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:
1. Editions and Translations
משה גולדמן, "ספר היובלות", בוחן הספרים החיצונים ( רשימת א' כהנא; שני כרכים; תל אביב: יבנה, 7)
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Klaus Berger, Das Buch der Jubiläen (JSCHRZ 2/3; Gtersloh: G. Mohn, 1981)

Additional Reading Material:
Chanoch Albeck, Das Buch der Jubiläen und die Halacha (Hochschule für die Wissenschaft des Judentums 27; Berlin: Siegfried Scholem, 1930) 3:60
Brill, 1977) 124-130
August Dillmann, “Das Buch der Jubiläen oder die kleine Genesis,” Jahrbuch der biblischen Wissenschaft 2 (1850) 230-256; 3 (1851) 1-96
Louis Finkelstein, “The Date of the Book of Jubilees,” HTR 36 (1943) 19-24
Todd Hanneken, The Subversion of the Apocalypses in the Book of Jubilees (EJL 34; Atlanta: SBL, 2012)
James L. Kugel, The Bible as It Was (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press,


Jacob Milgrom, [The Concept of Impurity in Jubilees and the Temple Scroll], RevQ 16, 2 (1993) 277–284

Hindy Najman, [Interpretation as Primordial Writing: Jubilees and its Authority Conferring Strategies], JSJ 30 (1999) 379–410


Hermann Rünsch, Das Buch der Jubiläen oder die kleine Genesis (Leipzig: Fues’s Verlag, 1874)


Michel Testuz, Les idées religieuses du livre des Jubilés (Genève/Paris: Droz/Minard, 1960)


James C. VanderKam, Textual and Historical Studies in the Book of Jubilees (HSM 14; Missoula, Mont.: Scholars Press, 1977)


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James C. VanderKam, *The Book of Jubilees* (Guides to Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha; Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 2001)

**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