Syllabus

Joseph & Potiphars Wife: Bible to Midrash - 17254

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: hebrew literature

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Prof. Esther Chazon

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  Prof Esther Chazon
Course/Module description:
The seminar will examine the story of Joseph and Potiphar's wife and its role in shaping the characterization of Joseph in the literature of the Second Temple period and in rabbinic literature. The presentation, interpretation and aims of each work as well as the development of traditions and motifs will be discussed.

Course/Module aims:
To examine the presentation of the story of Joseph and Potiphar's wife in Jewish literature of the Second Temple and post-70 CE eras in particular with respect to the aims of the different authors and their social-historical contexts.
To study a representative and wide variety of Jewish works written during the Second Temple period and to trace the development of the various motifs, ideas, interpretations and adaptations of this story into rabbinic literature.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
1. To attain a grasp of the wide body of Jewish literature written during the Second Temple period and appreciate its importance for understanding rabbinic literature.
2. To analyze the interpretations and adaptations of the biblical story in the works studied from the apocrypha, pseudepigrapha, Jewish-Hellenistic and rabbinic literature.
3. To examine the shared interpretations and developments, on the one hand, and the unique presentations and aims of each work, on the other.

Attendance requirements(%):
80

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:
מגילות קומראן: מבואות ומחקרים, ערכ
1.

סח, בן-סירה, "מקורות ותקופות הספרות המיתולוגיות," בבור: מבואות קומראן: מבואות ומחקרים, ערכ
מנוסת קומראן: מבואות ומחקרים, ערכ
ג', בן-סירה, "מקורות ותקופות הספרות המיתולוגיות," בבור: מבואות קומראן: מבואות ומחקרים, ערכ
מנוסת קומראן: מבואות ומחקרים, ערכ
2.

Kugel, James L., In Potiphar’s House (San Francisco, 1990), 18-23.


deSilva, David A., "4 Maccabees: ‘Noble is the Contest,’" in Introducing the Apocrypha (Grand Rapids, 2002), 352-369.

van Henten, Jan Willem, The Maccabean Martyrs as Saviours of the Jewish People: A Study of 2 and 4 Maccabees (SupJSJ 57; Leiden: 1997), 238-243 and 289-291. [ешה] 4

Kugel, James L., "The Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs," in Outside the Bible, Volume 2, pages 1697-1705, [1705-1715, 1816-1832], 1840-1841, [1853].

6. יוסף אש 완성복, על פי פילון
7. ספר יוסף אשנות (בHotéis ב/jquery-2.0.0) בחק מדרת: ו. פלוסט, יוסף אשנות-מיתורי


Niehoff, Figure of Joseph, 146-164 (Appendix: The Figure of Joseph in the Targums).

Required Reading:
deSilva, David A., "4 Maccabees: 'Noble is the Contest,'" in Introducing the
Apocrypha (Grand Rapids, 2002), 352-369.

[van Henten, Jan Willem, The Maccabean Martyrs as Saviours of the Jewish People: A Study of 2 and 4 Maccabees (SupJSJ 57; Leiden: 1997), 238-243 and 289-291. [4


Collins, Between Athens and Jerusalem, pages 103-110 and 230-239.

Kugel, James L., In Potiphar’s House (San Francisco, 1990), 66-93, [94-124], and 247-270.
Kugel, Traditions of the Bible, 438-458.

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 20 %
Participation in Tutorials 20 %
Project work 60 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information: