



# Introduction to the Bible

## BIBL 1300

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  - [ATLAS Online Journal Collection \(http://search.epnet.com\)](http://search.epnet.com)
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  - **One, and only one** article from the Wikipedia ([English](#) or [Spanish](#)).
- [Introduction to the Study of the Bible](#) (Read by Aug 30)
- How We Got the Bible (Composition, Text, & Canon)
  - [What Is the Bible?](#) (Read by Aug 30)
  - [Who Wrote the Books of the Bible?](#) (Read by Aug 30)
  - [How Were the Books of the Bible Composed?](#) (Read by Aug 30)
  - [What Do We Mean when We Talk about the Bible Being Inspired?](#) (Read by Aug 30)
  - [The Text of Scripture](#) (Read by Sep 6)
  - [The Canon of Scripture](#) (Read by Sep 6)
  - [The Development of the English and Spanish Bibles](#) (Read by Sep 6)
  - [The Lord's Prayer in Old English and Middle English](#)
  - [The Lord's Prayer in Latin](#)
  - [Lindisfarne Gospels](#) (Latin with Old English glosses)
  - [Gospel of Thomas](#)
  - [Egerton Gospel fragments](#)
  - [History of the Palestine Problem](#) (United Nations report)
  - [Populations Statistics of Israel/Palestine \(1914-2004\)](#)
  - [Review of Harry Y. Gamble, \*Books and Readers in the Early Church: A History of Early Christian Texts\*](#)
  - [Review of Kim Haines-Eitzen, \*Guardians of Letters: Literacy, Power, and the Transmitters of Early Christian Literature\*, and another review](#)
  - [Review of George Howard, \*Hebrew Gospel of Matthew\*, and Howard's response](#)

- [TC sample](#)
- [Archaeology \(Read by Sep 13\)](#)
- [Historical Background of the Bible \(Read by Sep 13\)](#)
- [Religion in the Biblical World \(Read by Sep 20\)](#)
- Ways of Reading the Bible
  - [Ways of Reading the Bible: Overview \(Read by Sep 20\)](#)
  - [Ways of Reading the Bible: Sample 1 \(Judges 11:29-40\) \(Read by Sep 27\)](#)
  - [Ways of Reading the Bible: Sample 2 \(Obadiah\) \(Read by Sep 27\)](#)
  - [Ways of Reading the Bible: Sample 3 \(Psalm 22\) \(Read by Sep 27\)](#)
  - [Ways of Reading the Bible: Sample 4 \(Luke 16:19-31\) \(Read by Sep 27\)](#)
  - [Ways of Reading the Bible: Sample 5 \(Philemon\) \(Read by Sep 27\)](#)
  - [Martin Luther King, "I Have a Dream"](#)
- **\*\*\*Sample Questions for Midterm Exam\*\*\***
- Blank maps: [Mediterranean World](#), [Palestine](#)
- Hermeneutics
  - [Hermeneutics: General Principles \(Read by Oct 11\)](#)
    - Gen 1-4, 12
    - Exod 12-15, 20-23
    - 2 Sam 5-7; 1 Kgs 11-12; 2 Kgs 22-23
  - [Hermeneutics: Specific Principles \(Read by Oct 18\)](#)
    - Pss 1, 6, 29, 93, 117, 118, 121, 150
    - Prov 10-12; Job 3-4; Eccl 3, 8-9
    - Amos 1-3; Hos 11, 14; Mic 7; Isa 1-3
- [\(Read by Oct 25\)](#)
  - Jer 18, 20; Ezek 1, 18, 37; Isa 42, 55-56
  - Tobit 2; Judith 13; Additions to Esther 14; Susanna, Bel and the Dragon
  - Wisdom of Solomon 3, 10; Sirach 4, 37; 1 Maccabees 1-3; 2 Maccabees 7-8
- [Major Biblical Themes \(Read by Nov 1\)](#)
  - Mark 1, 13-16; Matt 5-7
  - Luke 4, 9, 15, 19; John 1, 3, 15, 18, 20
  - Rom 1-3; 1 Cor 12-15; Gal 1-2
- [History of Interpretation \(Read by Nov 8\)](#)
  - Phil 2; Col 1; Eph 4; Acts 2, 17-18
  - Heb 7-8, 11; James 2; 1 John 3; Rev 12-13
- Richard J. Clifford, "Did It Happen? Is It True?" *America* 194 (2006): 17-19 (found in the [Academic Search Premier](#) database; check "Academic Search Premier," click Continue, and search for "did it happen," with the Publication name "America") [\(Read by Nov 15\)](#)
- [Science and the Bible \(Read by Nov 29\)](#)
  - Ernest Lucas, "[Science and the Bible: Are They Incompatible?](#)" (click on this link, which includes a brief bio of the author, then click on his lecture, or download the MP3 file and listen) [\(Read/Listen by Nov 29\)](#)
  - [Interview with Richard Dawkins](#)
    - prominent evolutionary biologist and atheist discusses science and religion
  - [Interview with Francis Collins](#)
    - former leader of Human Genome Project, doctor, scientist, and Christian discusses science and religion
  - [Radioisotope Decay Chain](#)
  - [The Record of Time: Chronometric Techniques, Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)
  - [Cosmology FAQ](#)
  - [Ancient Continents and Oceans](#)
  - [Plate Tectonics](#)

- [Geologic Time Scale](#)
- [Index to Creationist Claims](#) (scientific responses to many specific creationist arguments)
- Discussion of the evolution of [whales](#), [whales](#), [horse](#), [horses](#)
- [Comparison of Hominid Skulls \(+ \*Pan\*\)](#)
- [Hominid Species](#)
- [Life on other planets?](#)
- [Habitable exoplanet](#)