

**BST 411: Exile and Restoration**  
**Professor Mark Boda**  
☎ 545-1515<sup>x309</sup> or 924-2034

**Winter Semester 1995**  
**3 credits**  
**Mon, Wed @ 1:55 in AD10**

## Description

A study of the history and theology of the Exile and Restoration in Judah. The focus will be on books and passages which describe and prescribe the response to the fall of Judah and the restoration of the community with particular attention to the content, literary form, historical context and theological teaching of the books of Ezra-Nehemiah, Lamentations, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

## Program

### January

- 9 Orientation; Introduction to Exile and Restoration
- 11 Exile in History: ANE
- 16 Exile in History: Jews
- 18 Exile in Theology: Lamentations
- 23 Exile in Theology: Lamentations
- 25 Spiritual Life & Missions Week
- 30 Exile in Theology: Psalms

### February

- 1 Exile in Theology: Histories (DtrH & Chr)
- 6 Exile in Theology: Former Prophets
- 8 Exile in Theology: Former Prophets
- 13 Exile in Theology: Former Prophets
- 15 Exile in Theology: Remnant
- 20 Reading Week
- 22 Reading Week
- 27 Restoration in History: ANE

### March

- 1 Restoration in History: Jews
- 6 Restoration in History: Jews
- 8 Restoration in Theology: Former Prophets
- 13 Restoration in Theology: Pentateuch & DtrH
- 15 Restoration in Theology: Ezra-Nehemiah
- 20 Restoration in Theology: Ezra-Nehemiah
- 22 Restoration in Theology: Haggai
- 27 Youth Conference
- 29 Restoration in Theology: Haggai




### April

- 3 Restoration in Theology: Zechariah 1-8
- 5 Restoration in Theology: Zechariah 1-8
- 10 Restoration in Theology: Malachi
- 12 Restoration in Theology: Malachi
- 17 Exile & Restoration in Biblical Theology
- 19 Exile & Restoration in Biblical Theology

## Evaluation



Welcome to the smorgasbord! Pick up your tray and get ready for a feast. The students will be given the opportunity to learn in the way that best suits their own learning style. There will be a core of assignments (Basic Food Groups) that all students will be required to accomplish, but beyond that core (Appetizers, Desserts, Beverages) there will be freedom to design the learning experiences according to the student's own desires. The student will not only choose the type of assignment but also the due dates for those assignments (except for exams).


### Basic Food Groups (40%)


-  Read Newsome's book and trace the history of the ANE and the Jews (due after reading week): 15%
-  Read Klein's book and trace the reaction to the exile in the books covered in chapters 1-5 (due the last day of class): 15%
-  Participation & Preparation: 10%


### Appetizers, Desserts, Beverages (60%)


Choose up to 60% of items desirable to your palate. You can assign your own due date to these assignments, but no month can have more than two of these items due in it.


-  Exams (20%) 2 offered
  - #1 Historical-Geographical (mid-term: week after Reading Week)
  - #2 Literary-Theological (finals week)
-  Essay: 5-6 pages (20%) limit 2


This assignment will address a small issue (usually historical) in the Babylonian and Persian Periods or books.
-  Historical Figure paper: 5-6 pages (20%): limit 1

This assignment allows the students to concentrate their attention on a particular historical figure in the ANE context.
-  Book Review: 3 pages (10%) limit 2

Books which address different issues which arise in this course will be read and reviewed by the student.
-  Article Set Review: 3 page (10%) limit 2

Each set of articles will address a different issue of debate relevant to the course. This assignment will require that the student read the articles, identify the major areas of debate citing different viewpoints, and then come to a conclusion.
-  Research paper: 10-12 pages (40%) limit 1

This assignment will require a high level of research on a major issue relevant to the course. Interaction with secondary literature will be expected.
-  Archaeological site paper (6<sup>th</sup> century BC): 5-6 pages (20%) limit 1

The student will focus attention on the archaeological evidence for a particular site in the ANE relevant to the course.
-  Sermon: 10 pages (20%) limit 1

In this assignment the student will focus attention on a particular passage relevant to the course, perform proper exegesis on the text which will form the foundation for the written text of a sermon.

## Textbooks

### Required

Newsome, D.  
1979      *By the Waters of Babylon*. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark

Klein, R. W.  
1979      *Israel in Exile: A Theological Interpretation*. Philadelphia: Fortress.

### Suggested

Williamson, H. G. M.  
1987      *Ezra and Nehemiah [OTG]*. Sheffield: JSOT Press.

