

**INTERTESTAMENT SURVEY**  
Course Requirements

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TEXTBOOK and RESERVE READINGS:

DUE

5 Feb	Josephus. <i>Wars of the Jews</i> . Book I, Chpts. 1-7, 27, 33
12 Feb	Hoehner, "Between the Testaments" in the <i>Expositor's Bible Commentary</i> , I:179ff.
19 Feb	NO CLASS, but read <i>I &amp; II Macabbees</i>
26 Feb	Edersheim. <i>Sketches of Jewish Social Life</i> , chpts. 14-16, 18
4 Mar	Blaiklock. "The Septuagint" in <i>ZPBE</i> , V:342-347
11 Mar	LaSor. "The Dead Sea Scrolls" in the <i>Expositors Bible Commentary</i> , I:395ff.
18 Mar	Mid-term EXAM
25 Mar	Cross. <i>The Ancient Library at Qumran and Modern Biblical Studies</i> , pp. 197-243
1 Apr	SPRING BREAK
8 Apr	Metzgar. "The Apocrypha" in the <i>Expositor's Bible Commentary</i> , I:161ff
15 Apr	Pfeiffer. <i>Between the Testaments</i> (recommended) <b>OR</b> R.L. Cate, <i>A History of the Bible Lands in the Interbiblical Period</i>
22 Apr	Apocryphal Writings: Tobit, Additions to Esther, Ecclesiasticus, Prayer of Manasseh
29 Apr	Gasque. "Apocalyptic Literature" in <i>ZPBE</i> , I:200-204
6 May	Mueller, ed. <i>The Legacy of Zion</i> . Pp. 7-90; 109-116; 147-158.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS:

There will be two short papers due on the dates listed below. While suggestions are offered for your paper topic, you may choose to develop a topic not suggested.

Each short paper should be in standard, typed form and at least four pages in length. Bibliography should include at least three non-encyclopedic, non-internet sources.

If you prefer, you may substitute one eight-page paper for the two shorter papers. One long paper is due on May 6.

DUE

11 March	<u>Intertestamental History and the LXX</u> Suggestions: 1) develop the importance of the synagogue for NT worship and polity; 2) trace the origin and beliefs of the Essenes (possible comparative study with Saducees and Pharisees); 3) develop a particular theological belief of the Essenes; develop the importance of the LXX for textual studies; 4) illustrate how the LXX set the background for and helps define NT terms like "ekklesia" and "kurios"
6 May	<u>Rabbinics, DSS, Apocrypha, Apocalyptic</u> Suggestions: 1) Develop the value of the DSS in corroborating the authenticity and antiquity of the OT canon; give special attention to the Scrolls' bearing on Daniel's authenticity and traditional date (be sure to reference Archer's <i>SoOTIntro</i> ); 2) summarize the origins and later veneration of the RC apocrypha books, with the weaknesses of the apocrypha that disqualify them for inclusion in the canon.

EXAMS:

1) Take-home Mid-course Exam      2) Final in class

GRADING:

Exams = 50%      Readings = 25%  
Papers = 20%      Attendance = 5%