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LIFE IN JUDEA – 536 BC TO AD 70

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WELCOME

Welcome to our course, *New Testament Background - Life in Judea from 536 BC to AD 70*. This course is made possible through the generosity of the Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry. The *Internet Bible Institute* serves as a media for helping the modern student to understand God's Word, the Bible. We at *iBi* believe in the Holy Scriptures, accepting fully the writing of the Old and New Testament, the sixty-six canonical [John 16:13] books of the Bible, as the very Word of God, verbally inspired in all parts and therefore without error as originally given of God, altogether sufficient in themselves as our only infallible rule and absolute authority of faith and practice.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is a survey of the historical events in Judea from the restoration [536 BC] to the destruction of the second Temple [AD 70]. Through this course the 21st Century Christian can come to a better understanding of the place of the apocryphal books, of the Graeco/Roman cultural influences of the day, and of the Jewish religious and cultural scene in the first century.

This course provides the necessary background to understand the days of our Lord Jesus Christ upon this earth, to understand how the disciples thought, and to understand how those who came into contact with the Messiah thought. Such a background is vital to a full understanding of the Gospels.

This course was originally taught at The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry's Institute of Jewish Studies. It brings together the expertise of several Bible scholars, recognized for their knowledge of the material and of the Bible. We at *iBi* thank the Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry for allowing us to use their distance-learning course as the foundation for the course we offer you here.

The course well demonstrates the cultural aspect of the literal historical grammatical interpretation of the Bible, which is the foundation hermeneutic of both the Bible and *iBi*.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The following pages are given to you to assist you in understanding what life was like in Israel during the days in which our Lord walked there. As you listen to the lectures, use the syllabus to make notes and to help you understand the material taught. These notes will be especially helpful as you prepare for the examinations.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask us either via the Internet, phone, or by notes turned in with your assignments. We are only too happy to answer your questions.



PLEASE REMEMBER: the only “dumb” question is
the one you do not ask!

COURSE PROCEDURE

You should read the assign reading before each lesson. As you listen to the lecture, make notes in the syllabus to assist your understanding and to help you in preparing for the examinations. Upon completion of the each examination, send it to us immediately for grading, do not wait until you have taken the second examination. This course contains two examinations. Remember, a proctor is required while you take these examinations.

COURSE GRADING

You grade is determined as follows:

Course Bible reading assignment	= 10% of total grade
Course textbook reading assignment	= 10% of total grade
Apocryphal reading assignment	= 10%
Term paper	= 20% of total grade
Course examinations – Sections I - VI	= 25% of total grade
Course examination – Sections VII	= 25% of total grade

Total = 100%

Grading Scale

A = Outstanding	= 92-100
B = Excellent	= 85-91
C = Average	= 77-84
D = Below Average	= 70-76
E = Failing	= below 70

COURSE TEXTBOOK

Alfred Edersheim. *Sketches of Jewish Social Life*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 2001.