



PHIL 250
Plato and the Bible

Spring 2025
TTh 3:10-4:25 pm

Texts of Terror
An Exploration of Violence in the Bible

Erasure of woman. Ethnic cleansing and genocide. Slavery. Hellfire. In a world riddled with violence, the Bible seems to only make things worse, But is this really the whole picture? This class proposes to critically examine the “texts of terror” of the Bible: The first bloody chapters of the book of Genesis, the genocidal texts of the book of Exodus, the violence of God in the book of Job, the problematic status of women in the book of Genesis and the Epistles of Paul, and finally, the apocalyptic books of Daniel and Revelation.