

*Wyllen p 155-184 (Wyllen.PDF)*

Scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees

~~*Saldarini p 241-308 (Saldarini.PDF)*~~

Temple Operations

~~*Hanson & Oakman p 125-147 (HansonOakman.PDF)*~~

## **Day 10**

### **Study Session (Optional) 10:00-12:00**

Q & A, discussion, and assistance with journals

#### **Session 1**

Destruction of Temple (70 CE)

*Elwell & Yarbrough p 45-55 (ElwellYarbrough.PDF)*

*Horsley & Hanson p 43-46 (HorsleyHanson.PDF)*

*VanderKam p 41-48 (VanderKam1.PDF)*

#### **Session 2**

*Work independently on the Summary Reflection project. Turn in by end of day.*

Q & A, discussion, and assistance with journals

**Session 1**

Pax Romano (The Roman Peace)

*Nagle\_2 p 336-367 (Nagle.PDF)*

~~Judean Rome of First Century CE~~

~~Shame/Honor and Family Structure During the Life of Christ (and shortly after)~~

~~*Malina, The New Test... p 27-57 (Malina\_NewTest.PDF)*~~

~~*Osiek & Balch, Families... p 36-87 (OsiekBalch.PDF)*~~

*Peter and Paul and the Christian Revolution* PBS Video

**Session 2**

*Catch up if behind OR students dismissed to work independently on journals or final reflection.*

**Day 9**

**Study Session (Optional) 10:00-12:00**

Q & A, discussion, and assistance with journals

**Session 1**

Judean Rome of First Century CE

Shame/Honor and Family Structure During the Life of Christ (and shortly after)

*Osiek & Balch, Families... p 36-87 (OsiekBalch.PDF)*

**Session 2**

Judean Rome of First Century CE

Judiasm During the Life of Christ (and shortly after)

Jewish Religious Tradition

*Greenstein Handout (Greenstein.PDF)*

*Steinsaltz, p 3-9, 36-62 (Steinsaltz.PDF)*

*Cohen, A p xxxiii-xlviii (CohenAbraham.PDF)*

Second Temple Judaism

*Cohen, S. J. D. p 51-98 (CohenShaye.PDF)*

*Haber p 63-77 (Haber.PDF)*

Judaism in the First Century

## WEEK 2

### Palestine: Rural Rome During Christ's Life

#### Day 6

##### Study Session (Optional) 10:00-12:00

Q & A, discussion, and assistance with journals

##### Session 1

Rome of First Century CE

Society, Culture, and Politics During the Life of Christ (and shortly after)

*Elwell & Yarbrough p 37-45 (ElwellYarbrough.PDF)*

*Horsley, Jesus & Em... p 15-34 (Horsley\_JesusEmpire.PDF)*

*Horsley & Hanson p 34-43 (HorsleyHanson.PDF)*

##### Session 2

*The Roman Empire in the First Century* PBS video

#### Day 7

##### Study Session (Optional) 10:00-12:00

Q & A, discussion, and assistance with journals

##### Session 1

Rome of First Century CE

Society, Culture, and Politics During the Life of Christ (and shortly after) *continued*

*VanderKam p 39-41 (VanderKam1.PDF)*

*Horsley, Jesus in... p 24-26,*

*26-29 (Horsley\_JesusContext.PDF)*

*Malina, The Social World of Jesus and the Gospels p 35-65,*

*143-145*

*(Malina\_SocialWorld.PDF)*

##### Session 2

~~Pax Romano (The Roman Peace)~~

~~*Nagle\_2 p 336-367 (Nagle.PDF)*~~

#### Day 8

##### Study Session (Optional) 10:00-12:00

*Lindenberger p 46-49, 118-123, 138-139*  
(Linderberger.PDF)

**Session 2**

Family in Late 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple Era  
*Collins p 104-149* (Collins.PDF)

Social Classes, Social Relations, and Groups  
*Saldarini p 35-59* (Saldarini.PDF)

*deSilva p 52-55 (deSilva.PDF)*  
*Horsley & Hanson p 20-23 (HorsleyHanson.PDF)*

See also: Maccabees I

<http://www.sacred-texts.com/bib/poly/ma1001.htm>

Origins of Qumran (Essenes) and Pharisees  
*Horsley & Hanson p 23-29 (HorsleyHanson.PDF)*

