

1.	Module Code - BIB501 Module Title: Between the Testaments			
2.	NAME OF TUTOR	Dr Sandra Jacobs (with Rabbi Dr Deborah Kahn-Harris teaching a single session).		
3.	MODULE LEVEL	7		
4.	AWARD:	MA in Rabbinic Theology		
5.	CREDIT POINTS			
6.	RESTRICTIONS	Post-graduate level Hebrew; four years' Bible study		
7.	SEMESTER:	Autumn 2016	Hand out date: Hand in date:	N/A
8.	EXAMINERS:	N/A		
9.	AIMS OF MODULE The module aims to: 1. Develop students understanding of influential pseudepigraphical and apocryphal texts prior to the formation of early rabbinic Judaism. 2. Illuminate how changes in political and historical circumstances generated innovative developments of older, authoritative, traditions.			
10.	LEARNING OUTCOMES At the completion of the module the student will be able to: Knowledge: 1. Explore key inter-testamental texts, and examine the diverse Jewish communities in which they circulated. 2. Understand the extent to which these disparate genres served as a segue between the biblical and early rabbinic sources. 3. Appreciate the impact of exile, displacement, and the loss of political sovereignty, on early Jewish literature. Skills: 4. Students will be able to explore Pseudepigrapha in critical editions and in larger compilations independently. 5. They will also gain the skills to locate individual texts from Dead Sea Scrolls in the main study edition.			
11.	SYLLABUS While the foundational texts for rabbis are the Hebrew Bible and classical rabbinic sources (especially Talmud and Midrash), far less attention is paid to early Jewish texts outside of these works. To gain a better understanding of the development of early Jewish writings it is crucial to study the types of literature that were produced in the intertestamental period, and to examine the ways in which they functioned as precursors of classical rabbinic literature.			

12.	LEARNING, TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT METHODS			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Directed text readings (1,3,4,5) ♦ Review of key tertiary material (2,4,3) ♦ Focussed classroom discussion (1,2,3,4,) 			
13.	ASSESSMENT PATTERN:	WEIGHT %	COMMENTS	Result
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14.	ASSESSMENT This is an unassessed module.			
15.	ASSESSMENT CRITERIA N/A			
16.	LEARNING MATERIALS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ There are no essential reading materials prescribed. ♦ Tertiary materials are recommended for each lecture overleaf. ♦ Students are not required to purchase any books. 			

TEACHING SESSIONS

1. False Writings and “The Tyranny of Canonical Assumptions.”
2. Double Trouble? Re-Writing the Deuteronomistic Histories in Chronicles
3. Ethnicity, Identity, and Inter-marriage: *Ezra*, *Nehemiah* and the *Book of Tobit*
4. Wisdom and the Transmission of Heavenly Knowledge: *Ben Sira* and *Jubilees*
5. Ancestors & Giants: *Genesis Apocryphon*, *Enoch* and the *Testament of the Patriarchs*
6. Batman or Superwoman? Second Temple Heroics in *Daniel* and *Judith*
7. Persecution and Vindication: *Greek Esther* and *Third Maccabees*
8. “When God Spoke Greek” The *LXX* and the *Letter of Aristeas*
9. Qumran and Its Sectarian and Liturgical Records
10. The Apocalyptic Imagination: From *Zechariah* to *Revelations*
11. Josephus and Philo: Unreliable Memories and the Philosophical Quest
12. The Genesis of Early Rabbinic Midrash: *Seder Olam Rabba* (Rabbi Deborah Kahn-Harris)
13. Picturing the Pseudepigraphic: *Dramatis Personae* in Medieval Art (National Gallery Trip).

PRIMARY SOURCES

Outside the Bible: Ancient Jewish Writings Related to Scripture (ed. L. H. Feldman, J.L. Kugel, L.H. Schiffman; Lincoln, Nebraska: University of Nebraska Press 2013).

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