

Apocrypha: Literature of Bayit Sheni (Honors)

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Primary texts will be distributed for each class.

There will be a 15 pp. maximum research paper (50% of the grade) and a scheduled final examination (50%).

Attendance is mandatory. Only two absences are permitted.

1. Introduction: Second Temple Literature and the Biblical Canon

L.T. Stuckenbruck, "Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha," in J.J. Collins and D.C. Harlow, *Early Judaism: A Comprehensive Overview* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm B. Eerdmans, 2012), 179-203.

D.A. deSilva, *Introducing the Apocrypha: Message Context and Significance* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker), 15-41.

2. Genesis Apocryphon

G.W.E. Nickelsburg, *Jewish Literature between the Bible and the Mishnah; A Historical and Literary Introduction* (2nd ed.; Minneapolis: Fortress, 2005), 172-77.

M.J. Bernstein, "The Genesis Apocryphon: Compositional and Interpretive Perspectives," *A Companion to Biblical Interpretation in Early Judaism* (ed. M. Henze; Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2012), 157-79.

3. Enoch: Books of Watchers, Astronomical Book, and Parables

Nickelsburg, *Jewish Literature*, 248-55.

J.C. VanderKam, *Enoch: A Man for all Generations* (Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina, 1995), 17-59.

4. Enoch: Book of Dream Visions, Epistle and Book of Giants

- Nickelsburg, *Jewish Literature*, 43-63, 110-15.
- VanderKam, *Enoch*, 60-101, 125-7.
- 5. Jubilees: Introduction and Narrative**
- Nickelsburg, *Jewish Literature*, 69-74.
- S. White Crawford, *Rewriting Scripture in Second Temple Times* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2008), 60-82.
- 6. Jubilees: Halakhah**
- J. C. VanderKam, *The Book of Jubilees* (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 2001), 86-148.
- 7. Aramaic Levi and the Testament of Levi**
- Nickelsburg, *Jewish Literature*, 159-65. 302-3, 306-8.
- R. A. Kugler, *The Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs* (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 2001), 47-56.
- 8. Additions to Daniel and Esther**
- Nickelsburg, *Jewish Literature*, 22-27, 202-5.
- deSilva, 110-26, 222-43.
- 9. Tobit**
- Nickelsburg, *Jewish Literature*, 29-34.
- deSilva, 63-84.
- 10. Judith**
- Nickelsburg, *Jewish Literature*, 97-102.
- deSilva, 85-109.
- 11. Wisdom of Ben Sira**
- Nickelsburg, *Jewish Literature*,

deSilva, 153-97.

12. Wisdom of Solomon

Nickelsburg, *Jewish Literature*, 205-12.

deSilva, 127-52.

13. 1 Maccabees

Nickelsburg, *Jewish Literature*, 102-6.

deSilva, 244-65.

14. 2 Maccabees

Nickelsburg, *Jewish Literature*, 106-10.

deSilva, 266-79.

15. Conclusion: Second Temple Literature and Later Judaism