

PH 912  
Introduction to Biblical History  
and Archeology  
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Weekly Time TBD

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**Description:** An introduction to the theory and methods of historical approaches to Biblical texts and lands with attention to current issues relating to the intersection of history and the Bible.

**Outcomes:**

Being

- To provide self confidence in engaging historians both inside and outside the field of Biblical Studies.
- To become self-aware regarding the socio-cultural contexts that inform one's own historical constructions and more sensitive to the constructions and methods of others.
- To be able to facilitate skills in dialogue and discussion.

Doing

- To apply the methods learned in a course project.

Knowing

- To acquire critical familiarity with a range of topics in current scholarship related to the history of ancient Israel and the early church, in the context of the socio--political environments, institutions, and cultures in which they evolved
- To obtain the methodological grounding to be able to critically assess arguments and proposals that relate to biblical history and the Bible as history.

**Required Texts (no need to purchase; readings will be shared by instructors or available through the Styberg Library).**

Readings TBA in later revision.