

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

2ND TEMPLE LITERATURE: APOCALYPTIC HISTORIOGRAPHY - 21565

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Bible

Academic year: 1

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

General description of the rich body of Jewish literature from the Second Temple period, with a focus on the Apocalyptic and Historiography aspects of this literature.

Course/Module aims:

To:

- (1) describe the Jewish exegetical compositions from the Second Temple period.
- (2) define the exegetical enterprise, and trace its development.
- (3) introduce and exemplify the exegetical methods in the Jewish tradition, from the latest biblical books until the end of the Second Temple period.
- (4) identify some of the historical, cultural and ideological causes that influenced the history of Jewish biblical interpretation.

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

Analyze the text of early Jewish exegetes in their cultural and historical context. Discuss comprehensively the biblical text and the exegetical issues that arise when reading it.

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: Targil - interactive classroom discussions.

Course/Module Content:

- (1) Introduction
 - (a) The Jewish Apocalyptic Literature of the Second Temple period
 - (b) Apocalypse in the Bible in the Second Temple period
 - (c) The Sources for Historiography in the Bible in the Second Temple period.
- (2) Apocalyptic texts in the Apocrypha.

(3) Apocalyptic texts from Qumran.

(4) Historiographical texts from the Second Temple period

Required Reading:

- כ' ורמן, הספרות האפוקליפטית בימי בית שני. תל אביב, תשס"ג.
- G.S. Oegema, *Apocalyptic Interpretation of the Bible: Apocalypticism and Biblical Interpretation in Early Judaism, the Apostle Paul, the Historical Jesus and their Reception History*. London; New York, 2012.
- E. Ulrich, "The Bible in the Making: The Scriptures at Qumran," in *The Community of the Renewed Covenant*, edited by E. Ulrich and J.C. VanderKam, pp. 77-93. Notre Dame, 1994
- H. Eshel, "4Q390, the 490-Year Prophecy, and the Calendrical History of the Second Temple Period," in *Enoch and Qumran Origins: New Light on a Forgotten Connection*, edited by G.Boccaccini, pp. 102-110. Grand Rapids, 2005.
- A.I. Baumgarten (ed.), *Apocalyptic Time*. Leiden, 2000.
- J.S. Bergsma, *The Jubilee from Leviticus to Qumran: A History of Interpretation*. Boston, 2007.
- F. García. Martínez, *Qumran and Apocalyptic: Studies on the Aramaic Texts from Qumran*. Leiden, 1992.
- A.K Grayson and W.G. Lambert, "Akkadian Prophecies," *JCS* 18 (1964): pp. 7-30
- A.K. Grayson, *Babylonian Historical-literary Texts*. Toronto, 1975
- J.C. VanderKam, *Enoch and the Growth of Apocalyptic Tradition*. Washington, 1984.

Additional Reading Material:

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Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 100 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information:

n/a