



## Bible Odyssey: People, Places and Passages

Explore the fascinating origins of the Bible and its eventful path to become one of the most important books we have today. On Bible Odyssey, the world's leading scholars share the latest historical and literary research on key people, places, and passages of the Bible.

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### Focus On

John and Jesus

John the Baptist began as Jesus' mentor, until Jesus decided to start his own ministry...

## Site Facts

### Over 300 articles

Commissioned for the site and written for general audiences.

### Over 200 images

Art and artifacts, with historical analysis.

### Over 60 videos

Short Q & As with leading scholars.

### New content added weekly

Responsive to reader questions and current events.

### Timelines, maps, and quizzes

Multimedia tools to expand (and test) your knowledge.

### People, Places, and Passages

Three simple navigational tabs.

### Nonsectarian content

Focused on social, historical, and literary questions.

### No sign-in or subscription fee

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### Three Bible translations

Search and compare the text of three English translations.

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### About the SBL

Founded in 1880, the Society of Biblical Literature is the oldest and largest learned society devoted to the critical investigation of the Bible from a variety of academic disciplines. With over 8,000 members worldwide, it represents and convenes scholars whose life work is in biblical and ancient Near Eastern studies.

### Why Bible Odyssey Website?

The Bible is a revered text for many and holds an iconic status in American and even global culture. And yet, studies show that people are unfamiliar with its key themes or stories—and who can blame them? The Bible is not one book, but many: a compilation of poetry, law codes, novellas, proverbs, gospels, and letters that were pulled together over the centuries. Being biblically literate is being culturally literate. Bible Odyssey makes that fun and easy.

Readers are also unfamiliar with academic approaches to the text. There is a big difference between *Bible study*, which happens in a religious setting, and *study of the Bible*, which happens in an academic one. Bible Odyssey addresses not only the literacy gap but also the gap between the academy and the "street." Why should Bible scholars have all the fun? Wouldn't *you* like to know about the Synoptic Question, or about J, E, D, and P?

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