

The BIBLE and Ancient Texts

RISE *Worldview English* 2024-2025

Did you know . . .

- The Epic of Gilgamesh was popular in the days of Abraham?
- Boaz married Ruth not long before the Trojan War?
- Jonah's whale experience occurred just twenty years after Homer wrote the *Odyssey*?
- The world's first-known playwright, Sophocles, wrote *Antigone* near the time Queen Esther saved the Hebrews from genocide in Persia?

The Biblical timeline merges with ancient literature in surprising ways. The study of one is incomplete without the other. While the literary record makes it clear that "he who fears the Lord is secure" (Psalm 14:26), we also see that "man cannot make a worm, yet he will make gods by the dozens" (Montaigne).

Has the heart of mankind changed, or do we still build idols, making covenants with false gods and placing our hopes in temporal things that will soon disappear?

God keeps his covenant promises. Man's inability to remain faithful has never thwarted God's faithfulness or his eternal purposes as He continues to complete his redemptive plan for his children throughout the ages.

As we study The Bible and Ancient Texts, may we increase in wisdom and in our faith in the One who made us and gave himself for us.

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

All students are welcome to take the class to earn one high school credit in *Ancient Literature*. Minimal writing is required.

Students who passed *Fundamentals of Critical Writing* at RISE are invited to complete additional essay assignments to earn one credit in *Honors Ancient Literature with Writing*.

Anyone may earn a distinctively separate credit in *Bible* by reading the Bible in one year with additional commentaries, devotionals, and study helps at home under parental oversight. Reading and pacing suggestions are provided.

Reading List: Biblical texts including all or parts of Genesis, Judges, Ruth, Psalms, Ecclesiastes, Jonah, Isaiah, Daniel, Esther, Ezekiel, Nehemiah, the Gospels, Romans, and Revelation. **Extra-Biblical texts** including creation and flood myths from around the world, The Epic of Gilgamesh, The Wanderings of Odysseus, Black Ships Before Troy (The Iliad), Faithful God: An Exposition of the Book of Ruth, A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23, Plato's Republic, Sophocles' Antigone, Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, and The Martyr of the Catacombs.

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