



Syllabus

Course: Bible Times and Ancient Kingdoms

Credit Hours: 3

Instructor: David W. Cloud

PowerPoints for this course can be found on the Media List at <https://www.wayoflife.org/media/>

Class Description: *Bible Times and Ancient Kingdoms* is a training course on Bible geography, Bible culture, Bible history, and Bible archaeology, which has a two-fold objective: to present apologetic evidence for the Bible and to give background material to help the student better understand the setting of Bible history.

Texts Required for class:

The King James Bible

Bible Times and Ancient Kingdoms by David W. Cloud, 673 pages, Sixth Edition, January 2022.

Outcomes—At the end of the course, all students will be able to:

1. Thoroughly understand the historical world of the Bible from Genesis to the New Testament.
2. Identify many of the archaeological discoveries and explain how God's hand is in this field, in spite of its prevailing skepticism.
3. Clearly understand Bible culture that is widely overlooked and ignored.
4. Locate Biblical events discussed in class on maps.
5. Gain a wider knowledge of important but little-known facts that illuminate Bible history and culture.
6. Read the Bible with new eyes and fresh enthusiasm.

Evaluation—the class grade will be broken up in the following manner:

Tests (4) – 70%

Quizzes (10) – 15%

Course Projects (3) – 15%

90–100%	A	70–79%	C
80–89%	B	0–69%	D (Failing)

Validation:

Outcome 1. Students read *Bible Times and Ancient Kingdoms* completely and answer all review questions along with viewing all PowerPoint slides.

Outcome 2. Students take diligent notes during class over the geography, culture, history, and archeology related to Bible times.

Outcome 3. Students memorize verses pertaining to Bible times.

Outcome 4. Students take tests and quizzes over the material covered in class and read outside of class.

Outcome 5. Students write papers on specific customs and a dominant leader of a Kingdom or Empire as discussed in the book.

There are two options for taking this class. They are the following:

- **Slower Pace-15 Week Option**

This option takes a total of 15 weeks and has regular assignments three times every week: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

- **Advanced-One Month Option**

This option takes a total of 4 weeks and has regular assignments six times every week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The assignments for this option combine two of the assignments from the slower pace option into one day so that the student can complete the class in a month.

-----Slower Pace-15 Week Option-----

Course Outline:

Week Topics

- 1 Important OT Dates/ Bible Geography/ Bible Culture
- 2 Bible Animals/ Bible Plants
- 3 The Synagogue/ Fishing/ Ancient Writing/ Genesis 10-11
- 4 **Test 1**/ Ancient Babylon
- 5 Hammurabi/ Ur of the Chaldees/ Ancient Egypt
- 6 Phoenician Empire/ Baal
- 7 **Test 2 (Midterm)** (cumulative)/ Hazor and Her Times/ David and His Palace
- 8 Solomon and the Queen of Sheba/ Samaria and Jezreel
- 9 Samaria and Jezreel/ Assyrian Empire
- 10 Assyrian Empire/ Hezekiah/ Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon
- 11 **Test 3**/ Medo-Persian Empire
- 12 Greek Empire/ The Spice Route/ Herod's Temple
- 13 Herod's Temple/ Christ's Ministry/ Jerusalem to Jericho/ Christ's Passion Week
- 14 Christ's Passion Week/ Rome's Destruction of Israel
- 15 Cities during Paul's Day/ Caesarea Maritima/ **Test 4 (Final)** (cumulative)

Weeks	Assignment		
Weeks	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
1	No assignments	Pages 5-18	Pages 19-40
2	Pages 41-58 Quiz 1—Deuteronomy 11:18	Pages 59-75	Pages 75-84
3	Pages 85-110 Quiz 2—Matthew 17:20	Pages 111-131	Pages 131-152 Project #1 Jewish Custom
4	Test 1 <i>Covers pages 1-152</i>	Pages 153-177	Pages 177-201
5	Pages 202-217 Quiz 3—2 Peter 3:9	Pages 218-240	Pages 240-260
6	Pages 260-276 Quiz 4—Hebrews 11:6	Pages 277-294	Pages 295-314
7	Test 2 (Mid-term) <i>Covers pages 1-314</i>	Pages 315-330	Pages 330-349 Project #2 Non-Jewish Custom
8	Pages 350-363 Quiz 5—Judges 2:13 and 1 Corinthians 10:21-22	Pages 364-381	Pages 382-398
9	Pages 398-414 Quiz 6—Luke 16:31	Pages 415-431	Pages 431-447
10	Pages 447-464 Quiz 7—2 Corinthians 6:14	Pages 465-481	Pages 482-499
11	Test 3 <i>Covers pages 315-499</i>	Pages 500-513	Page 513-529
12	Pages 530-543 Quiz 8—Jeremiah 29:10	Pages 543-558	Pages 559-570 Project #3 Dominant Leader
13	Pages 571-586 Quiz 9—Jeremiah 29:11	Pages 587-600	Pages 601-614
14	Pages 614-628 Quiz 10—Mark 9:42	Pages 628-641	Pages 641-653
15	Pages 654-668	Pages 669-673	Test 4 (Final) Cumulative

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Details of Course Assignments:

- **Reading Assignments**

Students are given reading assignments for most days and must complete the assignments along with answering the corresponding review questions *before* each lesson begins.

- **PowerPoints**

Along with reading the assigned pages, the student should also view the corresponding PowerPoint slides each day.

- **Quizzes (10)**

Quizzes will be given on Mondays, except on the days of an exam or test, (*for the slower-pace option*). These quizzes will **only** be verse quizzes. The student must write out the verses completely and *will also be required to explain the meaning/significance of the memory verse.*

- **Projects Studies (3)**

There will be a total of three different papers throughout the semester that will be due. Each paper will be 3-4 pages, double spaced and must include an introduction, body, and conclusion. If outside sources are used, a bibliography page must be included at the end. ****When quoting from *Bible Times and Ancient Kingdoms*, simply place quotation marks around the quote and include page numbers in parenthesis after the quote.**

- The first paper will be on a **Jewish custom**. Using a custom mentioned in the book, find a key passage(s) in the Bible with this custom and explain the significance of it and the meaning behind it using *Bible Times and Ancient Kingdoms*. No outside sources are needed.
- The second paper will be on a **Non-Jewish Custom**. Explain and expound upon a custom discussed in the book from another kingdom. If the custom is found in the Scriptures, cite the passage(s). Explain the significance of the custom and the meaning behind the custom using *Bible Times and Ancient Kingdoms*. No outside sources are needed.
- The third paper will be on **One Dominant Leader of a Kingdom or Empire** as discussed in *Bible Times and Ancient Kingdoms*. If the leader is mentioned in the Bible, discuss the passage(s) and explain his influence on the Jews and other cultures; if he is not mentioned in the Bible, use outside sources to explain his influence on the Jews and other cultures. A minimum of 2-3 outside sources are required.

- **Tests (4)**

There will be a total of four tests taken during this semester. Including certain review questions and additional important information in the reading, the tests will include a section of short answer questions. The tests are used to measure how much the student has retained over the course. Tests 1 and 3 will not be cumulative, while the Test 2 (midterm) and Test 4 (final) will cover previously learned material as well as any new material.

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