Dead Sea Scrolls and Other Early Jewish Literature
MWF 6th
Matherly 117

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Purpose:
The primary focus of the course will be to acquaint the student with the literary, social, historical, and religious contexts of the various, predominately Jewish, noncanonical writings from the Greco-Roman period (often labeled the Pseudepigrapha).

Required Texts:
Vermes, Geza – The Complete Dead Sea Scrolls in English
Nickelsburg, George – Jewish Literature Between the Bible and the Mishnah
Charlesworth, James (ed) – The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha (2 vols)

Course Grade:
20% Class Participation/Attendance
20% Daily Assignment Questions/Observations
collected intermittently throughout the semester
3-5 significant questions/observations that come from assigned reading
60% Short Papers/Presentations
Book summaries/reports (4-5 pages each) and presentations (5-7 minutes) on 3 of the 5 major sections of the course material (Dead Sea Scrolls/Qumran/Essenes; Apocalyptic Literature/Movements; Testamentary Literature; Biblical Expansions/Interpretations; and Wisdom Literature/Prayers, Psalms, Odes, etc)

Attendance is required at all class meetings. Excessive unexcused absenteeism will result in lowering of the student’s grade.

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https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx

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## ASSIGNMENTS

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<td>Pseudepigrapha – Apocalypses - 1 Enoch 1-36 &lt;br&gt;Charlesworth, vol. 1, pp. 5-29 &lt;br&gt;Nickelsburg, pp. 43-53 &lt;br&gt;(skim Vermes, pp. 347-80, 403-13, 543-56)</td>
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Pseudepigrapha – Apocalypses – 1 Enoch 37-71  
Charlesworth, vol. 1, pp. 29-50  
Nickelsburg, pp. 248-56

Student Presentations – Dead Sea Scrolls/Qumran/Essenes

Pseudepigrapha – Apocalypses - 1 Enoch 72-108  
Charlesworth, vol. 1, pp. 50-89  
Nickelsburg, pp. 44-46, 83-88, 110-15  
(skim Vermes, pp. 347-80)

Pseudepigrapha – Apocalypses – Sibylline Oracles 1-6,  
Charlesworth, vol. 1, pp. 317-407  
Nickelsburg, pp. 193-196  
(skim Vermes, pp. 607-22)

Pseudepigrapha – Apocalypses - Treatise of Shem, Apocryphon of Ezekiel; Vision of Ezra  
Charlesworth, vol. 1, pp. 473-95, 582-90

Pseudepigrapha – Apocalypses – 4 Ezra, 2 Baruch  
Charlesworth, vol. 1, pp. 517-59, 615-52, 681-705 (selections)  
Nickelsburg, pp. 270-85

Pseudepigrapha – Apocalypses - Apocalypse of Abraham  
Charlesworth, vol. 1, pp. 681-705  
Nickelsburg, pp. 285-88

Student Presentations - Apocalypses

Pseudepigrapha – Testaments – Testament of Job  
Charlesworth, vol. 1, pp. 829-68  
Nickelsburg, pp. 315-22

Pseudepigrapha – Testaments – Testament of Abraham  
Charlesworth, vol. 1, pp. 871-904  
Nickelsburg, pp. 322-27

Pseudepigrapha – Testaments – Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs  
Charlesworth, vol. 1, pp. 775-828  
Nickelsburg, pp. 159-65, 302-15  
(skim Vermes, pp. 557-73)

MAR 2-6 Spring Break
9 Pseudepigrapha – Testaments – Testament of Moses
   Charlesworth, vol. 1, pp. 919-34
   Nickelsburg, pp. 74-77, 247-48

11 Dead Sea Scrolls – Biblical Interpretation – Targum of Job; Genesis Apocryphon;
   Commentaries on Nahum, Habakkuk, Psalms, Isaiah; Melchizedek legend
   Vermes, pp. 461-70, 480-91, 504-16, 532-34
   Nickelsburg, pp. 127-32, 172-81

13 Student Presentations – Testaments

16 Pseudepigrapha – Expansions/Legends – Letter of Aristeas
   Charlesworth, vol. 2, pp. 7-34
   Nickelsburg, pp. 191-93, 196-99

18 Pseudepigrapha – Expansions/Legends – Ascension of Isaiah
   Charlesworth, vol. 2, pp. 143-76

20 Pseudepigrapha – Expansions/Legends – Jubilees
   Charlesworth, vol. 2, pp. 35-142
   Vermes, pp. 539-42
   Nickelsburg, pp. 69-74, 158-59

23 Pseudepigrapha – Expansions/Legends – Joseph and Aseneth
   Charlesworth, vol. 2, pp. 177-247
   Nickelsburg, pp. 233-38

25 Pseudepigrapha – Expansions/Legends – Life of Adam and Eve
   Charlesworth, vol. 2, pp. 248-95
   Nickelsburg, pp. 327-32

27 Pseudepigrapha – Expansions/Legends – Ps-Philo
   Charlesworth, vol. 2, pp. 297-377
   Nickelsburg, pp. 265-70

30 Pseudepigrapha – Expansions/Legends – Lives of the Prophets
   Charlesworth, vol. 2, pp. 379-99

APR 1 Pseudepigrapha – Expansions/Legends – 4 Baruch
   Charlesworth, vol. 2, pp. 413-25

3 Student Presentations – Expansions of Biblical Narratives

6 Dead Sea Scrolls – Wisdom Literature
   Vermes, pp. 417-57
   Nickelsburg, pp. 169-72
Pseudepigrapha – Wisdom Literature/Psalms/Prayers - 3, 4 Maccabees
Charlesworth, vol. 2, pp. 509-64
Nickelsburg, pp. 199-202, 256-59

Pseudepigrapha – Wisdom Literature/Psalms/Prayers - Pseudo-Phocylides; Prayer of Manasseh
Charlesworth, vol. 2, pp. 565-82, 625-37
Nickelsburg, pp. 338-40

Pseudepigrapha – Wisdom Literature/Psalms/Prayers - Psalms of Solomon
Charlesworth, vol. 2, pp. 639-70
Nickelsburg, pp. 238-47

Dead Sea Scrolls – Songs of the Sabbath Sacrifice
Vermes, pp. 329-39
Nickelsburg, pp. 151-54

Dead Sea Scrolls – Thanksgiving Hymns (1QH); Psalms 151-155
Vermes, pp. 249-326
Charlesworth, vol. 2, pp. 609-24

Student Presentations – Wisdom Literature; Hymns, Prayers and Odes

Conclusions and Summary