

# The Bible in Your World

## How has the Bible impacted world civilization and culture?

### Course Goals

- Understand how the Bible is structured
- Investigate different theories on how the Bible was created
- Learn a selection of biblical stories and their overarching themes
- Explore these biblical stories influence on culture, society and civilization
- Discuss how artists, writers, composers have chosen to interpret biblical stories
- Analyze the use of biblical stories and imagery by abolitionists and civil rights activists
- Evaluate the impact of the Bible on your world

The Bible was written by dozens of writers over a span of many centuries. Ancient copies and fragments are still being found in archaeological digs. However, in spite of its origins in times long past, the Bible is still a part of the modern world. It has been studied, interpreted, and distributed for 2,000 years and remains a vital part of many cultures all around the globe.

The Bible has played a central role in many countries and has shaped the way many societies have thought about what is true and false, right and wrong. The Bible has achieved such prominence for religious, cultural, and educational reasons. Much of Israeli society is structured around biblical teachings and traditions and many of the world's most renowned universities were devoted originally to teaching the Bible. The list of biblical influences is longer than this lesson. Traces of biblical influence live on in the language we speak every day.

Over this course will learn different fascinating biblical stories and discover how they have impacted world civilization and culture. From art to music, movies to theatre, literature to dance, the Bible's influence is far reaching and continues to play a significant role in our lives today, whether we are conscious about it or not. This course will explore the Bible's impact on societies throughout the world. Often the Bible is viewed primarily in terms of its influence on Western civilization, focusing on Europe and the Americas. While its presence in these regions is deep and pervasive, the Bible's influence can be found worldwide. In addition to the Bible's global influence, we will also look at its direct effect on much of America's history. We will also discover how the Bible has been foundational in establishing hospitals, systems of law, and major themes in music, art, film, and literature. A significant part of the course will also take a look at how the Bible has also been at the heart of controversies, with many on both sides citing the Bible for and against slavery, for and against women's rights, and for and against civil rights.

<p><b>Year</b>      <b>Course</b>      <b>Academic</b>  <u>Department</u>  <u>Units of Work</u>  <u>2018-19</u></p>	<p><b>Year Course</b>  <u>Subject: The Jewish Idea - "My Judaism"</u>  <u>Unit 1 Jewish Beliefs - Lesson 1 All About God</u></p>
<p><b>LEARNING OUTCOMES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore Jewish conceptions of God</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion board posts on the definitions of belief in the 21st Century</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyse varying depictions of God</li> <li>Discuss sources that define the nature of God</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creating infographics on the Nature of God</li> <li>The Weekly podcast</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Discussion Points</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The way the Bible presents God as involved with his creation;</li> <li>G-d as supranatural, personal, good and holy</li> <li>The imagery of God as a craftsman;</li> <li>The concepts of omnipotence, omniscience and omnipresence;</li> <li>The concept of 'creatio ex nihilo'. Compare this view with Aristotle's Prime Mover;</li> <li>Discuss whether, if God created the universe, God is therefore responsible for everything that happens in it.</li> <li>The ways in which the God of the Bible is seen as morally perfect and the source of human ethics;</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>RESOURCES</u></b></p> <p><a href="https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/maimonides-conception-of-god/">https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/maimonides-conception-of-god/</a> Deuteronomy 6:4 <i>Lonely Man of Faith</i> p79</p> <p><a href="https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/god-101/">https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/god-101/</a> <a href="http://rabbisacks.org/faith-god-bereishit-5778/">http://rabbisacks.org/faith-god-bereishit-5778/</a></p>