



# Introduction to the BIBLE

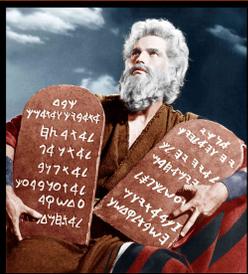


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Spring 2025, Tues/Thurs 12:00 - 1:30pm

## Course Description

For a purportedly boring book filled with old fashioned ideas, the Bible sure spends a lot of time talking about political intrigue, murder, incest, magic, and ghosts. When we put the Bible back into the ancient Middle Eastern context that produced it, we find stories that could fill any number of HBO series explicit enough to make most modern audiences blush. Have you heard the one about the last princess from a murdered royal family taking over Jerusalem? Did you know about the prophet Elisha's uncanny ability to summon bears, or King David's army of undead? This course will challenge students to take a fresh look at some of the Hebrew Bible's most familiar passages and to engage with some of its most overlooked ones.



## Instructor

Dr. Tim Hogue (Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israelite History and Culture) is an expert in ancient Middle Eastern languages, literatures, and material culture. His work situates the Bible within its broader historical and cultural contexts.



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## What You Can Expect

- The Story in the Bible fleshed out with the story behind the Bible
- Gallery and collection visits to interact with real artifacts that were handled by ancient Israelites
- Besides biblical law, history, prophecy, and poetry, also learn about biblical...
  - Interpretation
  - Magic
  - Necromancy
  - Erotica
  - Cuisine
  - And more!

