Course Description: This course will trace the developments from Ancient Israelite religion to Early Judaism (concentrating on the Hellenistic and Roman periods), and the emergence of Christianity from this Jewish matrix (including both the indebtedness of Early Christianity to Judaism and the Early Christian [and to a lesser extent Jewish] polemic against its sibling). The course does presuppose some background on the part of the student in terms of both course content and critical methodology.

Required Texts:

S. Cohen, From the Maccabees to the Mishnah (=Cohen)
R. Stark, The Rise of Christianity (=Stark)
B. Ehrman, After the New Testament (=Ehrman)
S. Korb, Life in Year One: What the World Was Like in First-Century Palestine (=Korb)

Course Grade:

1st Exam (Early Judaism) 40%
2nd Exam (Early Christianity - not comprehensive) 40%
Daily Assignment Questions 20%
   collected intermittently without advance notice
   3-5 significant questions or observations which come from the reading assignment

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

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ASSIGNMENTS

JAN 6  General Introduction to the Course

EARLY JUDAISM

8, 10, 13  Ancient Israel to Early Judaism  
Cohen, pp. 1-26  
Korb, read completely before 1st exam

15, 17, 22  Gentile Political Domination  
Cohen, pp. 26-37; 1 Maccabees

24, 27  Anti-Judaism and Philo-Judaism  
Cohen, pp. 37-50

29, 31  Jewish "Religion"  
Cohen, pp. 51-98

FEB 3, 5  Community and Institutions  
Cohen, pp. 99-118

7, 10  Sects  
Cohen, pp. 119-138

12, 14, 17  Pharisees, Essenes, Sadducees, Zealots  
Cohen, pp. 138-166

19  Canon  
Cohen, pp. 167-184; Ehrman, pp. 309-316

21  Implications of Canonization  
Cohen, pp. 184-204

24  Emergence of Rabbinic Judaism  
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