

RELIGIOUS STUDIES *743 - TOPICS IN APOCRYPHA & PSEUDEPIGRAPHA

ENOCHIC TEXTS & TRADITIONS

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This seminar will focus on ancient texts and traditions associated with the biblical figure of Enoch. We will begin by considering the Second Temple Jewish literature now preserved in 1 Enoch: the Astronomical Book, Book of the Watchers, Book of Dreams, Epistle of Enoch, and Similitudes. Then, we will turn to investigate their influence in Judaism and Christianity, both by examining later Enochic books (such as 2 Enoch and the Hekhalot text commonly called 3 Enoch) and by considering Early Christian transformations of Enochic texts and traditions. In the process, we will consider broader issues such as the origins and early history of apocalyptic literature, the significance of the Christian adoption of so-called "Old Testament Pseudepigrapha" for our understanding of early Jewish/Christian relations, the formation of biblical canons in Judaism and Christianity, and the relationship between Second Temple Jewish apocalyptic traditions and later forms of Jewish mysticism.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

a. Short presentations, weekly responses, and class participation = 30% – Students are, perhaps needless to say, expected to prepare the assigned readings each week and to participate actively in class discussions. Further to facilitate discussion, each student will be assigned a series of short (5 min.) informal presentations summarizing specific articles. In addition, responses to the assigned primary readings should be circulated to the entire seminar via email prior to the seminar (i.e. by Thursday night).

b. Book review presentation = 30% – Students should choose one book from the below list on which orally to present a book-review (25 min.), surveying and critiquing the book with special attention to issues of method and approach.

c. Final paper = 40% – The final paper (15-20 pp.) can concern any topic related to Enochic texts and traditions. For topic and bibliography, please consult with me well in advance.

REQUIRED READINGS

The following books have been ordered at Titles and are recommended for purchase:

- John Joseph Collins, *The Apocalyptic Imagination: An Introduction to Jewish Apocalyptic Literature*, rev.ed. (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1998).
- Martha Himmelfarb, *Ascent to Heaven in Jewish and Christian Apocalypses* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1993).
- George W. E. Nickelsburg and James C. Vanderkam, eds., *1 Enoch* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2004).

Other readings, as listed in the assignment schedule below, will be made available for xeroxing in a box in the departmental office.

1. Organizational session

2. Ancient Israelite and Near Eastern roots of early Enochic Traditions

Genesis 5-6

Ezekiel 1, 10

Himmelfarb, *Ascent to Heaven*, 9-28. [xerox in binder]

James VanderKam, *Enoch and the Growth of the Apocalyptic Tradition* (Washington, D.C.: Catholic Biblical Association of America, 1984), 23-75.

Secondary literature for mini-presentations:

- Ronald Hendel, "Of demigods and the deluge: Toward an interpretation of Genesis 6:1-4," *JBL* 106 (1987): 13-26. [xerox in binder]
- Anne Draffkorn Kilmer, "The Mesopotamian Counterparts of the Biblical Nêpîlîm" in *Perspectives on language and text: Essays and poems in honor of Francis I. Andersen's sixtieth birthday, July 28, 1985*, (ed. E. W. Conrad and E. G. Newing; Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 1987), 39-44.
- John J. Collins, "Jewish Apocalypticism against its Hellenistic Near Eastern Environment," *BASOR* 220 (1975): 27-36. [reprinted in idem, *Seers, Sibyls, and Sages in Hellenistic-Roman Judaism* (Leiden: Brill, 2001), 59-74; xerox in binder]
- Shaun → Short presentation of M.A. project

3. The Literary History of 1 Enoch and the History of Apocalyptic Literature

Collins, *Apocalyptic Imagination*, 1-47.

