

HISTORY/NEAR EAST 102

The Jews in their Homeland in Antiquity

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MWF 10-10:50
PCYNH 121

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Week I Introduction; The Persian Period

Schiffman 1-59; Ezra 1-10; Nehemiah 1-8:12; 11-13; Ruth.

Week II The Conquests of Alexander and their Aftermath; “Hellenization”

Schafer 1-25.

Week III The Seleucid Conquest and the Crisis in Judah in 175-164

II Maccabees (in the Apocrypha); Daniel 11, 7; Schafer 27-63; Schiffman 60-79.

Week IV The Rise and Fall of the Hasmonean State

I Maccabees (in the Apocrypha); Schafer 65-80.

Week V The House of Herod; The Roman Annexation; *Provincia Iudaea*

Schafer 81-109; Schiffman 80-156.

Week VI The First Jewish Revolt against Rome

Schafer 109-130; Schiffman 157-170.

Week VII The Second Jewish Revolt against Rome; *Provincia Syria Palaestina*

Schafer 131-161; Schiffman 171-176

Week VIII The Third and Fourth Centuries

Schafer 163- 185; Schiffman 177-265.

Week IX Byzantine Palestine

Schafer 185-197.

Week X The End of Byzantine Rule; Ancient Synagogues

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Books for the Course:

The New Oxford Annotated Bible with the Apocrypha.

P. Schafer, *The History of the Jews in the Graeco-Roman World.*

L. Schiffman, *From Text to Tradition: A History of Second Temple and Rabbinic Judaism.*

Office Hours: Monday 4-5; Wednesday 11-12; and by appointment. HSS 4024
Midterm after 5th week; Final 12/10 at 8 am.