

# Biblical Backgrounds

## **Course Description**

This class is an in-depth study of the books of the First Testament. The goals of the class are, first, to give the student a deeper cultural and theological understanding of the Bible. The second is to help the student understand the narrative themes of these books and how they fit into the greater metanarratives of the Bible as one story of Yahweh's redemption of humanity and creation.

## **Class Materials**

Every day, students are required to bring to class their own Bibles, paper, and pencil or pen. Failure to do so will affect one's ability to do well on the quizzes and tests. NO laptops, tablets, or phones.

## **Coursework**

**Homework (10%):** There will be weekly reading and questions from the Bible due every Monday. All reading questions must be hand written and in complete sentences. Reading assignments will not be accepted one week after their due date.

**Quizzes (30%):** There will be a quiz every fourth school day over the material covered in class. Quizzes will not be allowed to be made up after the unit test. There will also be weekly map quizzes.

**Tests (60%):** There will be a test at the end of every unit (usually every two or three weeks).

## **RenWeb**

Each student can monitor their own class grades through the RenWeb system. Homework assignments will be posted on RenWeb at the end of each Friday for the following week.

## **Webpage**

Assignments and handouts that are passed out in class can also be downloaded at my webpage at [www.knowingthebible.net/wc-classes/biblical-backgrounds](http://www.knowingthebible.net/wc-classes/biblical-backgrounds)

## **Study Tools**

I have provided **Unit Objective sheets** for each unit, which are all on my website (*Biblical Backgrounds Unit Objectives* link). These sheets provide all the key terms and ideas that you need to know for the entire unit. They will help you take better notes and help you focus their studying for the tests.

I have provided **Quizzlet flash cards** for each unit. Please use these on a regular basis. But please know that these can only do so much. They will help you memorize the facts, but they cannot help you understand the depths of the ideas. So you still need to listen in class and study your notes. The flash cards are where you should start.

## **Contact**

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