J. T. Milik, *The Books of Enoch: Aramaic Fragments of Qumran Cave 4* (Oxford: Clarendon, 1976), 1-41. [xerox in binder]

A. Y. Reed, "The Textual Identity, Literary History, and Social Setting of 1 Enoch: Reflections on George Nickelsburg's Commentary on 1 Enoch 1-36; 81-108," *Archiv für Religionsgeschichte* 5/1 (2003): 279-96. [Review Essay on George Nickelsburg, *1 Enoch I: A Commentary on the Book of Enoch, Chapters 1-36, 81-108* (Hermeneia; Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2001)] [off-print in binder]

Secondary literature for mini-presentations:

- Devora Dimant, "The Biography of Enoch and the Books of Enoch," *VT* 33/1 (1983) 14-29. [xerox in binder]
- Jonas C. Greenfield and Michael E. Stone, "Enochic Pentateuch and the Date of the *Similitudes*," *HTR* 70 (1977). [xerox in binder]
- Michael E. Stone, "The Book of Enoch and Judaism in the Third Century B.C.E.," *CBQ* 40/4 (1978): 479-492. [xerox in binder]
- Elias Bickerman, *The Jews in the Greek Age* (Cambridge: Harvard UP, 1988), 69-80, 133-47, 161-76.

4. Cosmology, Calendar and Apocalypse in the Astronomical Book

1 Enoch 72-82 [introduction and English translation by Otto Neugebauer, "The 'Astronomical Chapters' of the Ethiopic Book of Enoch (72 to 82)" in Matthew Black, *The Book of Enoch or 1 Enoch: A New English Edition* (Leiden: Brill, 1985) 386-414.] [xerox in binder]

Michael E. Stone, "New Light on the Third Century," in *Visionaries and their Apocalypses*, ed. Paul Hanson, *Issues in Religion and Theology* 4 (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1983), 85-91. [xerox in binder]

James VanderKam, *Enoch and the Growth of the Apocalyptic Tradition* (Washington, D.C.: Catholic Biblical Association of America, 1984), 76-140

Secondary literature for mini-presentations:

- Michael E. Stone, "Lists of Revealed Things in the Apocalyptic Literature" in *Magnalia Dei: The Mighty Acts of God: Essays on the Bible and Archaeology in Memory of G. Ernest Wright*, ed. by Frank Moore Cross, Werner Lemke, and Patrick D. Miller (Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1976), 414-52. [xerox in binder]
- J. Z. Smith, "Wisdom and Apocalyptic" in *Visionaries and their Apocalypses*, ed. Paul Hanson, *Issues in Religion and Theology* 4 (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1983), 101-20. [xerox in binder]
- John J. Collins, "Cosmos and Salvation: Jewish Wisdom and Apocalyptic in the Hellenistic Age," *History of Religions* 17 (1977): 121-42. [xerox in binder]
- Philip R. Davies, "The Social World of Apocalyptic Writings" in *The World of Ancient Israel* (ed. R. Clements; Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 1989), 251-71. [xerox in binder]

5. Enoch and the Fallen Angels in the *Book of the Watchers*

1 Enoch 1-16

A. Y. Reed, "Heavenly Ascent, Angelic Descent, and the Transmission of Knowledge in 1 Enoch 6-16" in *In Heaven as it is on Earth: Imagined Realms and Earthly Realities in Late Antique Religions* (ed. R. Abusch and A. Y. Reed; Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2004).

Secondary literature for mini-presentations:

- Paul Hanson, "Rebellion in Heaven, Azazel, and Euhemeristic Heroes in 1 Enoch 6-11," *JBL* 96 (1977): 195-233 [xerox in binder]
- George Nickelsburg, "Apocalyptic and Myth in 1 Enoch 6-11," *JBL* 96/3 (1977): 383-405; "Reflections upon Reflections: A Response to John Collins' 'Methodological Issues in the Study of 1 Enoch,'" *SBL Seminar Papers* 1978, 1:311-13. [xerox in binder]
- John J. Collins, "Methodological Issues in the Study of 1 Enoch: Reflections on the Articles of P. D. Hanson and G. W. Nickelsburg," *SBL Seminar Papers* 1978, 1:315-21; John J. Collins, "The Apocalyptic Technique: Setting and Function in the Book of Watchers," *CBQ* 44 (1982): 91-111. [xerox in binder]
- David Suter, "Fallen Angel, Fallen Priest: The Problem of Family Purity in 1 Enoch 6-16," *Hebrew Union College Annual* 50 (1979) 115-35; George Nickelsburg, "Enoch, Levi, and Peter: The Recipients of Revelation in Upper Galilee," *JBL* 100/4 (1981): 575-600. [xerox in binder]

6. Tours of Heaven and Earth in the *Book of the Watchers*

1 Enoch 17-36

Himmelfarb, *Ascent to Heaven*, 29-46.