## Day 4

### **Study Session (Optional) 10:00-12:00**

*Rome: Engineering an Empire* The History Channel Video  
Q & A, discussion, and assistance with journals

### **Session 1**

Early Rome

*Elwell & Yarbrough p 28-37 (ElwellYarbrough.PDF)*  
*VanderKam p 32-38 (VanderKam1.PDF)*  
*deSilva p 55-57, 58-62 (deSilva.PDF)*  
*Horsley & Hanson p 29-34 (HorsleyHanson.PDF)*  
*Nagle p 309-325 (Nagle\_1.PDF)*

### **Session 2**

Society, Culture, and Rabbinic Teachings of Late 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple Era  
Leaders, Groups, and Institutions  
*VanderKam p 175-217 (VanderKam2.PDF)*

## Day 5

### **Study Session (Optional) 10:00-12:00**

Q & A, discussion, and assistance with journals

### **Session 1**

Culture as seen Through Period Literature

Josephus, Eusebius, and Philo handouts  
(3 files: josephus.PDF, eusebius.PDF,  
philo.PDF)

*deSilva p 15-27, 38-41, 74-77, 80-81, 102-107, 142-149, 164-167, 176-185*  
(deSilva.PDF)

*Bel and the Dragon (BelDragon.PDF)*

## Persian Empires

*VanderKam p 1-11 (VanderKam1.PDF)*

*deSilva p 44-45 (deSilva.PDF)*

*Horsley & Hanson p 8-10 (HorsleyHanson.PDF)*

*Mesopotamia: Return to Eden Time Life Video*

## Construction of Second Temple and Rebuilding Jerusalem

*VanderKam p 3-6 (VanderKam1.PDF)*

*Ezra 1 (Bible)*

*Ezra 3 (Bible)*

*Nehemiah 2 (Bible)*

## Session 2

*Greece: A Moment of Excellence Time Life Video*

## Greek (Hellenistic) Empire (332-62 BCE)

*deSilva p 45-48 (deSilva.PDF)*

## Ptolemaic Empire

*VanderKam p 12-16 (VanderKam1.PDF)*

*deSilva p 46 (deSilva.PDF)*

## Selucid Control

*VanderKam p 16-24 (VanderKam1.PDF)*

*deSilva p 46-47 (deSilva.PDF)*

## Day 3

### Study Session (Optional) 10:00-12:00

Q & A, discussion, and assistance with journals

## Session 1

### Unrest

*deSilva p 48-52 (deSilva.PDF)*

*Horsley & Hanson p 10-20 (HorsleyHanson.PDF)*

*Elwell & Yarbrough p 25-26 (ElwellYarbrough.PDF)*

## Session 2

### Hasmonean Reign, Maccabees, and Hanukah

*Elwell & Yarbrough p 27-28 (ElwellYarbrough.PDF)*

*VanderKam p 24-32 (VanderKam1.PDF)*

# Introduction to Early Christian Context

## Course Outline

This course examines the social, political, and cultural factors from which the First Century Christian church emerged. The end of the first temple era in Judaism will serve as a starting point, influences from the Greek and Egyptian Ptolemaic Empires will be examined, but the focus of the class will be the first centuries BCE and CE. The roles of Judaism and the Roman Empire in creating the context from which Christianity emerged will comprise the bulk of the course, but other influences will also be considered.

## Topics

### Day 1

#### Session 1

Syllabus, Expectations, Orientation

#### Session 2

Why Understand the Context?

*deSilva p 20-26* (deSilva.PDF)

*Malina, The Social World of... p 3-12* (Malina\_SocialWorld.PDF)

*Young p 63-77* (Young.PDF)

*Malina, The New Testament... p 1-19* (Malina\_NewTest.PDF)

*Hanson & Oakman p 149-152* (HansonOakman.PDF)

#### Homework

Write responses in the Class Reaction Journal

Read assigned reading for Day 2

Write responses in the Reading Journal

### Day 2

#### Study Session (optional) 9:30-12:00

*The Greeks: Crucible of Civilization* PBS video

#### Session 1

Setting the Stage for Christ and New Testament Writings

*Horsley & Hanson p 1-8* (HorsleyHanson.PDF)

Babylonian Empire

*deSilva p 43-44* (deSilva.PDF)

*Horsley & Hanson p 8* (HorsleyHanson.PDF)