

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
State University of New York

INSTITUTIONAL COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Angels & Demons: The Bible as Literature

Course Abbreviation and Number: ENG 2850

Credit Hours: 3

Course Type: Lecture

Course Description: "Bible" comes from the Greek ta biblia - literally "the books" - and within those pages lie some of the most influential and revolutionary literary texts in recorded history. In this course, students will begin by asking what "The Bible" means in relation to the literary canon; this includes examining the works that shaped its creation and the literary choices that followed the first printed biblical publication. Along the way, students will encounter works that stand beside and against it from classic texts to modern works of art across history.

Prerequisite: ENG 1530.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Provide examples of poetry, fiction, and drama which use Biblical archetypes.
 2. Compose a critical interpretation of selected Biblical works.
 3. Identify *and describe* themes and motifs common to the Bible.
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Topics Covered:

- Pentateuch
 - Genesis: creation, the Fall, the patriarchs
 - Exodus: Moses, the Law, the Tabernacle, Promised Land
 - Numbers: Moses, the Law, the Tabernacle, Promised Land
 - Deuteronomy: Moses, the Law, the Tabernacle, Promised Land
 - History
 - Joshua
 - Judges
 - Ruth
 - Samuel
 - Kings
 - Esther
 - Poetry
 - Job
 - Psalms
 - Proverbs
 - Prophets
 - Jonah
 - Isaiah
 - Daniel
 - Ezekiel
 - New Testament
 - Christmas Story
 - Parables
 - Crucifixion
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Information for Students

- Expectations of Students
 - [Civility Statement](#)
 - [Student Responsibility Statement](#)
 - [Academic Integrity Statement](#)
- [Accessibility Services](#)
Students who require accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability must make their accommodation requests to the Accessibility Services Coordinator.
- [Get Help: JCC & Community Resources](#)
- [Emergency Closing Procedures](#)
- Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0	B+=3.5	B=3	C+=2.5	C=2	D+=1.5	D=1	F=0
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- Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.
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Effective Date: Fall 2026