Secondary literature for mini-presentations:

- Carol A. Newsom, "The Development of 1 Enoch 6-19: Cosmology and Judgment," *CBQ* 42 (1980): 310-29. [xerox in binder]
- Christine Schams, *Jewish Scribes in the Second-Temple Period* (JSOTSS 291; Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1998), 98-105, 309-27. [xerox in binder]
- Seth Schwartz, *Imperialism and Jewish Society: 200 BCE to 640 CE* (Princeton: Princeton UP, 2001), 19-42,

PRESENTATION: Kelley Coblenz Bautch, *A Study of the Geography of 1 Enoch 17-19: "No One Has Seen What I Have Seen"* (Leiden: Brill, 2003). [Shaun House]

7. Enoch in the Second-Century BCE: Epistle of Enoch and Book of Dreams

1 Enoch 83-105

George Nickelsburg, *1 Enoch I: A Commentary on the Book of Enoch, Chapters 1-36, 81-108* (Hermeneia; Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2001), 398-401, 354-63, 416-28.

Secondary literature for mini-presentations:

- Patrick A. Tiller, *A Commentary on the Animal Apocalypse of 1 Enoch* (SBLEJL 4; Atlanta: Scholar's Press, 1993), 15-60.
- Richard Horsley, "Social Relations and Social Conflict in the *Epistle of Enoch*" in *For a Later Generation: The Transformation of Tradition in Israel, Early Judaism, and Early Christianity* (ed. R. Argall, B. Bow, R. White; Harrisburg, PA: Trinity Press International, 2000), 100-15.
- Randall Argall, *1 Enoch and Sirach: A Comparative Literary and Conceptual Analysis of the Themes of Revelation, Creation, and Judgment* (SBLEJLS 8; Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1995), 17-52, 249-55.
- Seth Schwartz, *Imperialism and Jewish Society: 200 BCE to 640 CE* (Princeton: Princeton UP, 2001), 49-69, 74-87.

8. Enochic Literature and the Religious Landscape of Second Temple Judaism

Jubilees [translation = J. C. VanderKam, *The Book of Jubilees*. 2 vols. CSCO 510-11; Louvain, 1989) - xerox in binder]

Book of the Giants [translation = Loren Stuckenbruck, *The Book of Giants from Qumran* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 1997)]

George Nickelsburg, "The Books of Enoch at Qumran; What We Know and What We Need to Think about" in *Antikes Judentum und frühes Christentum. Festschrift für Hartmut Stegemann zum 65. Geburtstag* (ed. B. Kollmann, W. Reinbold, and A. Steudel; Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft 97; Berlin/New York: de Gruyter, 1999), 99-113. [xerox in binder]

Secondary literature for mini-presentations:

- James C. VanderKam, "The Angel Story in the Book of Jubilees" in *Pseudepigraphic Perspectives: The Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha in light of the Dead Sea Scrolls* (ed. E. Chazon and M. Stone; Leiden: Brill, 1999) 151-170. [xerox in binder]
- Loren Stuckenbruck, "The 'angels' and 'giants' of Genesis 6:1-4 in second and third century BCE Jewish interpretation; reflections on the posture of early apocalyptic traditions," *DSD* 7 (2000) 354-77. [xerox in binder]
- Erik Larson, "The Relation between the Greek and Aramaic Texts of Enoch" in *The Dead Sea Scrolls: Fifty Years after Their Discovery. Proceedings of the Jerusalem Congress, July 20-25, 1997* (ed. L. Schiffman, E. Tov, and J. VanderKam; Jerusalem: Israel Exploration Society, 2000), 434-444.
- P.W. Flint, "Noncanonical Writings in the Dead Sea Scrolls: Apocrypha, Other Previously Known Writings, Pseudepigrapha" in *The Bible at Qumran: Text, Shape, and Interpretation* (ed. Peter Flint; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2001), 80-127.

