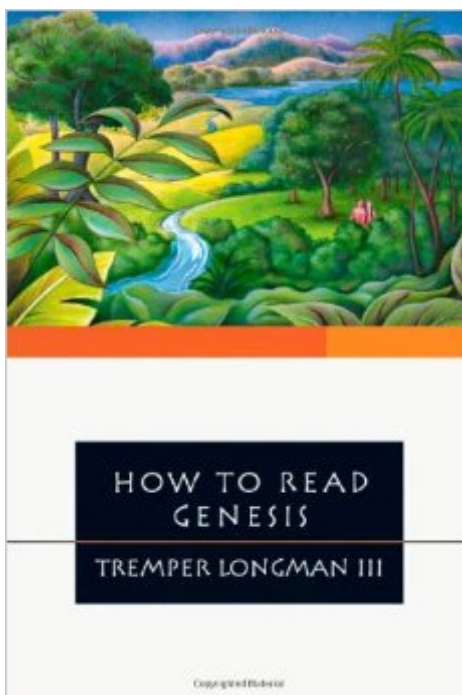


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Tremper Longman wrote this book and didn't want to admit that it was a commentary in the scholarly sense of the word. Well, I gotta tell ya, Tremper... the book's a commentary in the scholarly sense of the word! Granted, Longman does not do a verse-by-verse exegesis or an elaborate Hebrew translation, but he does provide ample commentary on the subject in the Book of Genesis, some using professional scholarship as insight. Even if the book is a professional

commentary, I have to say that it certainly sets itself into a unique class amongst Biblical study texts. Longman writes *How to Read Genesis* for simple reading, and he does cover all topics of Genesis (some more than others). His writing style and what he found important to comment on was sometimes different than what I wanted to read. I found myself disagreeing a whole heck of a lot with his comments, too! (Maybe that's what he meant when denying that this book is a commentary - he added his opinion to some concepts that he felt were left open to speculation.) Anyway, the greatest value I received from this book wasn't so much "how to read" the great Book of Genesis (because I found myself disagreeing so much with Longman), but from the background and comparative stories that the author provided. He didn't just present a straight commentary on Genesis - he offered insight to other civilizations, religions, and cultures during the supposed times that Genesis was written or was referencing. This, in many ways, offered a sort of "side story" which is great for adding to your Bible study. I would recommend this book to anybody who has already read the Book of Genesis. I tried reading Longman's book alongside reading Genesis to see if I could get better insight that way, but it didn't work.

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