### A Word of Caution

Books used in the course are not chosen always for their "orthodoxy". There are very few books on the market today which I would agree with on every point. You will read in both Newsome and Klein about such texts as "Deutero-Isaiah" or the "Priestly" text of the Pentateuch or of the Deuteronomistic additions to the book of Jeremiah. Do not let these statements deter you in your quest for knowledge. Rather read them for the message of these texts no matter what your views are on these controversial issues. Basically, do not throw out the baby with the bath water!

## Appetizers, Desserts, Beverages: Nutritional Information

### ✍ Exams (20%) 2 offered

- #1 Historical-Geographical (mid-term: week after Reading Week)
- #2 Literary-Theological (finals week)

### ✍ Essay: 5-6 pages (20%) limit 2

- ✓ Nehemiah in the Persian Empire: discover the Persian context for titles and peoples in the book of Nehemiah, in particular, his role as cupbearer, governor, his interaction with figures such as Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem.
- ✓ Ezra in the Persian Empire: outline Ezra's role in the province of Yehud, his interaction with the Persian authorities. Did he succeed or fail in his commission?
- ✓ Haggai's view of restoration
- ✓ Zechariah's treatment of Zerubbabel and Jeshua, are they the two anointed ones?

### ⌘ Historical Figure paper: 5-6 pages (20%): limit 1

- ✓ Nebuchadnezzar
- ✓ Nabonidus
- ✓ Cyrus
- ✓ Darius
- ✓ Artaxerxes I

For your information, papers are evaluated as follows.

1. **Presentation:** Is the spelling correct? Does the grammar/syntax reflect proper English? Is the paper laid out properly?
2. **Argumentation:** Is there a good introduction and conclusion? Does the argument flow with ample support? Is the question answered?
3. **Content:** Are all the points considered?

### 📖 Book Review: 3 pages (10%) limit 2

- ✓ Stern, E.  
1982 *Material Culture of the Land of the Bible in the Persian Period 538-332 B.C.* Warminster: Aris and Phillips.
- ✓ Weinberg, J.  
1992 *The Citizen-Temple Community* [JSOTSup151]. Tr. D. L. Smith-Christopher. Sheffield: JSOT Press.
- ✓ Ackroyd, P. R.  
1968 *Exile and Restoration*. London: SCM. (read either pages 1-137 or pages 138-256)
- ✓ Eskenazi, T. C.  
1988 *In an Age of Prose: A Literary Approach to Ezra-Nehemiah* [SBL Monograph #36]. Atlanta: Scholars.
- ✓ Hasel, G.  
1975 *The History and Theology of the Remnant Idea from Genesis to Isaiah* (2nd edition). Berrien Springs.



## Article Set Review: 3 page (10%) limit 2

### ✓Who were Sheshbazzar and Zerubbabel?

Eskenazi, T. C.

1992 "Sheshbazzar" in D. Freedman (ed.), *Anchor Bible Dictionary* (New York: Doubleday), 1992:V:1207-1209.

Japhet, S.

1982 "Sheshbazzar and Zerubbabel – Against the Background of the Historical and Religious Tendencies of Ezra-Nehemiah", *ZAW* 94:66-98; 95:218-229.

Dion, P. E.

1983 "Sheshbazzar and Shenazzar", *ZAW* 95:111-112.

Beyer, B. E.

1992 "Zerubbabel" in D. Freedman (ed.), *Anchor Bible Dictionary* (New York: Doubleday), 1992: VI:1084-1086.

Klein, R. W.

1992 "Ezra-Nehemiah, Books of", in D. Freedman (ed.), *Anchor Bible Dictionary* (New York: Doubleday), 1992: II:735.

Petersen, D.

1974 "Zerubbabel and Jerusalem Temple Reconstruction", *CBQ* 36:366-372.

### ✓What is the basic flow of history in the early Persian period?

Widengren, G.

1977 "The Persian Period", in J. H. Hayes and J. M. Miller (eds.), *Israelite and Judaeon History* (London: SCM), 1977:489-538.

Cross, F. M.

1975 "A Reconstruction of the Judean Restoration", *JBL* 94:4-18

Meyers, E. M.

1987 "The Persian Period and the Judean Restoration: From Zerubbabel to Nehemiah" in P. D. Miller, P. D. Hanson, S. D. McBride (eds.), *Essays in Honor of F. M. Cross: Ancient Israelite Religion* (Philadelphia: Fortress): 509-521.

### ✓What are the sources from which Ezra-Nehemiah was composed and how were they put together?

Williamson, H. G. M.

1983 "The Composition of Ezr i-vi", *JTS* ns34:1-30.

