

## **Bible: Introduction**

## **Religion, Kilbridge**

### **Essential Questions:**

What is it?  
Why is it important?  
Who wrote it?  
When was it written?  
Where was it written?  
Why was it written?  
How was it written?

### **Skills to develop:**

Bible Navigation  
Exegesis  
Map reading  
Genealogical trees  
Timelines (and problems with biblical chronology)  
Reflection

### ***Terms/Dates/people/places to know and understand:***

Inspiration theories  
Contextual vs. literal reading  
Documentary Hypothesis  
Tanak (Hebrew Bible)  
Pentateuch/Torah/Law: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy  
Genesis  
Anthropomorphism  
Primordial History  
Creation stories  
God/Elohim/YHWH  
Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel, Seth, Noah  
Patriarchs: Abraham/Sarah, Isaac/Rebecca, Jacob/Leah/Rachel, Joseph and Benjamin  
(etc)  
Covenant  
Israelites/Hebrews  
Epiphany, theophany  
Ur, Haran, Canaan (Promised Land), Bethel, Egypt  
Exodus (1250 BC, est.)  
Moses, Pharaoh, Miriam, Aaron  
Joshua, etc  
Mosaic Law: Ten Commandments (Decalogue), etc  
*Shema*  
Natural Law  
Sin  
Holy Days: Day of Atonement, Passover, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur  
Ark of the Covenant, Holy of Holies  
Priests  
Mt. Nebo, Jordan River  
Sin, Punishment, Repentance, Forgiveness  
Joshua (Book of)  
Jericho  
Just War Theory and the Ban  
Judges (Book of)  
Deborah, Samson, Jephthah

Philistines

*historical books*

1, 2 Samuel

1,2 Kings

Ancient Near East

United Monarchy/Kingdom (1030 – 922)

Samuel, Saul, David, Solomon

Bathsheba, Uriah, Nathan, Amnon/Tamar/Absalom, Abner...

Hebron, Jerusalem

Dynastic Promise

Psalms

Temple

Divided Kingdom (922)

Israel (North), Judah (South)

Shechem, Jeroboam, Rehoboam, Shishak

Prophets: Elijah and Elisha, and writing prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos, etc)

Kings: Ahab/Jezebel, Josiah, Hezekiah

Tiglath-Piliser (Pul), Shalmeneser, Sargon, Sennechrib, Nebuchadnezzar

Aramaic

Assyrian Empire, Babylonian Empire

Fall of Samaria (722)

Deuteronomist

Fall of Jerusalem (587)

Babylonian Exile (587-537)

Diaspora

Jews

Messianic Speculation

Cyrus, Persian Empire

Second Temple Period

Remnant, Ezra

Synagogues

Samaritans

Alexander, Seleucids, Ptolemies

Septuagint, Alexandria

Antiochus IV, Judas Maccabee, Hanukah (164)

Pharisees, Sadducees

Romans, Pompey (63 BC)

Herod the Great

Talmud, Mishnah, Rabbis, Hillel the Elder,

Apocalypticism, Essenes

Zealots

Jewish War with Rome, Jerusalem/Second Temple destroyed (67-70 AD)

Supercessionism

Anti-Semitism