9. Similitudes of Enoch

1 Enoch 37-71

Precirculated materials from Third Enoch Seminar, Camaldoli, Italy (copies to be made available)

Secondary literature for mini-presentations:

- James R. Davila, "Of methodology, monotheism and Metatron; introductory reflections on divine mediators and the origins of the worship of Jesus," in *The Jewish Roots of Christological Monotheism*, ed. by Carey C. Newman, James R. Davila, Gladys S. Lewis (Leiden: Brill, 1999), 3-18 . [xerox in binder]
- George Nickelsburg, *Jewish Literature Between the Bible and the Mishnah: A Historical and Literary Introduction* (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1981), 195-230.
- TBA

PRESENTATION: David Suter, *Tradition and Composition in the Parables of Enoch* (SBLDS 47; Missoula: Scholars Press, 1979). [Andy Wong]

10. 2 Enoch

2 Enoch [introduction and translation = F. I. Anderson in J. Charlesworth, *Old Testament Pseudepigrapha* (NY: Doubleday, 1983), 1.91-213]

Himmelfarb, *Ascent to Heaven*, 72-94.

John J. Collins, "Natural Theology and Biblical Tradition: The Case of Hellenistic Judaism," *CBQ* 61 (1998): 1-15. [xerox in binder]

Secondary literature for mini-presentations:

- John J. Collins, "The Genre Apocalypse in Hellenistic Judaism," in *Apocalypticism in the Mediterranean World and the Near East*, ed. D. Hellholm (Tubingen: Mohr, 1983), 531-48.
- George Nickelsburg, *Jewish Literature Between the Bible and the Mishnah: A Historical and Literary Introduction* (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1981), 161-94.
- Victor Tcherikover, *Hellenistic Civilization and the Jews* (repr.ed.; Peabody, Mass.: Hendriksen, 1999), 269-95.
- Erich S. Gruen, *Heritage and Hellenism: The Reinvention of Jewish Tradition* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998), 110-36.

11. Enochic literature in the Jesus Movement and Early Christianity

Epistle of Jude [NT]

Justin, *2 Apol.* 5

Tertullian, *De cult.fem.* 3.

Reed, *Fallen Angels*, chs. 4-5.

William A. Adler, "Enoch in Early Christian Literature." *SBLSP* 13 (1978): 271-75.

Secondary literature for mini-presentations:

- Birger Pearson, "Enoch in Egypt" in *For a Later Generation: The Transformation of Tradition in Israel, Early Judaism, and Early Christianity* (ed. R. Argall, B. Bow, and R. Werline; Harrisburg: Trinity Press, 2000), 216-31.
- Michael A. Knibb, "Christian Adoption and Transmission of Jewish Pseudepigrapha: The Case of 1 Enoch," *JSJ* 32 (2001): 396-415.
- H. L. Lawlor, "Early Citations from the Book of Enoch," *JPh* 25 (1897): 164-225.

PRESENTATION: J. Vanderkam and W. Adler, eds., *The Jewish Apocalyptic Heritage in Early Christianity* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 1996). [Nick Meyer]

12. Enochic literature in Late Antique and Medieval Judaism

3 Enoch 3-15 [Translation = Hugo Odeberg, *3 Enoch or the Hebrew Book of Enoch* (New York: Ktav, 1928; Reprinted New York: Ktav, 1973)].

Midrash on Azazel and Shemhazah [see Milik]

Reed, *Fallen Angels*, ch. 7.

Secondary literature for mini-presentations:

- P. S. Alexander, "Targumim and Early Exegesis of 'Sons of God,'" *JJS* 23 (1972) 60-71; Martha Himmelfarb, "A Report on Enoch in Rabbinic Literature," *SBLSP* (1978): 259-69. [xerox in binder]
- P. S. Alexander, "Historical setting of the Hebrew book of Enoch," *JJS* 28 (1977) 156-180; "Appendix: 3 Enoch" in Emil Schürer, *The History of the Jewish People in the Age of Jesus Christ (175 B.C. – A.D. 135)*, Volume III, Part I (ed. G. Vermes, F. Millar, and M. Goodman; Revised Edition; Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1986), 269-75. [xerox in binder]
- Martha Himmelfarb, "Heavenly ascent and the relationship of the apocalypses and the Hekhalot literature," *HUCA* 59 (1988), 73-100. [xerox in binder]

PRESENTATION: David Halperin, *The Faces of the Chariot* (TSAJ 16; Tübingen: J. C. B. Mohr, 1988). [Karl Shuve]