

Lesson 10: The Bible as History

The bible reliably recounts human history. The events, places, and people recorded reveal God's interactions with humanity from the beginning of humanity through to its future restoration.

These stories are rooted in their geographical and historical context:

- David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)
- Sennacherib and the Assyrian Campaign (Isaiah 36:1–3; 37:14–38)
- Nebuchadnezzar and Babylonian Exile (Daniel 1; 5)
- Jesus, Roman Occupation, and religious leaders (Matthew 26:57–67; John 11:45–53; 18:29–31)
- Faith and History in Action (Hebrews 11)

These stories are powerful because they involved real people dealing with difficulties in a tangible time and place. The Bible does not tell of God's love in the abstract or a vacuum. It shows how God deals with messy

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- How has God worked in your life in the past?
- How is God working in your life today?
- Why must we depend on the Word of God, regardless of the claims of archaeology or any other human science?