General Objective
1. To upgrade teaching competencies in Bible History to acquire an understanding of the chronological development of the Bible and the history of Israel by examining the political, social, religious, military, dynastic, scientific, and cultural events that have affected their histories.

Specific Objectives
1. Explain how contemporary Christian lifestyle depends upon the historical heritage of the Scriptures.
2. Explain the significance of geography in understanding the Bible and Israel's role in history.
3. Compare major individuals, events and characteristics of Biblical periods.
4. Understand current and historic events from the perspective of diverse cultural/national groups found in the Scriptures.
5. Compare the major cultures found in the Bible, based on their political and economic systems, religious, and moral beliefs, and socialization processes.
6. Understand the interaction of science, society, and technology on the Bible's impact in society.
7. Interpret the history, doctrines, objectives, and techniques of communism as a political and economic system at odds with the Biblical perspective.

Activities
1. Group projects, guest speakers, autobiographical material, first source and secondary material.
2. Discussions, lectures, field trips to local historical sites.
3. Evaluation of videotapes and other audiovisual materials.

Evaluation
1. Pre and post tests, where appropriate.
2. Evaluating lesson plans and development of scope and sequence charts for a Bible history course.
3. Participants will complete a workshop evaluation form.