HISTORY/NEAR EAST 102

The Jews in their Homeland in Antiquity

Fall 2008
MWF 12:00-12:50
Peterson 102

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Course Outline

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; The Diadochoi; The Ptolemies; “Hellenization”
         Schaefer 1-25.

Week III The Seleucid Conquest and the Crisis in Judah in 175-164
         II Maccabees (in the Apocrypha); Daniel 11, 7; Schaefer 27-63; Schiffman 60-79.

Week IV The Rise and Fall of the Hasmonean State
         (Maccabees (in the Apocrypha); Schaefer 65-80.

Week V The House of Herod; The Roman Annexion;  Provincia Iudaea
         Schaefer 81-109; Schiffman 80-156.

Midterm (first week of November)

Week VI The First Jewish Revolt against Rome
         Schaefer 109-130; Schiffman 157-170.

Week VII The Second Jewish Revolt against Rome;  Provincia Syria Palaestina
         Schaefer 131-161; Schiffman 171-176

Week VIII The Third and Fourth Centuries
         Schaefer 163-185; Schiffman 177-265.

Week IX Byzantine Palestine
         Schaefer 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 11-12; Wednesday 1-2, and by appointment.  HSS 4024
Final: Thursday December 11, 2008, 11:30 AM.