| 1. Gen 1:1 – 2:4a | first Creation narrative |
| 2. Gen 2:4b – 3:24 | second Creation narrative and Garden of Eden |
| 3. Gen 37:18-36 | Joseph sold into slavery |
| 4. Gen 5:32 – 9:17 | flood narrative |
| 5. Gen 18-19 | destruction of Sodom |
| 6. Gen 34 | rape of Dinah |
| 7. Gen 49 | Jacob’s deathbed blessing |
| 8. Gen 22 | binding (or “sacrifice”) of Isaac |