

IPH5/712 The Talmudic Apocalypse and Christology (1.5 credits)

Instructor: Dr. Daniel Boyarin, Visiting Distinguished Lecturer

Purpose: In this course we will be looking at a few pages of the Talmud that are filled with material that is parallel to early apocalyptic texts that are related to the New Testament. We will be thinking about the interrelations of early Jewish and early Christian thought.

Format: Monday-Friday July 4-8 2016, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Seminar format.

Identification of the levels at which the course can be taken: Audit, Certificate, Basic (Diploma/MA/M.Div) or Advanced (Th.M).

Required texts:

Nickelsburg, George W.E. and James C. VanderKam. *1 Enoch: A New Translation* (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress Press), 2004

Additional articles TBA, posted on moodle

Assignments: For all students:

- Attendance in accordance with VST policies
- Thoughtful, engaged participation in class discussion and activities
- Completion of assigned readings

For Certificate-level students:

- One 750-word reflection paper demonstrating mastery of course material and engagement with it.

For Basic-level students (MATS, M.Div, MAPPL, MAIIS):

- A 3000-word research paper on a topic of the student's choice, demonstrating engagement with some combination of Talmudic, apocalyptic, biblical, and historical sources, and involving research (5 sources) beyond the assigned course readings.

Additional for Advanced-level students (Th.M.):

- A 4000-word research paper on a topic of the student's choice, demonstrating engagement with some combination of Talmudic, apocalyptic, biblical, and historical sources, and involving significant research (10 sources) beyond the assigned course readings.

Local contact for VST students enrolled for graduate credit: Rabbi Dr. Laura Duhan Kaplan, ldkaplan@vst.edu

Papers written for graduate credit will be marked by Rabbi Dr. Laura Duhan Kaplan.