1985 *Ezra, Nehemiah* [WBC]. Waco: Word. (read the sections on "Sources", and "Composition", pp. xxiii-xxxv)

Klein, R. W.

1992 "Ezra-Nehemiah, Books of", in D. Freedman (ed.), *Anchor Bible Dictionary* (New York: Doubleday), 1992: II:734.

Blenkinsopp, J.

1988 *Ezra-Nehemiah* [OTL]. Philadelphia: Westminster. (read the section "The Composition of Ezra-Nehemiah", pp. 41-47.

Clines, D. J. A.

1984 *Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther* [New Century Bible]. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. (read the sections on "Sources of Ezra-Nehemiah", and "Composition of Ezra-Nehemiah", 4-14)

✓Are there different sources in Haggai and Zechariah 1-8 and how was it put together?

Coggins, R. J.

1987 *Haggai Zechariah Malachi* [OTG]. Sheffield: JSOT Press. (Read pp. 25-32: "Editorial Framework of Haggai and Zechariah 1-8).

Tollington, J. E.

1993 *Tradition and Innovation in Haggai and Zechariah 1-8* [JSOTSup 150]. Sheffield: JSOT. (Read pp. \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_: "\_\_\_\_\_".)

Mason, R.

1977 "The Purpose of the 'Editorial Framework' of the Book of Haggai", *VT* 27:413-421.

Meyers, E. M. & C. L.

1987 *Haggai, Zechariah 1-8*. [AB]. New York: Doubleday. (read pp. xiv-lxvii).

✓When did Yehud become a province in the Persian empire with an independent governor and who were the governors?

McEvenue, S.

1981 "The Political Structure in Judah from Cyrus to Nehemiah", *CBQ* 43:353-364.

Stern, E.

1984 "The Persian Empire and the political and social history of Palestine in the Persian period", in W. D. Davies & L. Finkelstein (eds.), *The Cambridge History of Judaism (Volume One: Introduction; The Persian Period)*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), 1984: 70-87.

Williamson, H. G. M.

1988 "The Governors of Judah under the Persians", *Tyndale Bulletin* 39:59-82.

✓What is the sociological make-up of the Persian Period Jewish community in Palestine?

Read the articles by Hoglund, Smith, and Halligan in:

Davies, P. R.

1991 *Second Temple Studies: 1. Persian Period*. [JSOTSup 117]. Sheffield: JSOT Press.

✓What is the role of the Temple in the Persian Period Jewish community in Palestine?

Read the articles by Blenkinsopp, Petersen and Horsley in:

Davies, P. R.

1991 *Second Temple Studies: 1. Persian Period*. [JSOTSup 117]. Sheffield: JSOT Press.

#### ☐ Research paper: 10-12 pages (40%) limit 1

- ✓The use of history in the exilic and restoration periods
- ✓The transformation of Prophetism in the Babylonian and Persian Periods
- ✓Restoration as a Second Exodus
- ✓Reconstructing the Restoration period: a historical overview of the history of the early Persian period
- ✓Conflict and Resolution: protagonists and antagonists in Ezra-Nehemiah
- ✓Living in the hands of Emperors: the emergence of apocalyptic literature in the Babylonian and Persian Periods
- ✓70 years of Captivity in history and theology












**Archaeological site paper (6<sup>th</sup> century BC): 5-6 pages (20%) limit 1**

- ✓ Babylon
- ✓ Susa
- ✓ Ecbatana
- ✓ Tema
- ✓ Jerusalem

**Sermon: 10 pages (20%) limit 1**

- ✓ Haggai 2:1-9
- ✓ Zechariah 1:1-6
- ✓ Malachi 3:6-12
- ✓ Lamentations 3
- ✓ Ezra 9
- ✓ Nehemiah 1
- ✓ Nehemiah 5

### BST 411: Exile & Restoration (Menu: Student)

Assignment	✓	%	Due Date
<b>Basic Food Groups</b>			
	Newsome reading	✓	15% 27 February 1995
	Klein reading	✓	15% 19 April 1995
	Participation	✓	10%
<b>Appetizers, Desserts, Beverages</b>			
	Exams		20% Week of 27 February
			20% Finals Week
	Essay		20%
			20%
	Historical Figure		20%
	Book Review		10%
			10%
	Article Set Review		10%
			10%
	Research paper		40%
	Archaeological site		20%
	Sermon		20%
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### BST 411: Exile & Restoration (Menu: Professor)

	Assignment	✓	%	Due Date
<b>Basic Food Groups</b>				
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<b>Appetizers, Desserts, Beverages</b>				
<i>as</i>	Exams		20%	Week of 27 February
			20%	Finals Week
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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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