



**NEW ORLEANS**  
BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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## **BBHG6355 History and Geography of Ancient Israel**

**3 Semester Hours**

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### **Mission Statement**

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

### **Course Purpose, Core Value Focus, and Curriculum Competencies**

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. This course addresses Doctrinal Integrity in that the course is designed to prepare the student to grow in the understanding of the Word of God in the context of Ancient and Modern Israel. Characteristic Excellence is also addressed in that the student should be as prepared as possible in knowledge and spiritual walk to be ministers for Christ. This course addresses the competency of Biblical Exposition by preparing the student to interpret and communicate the Bible accurately utilizing tools and resources in the history, archaeology, and geography of the Ancient Near East.

### **Catalog Description:**

This course will acquaint students with the history and geography of ancient Israel and early Judaism as it is known from biblical texts, ancient historical sources, early Jewish writings and archaeological finds and will expose students to the way history was written in the ancient world. This will be accomplished through reading and comparison of historical sources and several study tours throughout the land of ancient Israel.

### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

- The student will recognize the physical elements of the land of Israel and the ancient Near East -- the geography, topography, geology, climate, etc. -- via slide, book and map study.
- The student will read excerpts from the Old and New Testaments with an archaeological and geographical perspective.
- The student will examine materials related to cultural and religious practices among the ancient Israelites and other ethnic cultures of the Ancient Near East.
- The student will probe the interrelationship between geography, politics, economics, cultural mores, and religion in the development of the nation of Israel.
- The student will become conversant in the historical, geographical, and cultural materials of the Old and New Testaments.



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