HISTORY NEAR EAST 103

The Jewish Diaspora in Antiquity

Winter 2006
MWF 10-10:50
WLH 2207

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Required Books for the Course

Mélèze Modrzejewski, J.  The Jews of Egypt From Rameses II to Emperor Hadrian. (= M)

Williams, M.  The Jews among the Greeks and Romans. (= W)

Course Reader from Soft Reserves. (=R)

A modern translation of the Bible.

Course Outline

I. Introduction: Conceptual and Historical Background; Assyrian and Babylonian Exiles; Egyptian Dispersion.

II. The Persian Achemenid Empire: Iran, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Asia Minor.
III. Ptolemaic (and early Roman) Egypt.

IV. The Mediterranean Rim: Syria, Asia Minor, Greece, Cyrenaica, Islands.
   W, pp. 1-14, 18-19, 24-26, 64 (II.142-143), 93-95, 112-114.

V. The Diaspora Crisis in the West.
   M, Chapters 8-10. W, pp 131-137. R, p. 31

VI. The Parthian Empire

VII. The City of Rome

VIII. Later Roman Empire
   R, pp. 32-38.

IX. The Sasanian East
   TBA

X. The Diaspora Synagogue

There will be a midterm exam after the fifth week and a final exam.

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