

Second Temple Judaism Exam List

Primary:

Bible and Apocrypha:

Daniel
Tobit
Judith
1, 2 and 4 Maccabees
Sirach (Wisdom of Ben Sira)
Wisdom (Wisdom of Solomon)

Pseudepigrapha:

1 Enoch 1–36 (Book of the Watchers), 83–90 (Book of Dreams)
Jubilees
4 Ezra
2 Baruch
Psalms of Solomon
Letter of Aristeas

Dead Sea Scrolls:

Damascus Document (CD)
Community Rule (1QS)
Peshet of Habakkuk

Philo:

De Opificio Mundi
Allegorical Interpretation (Legum allegoriae) I, II, III
On the Embassy to Gaius (De Legatione ad Gaium)
The Decalogue (De Decalogo)

Josephus:

Antiquities of the Jews, books 1, 12–20
Jewish War, books 1:1–30; 2; 3:127–408; 4; 5:356–419; 6

Tacitus: *Histories* 5.1–13

Secondary:

Barclay, John M. G. *Jews in the Mediterranean Diaspora: From Alexander to Trajan (323 BCE–117 CE)*. Edinburgh: T&T Clark, 1996.

Bickerman, Elias J. *The God of the Maccabees: Studies on the Meaning and Origin of the Maccabean Revolt*. Leiden: Brill, 1979.

- Blenkinsopp, Joseph. *Judaism, the First Phase: The Place of Ezra and Nehemiah in the Origins of Judaism*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2009.
- Cohen, Shaye J. D. *The Beginnings of Jewishness: Boundaries, Varieties, Uncertainties*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1999.
- Collins, John J. *The Apocalyptic Imagination: An Introduction to Jewish Apocalyptic Literature*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998.
- _____. *Jewish Wisdom in the Hellenistic Age*. Louisville: WJK, 1997.
- Collins, John J. and Gregory Sterling, eds. *Hellenism in the Land of Israel*. Notre Dame, Ind.: University of Notre Dame Press, 2001.
- García Martínez, Florentino and Eibert Tigchelaar. *The Dead Sea Scrolls Study Edition*. 2 vols. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2000.
- Goodman, Martin. *The Ruling Class of Judea: The Origins of the Jewish Revolt against Rome, A.D. 66–70*. London: Cambridge University Press, 1987.
- Gruen, Erich S. *Heritage and Hellenism: The Reinvention of Jewish Tradition*. Berkeley: U. of California Press, 1998.
- Hengel, Martin. *Judaism and Hellenism: Studies in their Encounter in Palestine during the Early Hellenistic Period*. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1974.
- Kamesar, Adam, ed. *The Cambridge Companion to Philo*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009.
- Rajak, Tessa. *Josephus: The Historian and his Society*. Second ed. London: Duckworth, 2002.
- Sanders, E. P. *Judaism: Practice and Belief, 63 B.C.E.–66 C.E.* London: SCM, 1992.
- Tcherikover, Victor. *Hellenistic Civilization and the Jews*. Philadelphia: Jewish Publication Society, 1959; reissued by Hendrickson Publishers, 1999.
- VanderKam, James. *The Dead Sea Scrolls Today: Revised Edition*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010.
- Wills, Lawrence M. *The Jewish Novel in the Ancient World*. Ithaca: Cornell U. P., 1995.

Recommended books to supplement this list, according to student's particular interests:

Klawans, Jonathan. *Impurity and Sin in Ancient Judaism*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000.

Momigliano, Arnold. *Alien Wisdom: The Limits of Hellenization*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1975. (especially ch. 4, "The Hellenistic Discovery of Judaism" and ch. 5, "Greeks, Jews and Romans from Antiochus III to Pompey")

Neusner Jacob and Ernest S. Frerichs, eds. *"To See Ourselves as Others See Us": Christians, Jews, "Others" in Late Antiquity*. Chico, Calif.: Scholars Press, 1985.