

HISTORY NEAR EAST 103

The Jewish Diaspora in Antiquity

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MWF 10-10:50
PCYNH 120

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Required Books for the Course

Mélèze Modrzejewski, J. *The Jews of Egypt From Rameses II to Emperor Hadrian*. (= M)

Williams, M. *The Jews among the Greeks and Romans*. (= W)

Course Reader from Soft Reserves. (=R)

A modern translation of the Bible.

Course Outline

I. Introduction: Conceptual and Historical Background; Assyrian and Babylonian Exiles; Egyptian Dispersion.

II Kings 15:27-31; 17:1-6, 24; 18:1-37; 19:35-37; 23:28-25:22.

Jeremiah 52:28-30. R, pp. 1-3.

II Kings 25:22-26. Jeremiah 40-44. Isaiah 19:18-22.

Psalm 137. Deuteronomy 28:58-68; 30:1-5. Jeremiah 29:1-32. Isaiah 11:11-16.

II. The Persian Achaemenid Empire: Iran, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Asia Minor.

Nehemiah 1:1-2:9; 5:14; 13:6. Ezra 7:12-13; 8:15-20.

M, Chapter 2. R, p. 4. Daniel 1-6. Esther.

III. Ptolemaic (and early Roman) Egypt.

M, Chapters 3-7. R, pp. 5-10. W, pp. 4 [I.7], 7 [I.17], 15-16, 19-24, 88-91, 124-126.

IV. The Rest of the Eastern Mediterranean: Syria, Asia Minor, Greece, Cyrenaica, Islands.

W, pp. 1-14, 18-19 [I.64-66], 24-26, 64 [II.142-143], 69 [III.9-10], 93-95, 112-114. 132 [V.78-79]. R, 40-43, 48-55.

V. The Diaspora Crisis in the Roman East.

M, Chapters 8-10. W, pp 133-137. R, pp. 31, 43-48.

VI. The Parthian Empire

W, p. 8 [I.19)]. R, pp. 11-30, 55-59.

VII. The City of Rome

W, pp. 14 [I.52-54], 16-18, 26 [I.97-99], 51-58, 92-93 [IV.24-25], 98-99, 104, 162-163, 173-4 (VII.40). R, 60-63.

VIII. Later Roman Empire

W, pp. 81-85, 97, 105-106, 110-112, 114-116, 137-141, 144-159, 165-168, 172-173, 176-179. R, pp. 32-38, 63-72.

IX. The Sasanian East

R, pp. 73-87.

X. The Diaspora Synagogue

W, pp. 11 [I.31], 18-19 [I.60-61, 64-66], 24 [I.87], 28 [I.102-103], 29-31 [I.106-107, 111-112], 33-51, 59-64, 65, 84 [III.81-84], 87-88, 92 [IV.21-22], 117-119, 122, 168. R, p. 39.

There will be a midterm exam after the fifth week and a final exam.

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