HISTORY NEAR EAST 103

The Jewish Diaspora in Antiquity

Winter 2015                           Prof. D. Goodblatt
MWF 11-11:50                           HSS 4024
SOLIS 110                              534-0617 or 1996

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.
   W, pp. 2-4 [I.1-I.6].

II. The Persian Achemenid Empire: Iran, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Asia Minor.

III. Ptolemaic (and early Roman) Egypt.

IV. The Rest of the Eastern Mediterranean: Syria, Asia Minor, Greece, Cyrenaica, Islands.
W, pp. 1-14, 18-19 [I.64-66], 24-26, 64 [II.142-143], 69 [III.9-10], 93-95, 112-114. 132 [V.78-79]. R, 40-43, 48-55.

V. The Diaspora Crisis in the Roman East.

VI. The Parthian Empire

VII. The City of Rome

VIII. Later Roman Empire

IX. The Sasanian East
R, pp. 73-87.

X. The Diaspora Synagogue

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

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