



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Rewriting the Bible: Studies in the Book of Jubi - 21563

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Bible

Academic year: 2

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

Reading selected passages from the Book of Jubilees using the literary-critical method. Discussions will also include larger issues such as Rewritten Bible, Early Jewish Biblical exegesis, the unity of the Book of Jubilees, the world view expressed in the book, and the relationship to other compositions from the Second Temple period.

Course/Module aims:

- (1) to provide the basic tools for the study of the Book of Jubilees, in its literary and historical context.
- (2) to read the Book of Jubilees in comparison with Genesis-Exodus, and with other rewritten Bible texts.
- (3) to locate the book of Jubilees within the world of early biblical exegesis.
- (4) to examine the question of the unity of the composition.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

Analyze the text of Jubilees according to the philological-textual method.
Discuss comprehensively the text of Jubilees and the exegetical issues that arise when reading it.
Interpret verses and passages in Jubilees with the assistance of previous exegetes .
Assess the advantages and disadvantages of specific interpretations/interpreters.
Formulate clearly these conclusions in oral and written form.

Attendance requirements(%):

85

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Seminar course. Students who choose to write a seminar paper will present a summary of their work in front of the other participants in the class.

Course/Module Content:

Selected chapters from the Book of Jubilees.

Required Reading:

I. Editions and Translations
משה גולדמאן, "ספר היובלים", בתוך הספרים החיצונים (ערך א' כהנא; שני כרכים; תל-אביב: מסדה,

תשט"ז) א: רטז-שיג
אליהו ש. הרטום, "ספר היובלות", בתוך הספרים החיצונים (7 כרכים; מהדורה שנייה; תל אביב: יבנה,
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Testament Pseudepigrapha* (ed. J.H. Charlesworth; 2 vols.; New York: Doubleday,
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Additional Reading Material:

יוסף באומגרטן, "הלוח של ספר היובלים והמקרא", תרביץ לב (תשכ"ב) 317-328
דבורה דימנט, "בני שמים - תורת המלאכים בספר היובלים לאור כתבי עדת קומראן", בתוך מנחה
לשרה: מחקרים בפילוסופיה יהודית ובקבלה מוגשים לפרופסור שרה א' הלר וילנסקי (בעריכת מ'
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כנה ורמן, היחס לגויים בספר היובלים ובספרות קומראן בהשוואה להלכה התנאית הקדומה ולספרות
חיצונית בת התקופה (עבודת דוקטור; ירושלים: האוניברסיטה העברית, תשנ"ה)
כנה ורמן, "עיצוב מאורעות דור המבול בספר היובלים", תרביץ סד (תשנ"ה) 183-202
כנה ורמן, "'התורה והתעודה' הכתובה על הלוחות", תרביץ סח (תשנ"ט) 473-492
כנה ורמן, "ספר היובלים בהקשר הניסטי", ציון סו (תשס"א) 275-296
כנה ורמן, "ספר היובלים ועדת קומראן: לשאלת היחס בין השניים", מגילות ב (תשס"ד) 37-55
מיכאל סיגל, "סיפורת וחוק בספר היובלים: עיון מחודש בסיפור הכניסה לגן עדן", מגילות א (תשס"ג)
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מיכאל סיגל, "ההתהוות הספרותית של סיפור שכם ודינה ביובלים ל", מגילות ח-ט (תש"ע) 227-241
מנחם קיסטר, "לתולדות כת האיסיים: עיונים בחזון החיות, ספר היובלים וברית דמשק", תרביץ נו
(תשמ"ז) 1-18
מנחם קיסטר, "על שני מטבעות לשון בספר היובלים", תרביץ ע (תשס"א) 289-300
ליאורה רביד, "המינוח המיוחד של לוחות השמים בספר היובלים", תרביץ סח (תשנ"ט) 463-471
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Wissenschaft des Judentums 27; Berlin: Siegfried Scholem, 1930) 3-60
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the Damascus Covenant and the Book of Jubilees," *DSD* 1 (1994) 1-29

Joseph M. Baumgarten, "The Beginning of the Day in the Calendar of Jubilees," *JBL* 77 (1958) 355–360; repr. in J. Baumgarten, *Studies in Qumran Law* (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1977) 124–130

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August Dillman, "Das Buch der Jubiläen oder die kleine Genesis," *Jahrbuch der biblischen Wissenschaft* 2 (1850) 230–256; 3 (1851) 1–96

Lutz Doering, "The Concept of the Sabbath in the Book of Jubilees" in *Studies in the Book of Jubilees* (ed. M. Albani, J. Frey and A. Lange; TSAJ 65; Tübingen: J.C.B Mohr [Paul Siebeck], 1997) 179–205

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- Hindy Najman, *Seconding Sinai: The Development of Mosaic Discourse in Second Temple Judaism* (Leiden: Brill, 2003)
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Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 20 %
Project work 80 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information:
N/A