The Jews in their Homeland in Antiquity

Winter 2014

MWF 11-11:50
Sequoyah 148

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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; Schiffman171-176

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
TBA

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 12-1; Thursday 2-3; and by appointment. HSS 4024
Midterm after 5th week; Final 3/17, 11:30-2:30.