

Selected Bibliography on Genesis 1-3
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Also see bibliography on the Pentateuch for materials on the book of Genesis
[\[http://www.scriptureworkshop.com/biblio_pentateuch.pdf\]](http://www.scriptureworkshop.com/biblio_pentateuch.pdf).

Below are two lists: first, a listing of readings for a course entitled *Seven Ways to Read Genesis 1-3* (2004); and second, a list of selected materials that the student may find of use. This is a very select list as publications on this area are especially voluminous.

- (1) **Augustine**, *The Literal Meaning of Genesis*. Trans. John Hammond Taylor. Ancient Christian Writers, vol. 41. New York: Paulist, 1982, vol. 1: 1-207, and (ACW, vol. 42) vol. 2: 29-42, 80-83, 109-110 (with 279, n. 40), 115-118, 164-65, and 174-177.
- (2) **Judaic Readings**
Targum Neophiti, trans. and ed. Martin McNamara, *The Aramaic Bible*. Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 1992.
Rashi, that is, Rabbi Shlomo Yitzhaki, *The Metsudah Chumash/ Rashi*. 5 vols. Ed. Rabbi Avrohom Davis. New York: Ktav Publishing House, 1998 (on Gen 1-3) (also available at www.tachash.org/metsudah/b01r.html).
- (3) **Calvin**, John. *Commentary on the First Book of Moses Called Genesis* (on Gen 1-3); and *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, book 1, parts 14-15, and book 2, part 1.
- (4) **Documentary Hypothesis or JEDP**
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Friedman, Richard Elliot. *The Bible with Its Sources Revealed: A New View into the Five Books of Moses*. HarperSanFrancisco, 2003, 1-38.
- (5) **Scientific Readings of Genesis 1-3**
Gap Theory
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- (7) **Barth**, Karl. *Church Dogmatics*, 3.1, eds. G. W. Bromiley and T. F. Torrance. London: T&T Clark, 1958.
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- Ostling, Richard N. "The Search for the Historical Adam: The center of the evolution debate has shifted from asking whether we came from earlier animals to whether we could have come from one man and one woman." *Christianity Today* (June 2011): 23-27. (This article offers a very helpful synopsis of many of the significant developments which have taken place in selected streams of American evangelical academic approaches to handling the Genesis creation narrative in light of current genetic studies. The treatment includes references to the work of Karl W. Giberson and other BioLogos writers, a couple of professors at Calvin, as well as the severances between selected evangelical institutions and Peter Enns, Bruce Waltke, and Tremper Longman III. There is nothing new or surprising, but this frames the context of the scientifically informed side of the discussion. [This essay does not mention the work of John Walton, or his forthcoming items, as well as forthcoming items taking issue with some of Walton's views. Moreover, this article does not deal with the ongoing ancient genre discussions, which play an important part in all of the evangelical biblical specialists views, often more so than scientific developments. I am not criticizing Ostling's article—it is very useful in telling the scientific side of the story.]
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