

Class 1: Patriarchs to Moses

Background text: “*Scheindlin*” pp 1-7

Topic 1: What is a Jew?

Jewish Attributes (*handout*)

Topic 2: From Patriarchs to Moses

[Land of Canaan and prehistory: Neanderthals, early civilizations] (*handout*)

Patriarchs: Abraham hx (*handout*), Abraham bible (*handout*),

Isaac/Jacob/Joseph hx (*handout*)

12 Tribes (*handout map*)

Antecedents: Sumer; Egypt (*handout*)

Moses, Joshua, Philistines.

Class 2: Moses to Judah

Background text: Scheindlin 8-25;

Topic 1: Saul/David/Solomon.

The 2 Kingdoms--Ahab/Israel (Assyria), Judah.

Topic 2: 1st Diaspora (Babylonian exile), Nehemiah/Ezra/Judah.

(*Ezra handout*)

Topic 3: Old Testament, *Scheindlin* 29-30)

(*613 commandments handout*)

Video 1A: “Art and Israelite Art”-- Solomon temple, Ahab temple

Class 3: Judah in Greco-Roman times

Background Text: “*Scheindlin*” pp 25-44

Topic 1: Alexander/Greeks, Maccabees, Herod (*Hellenistic handout*)

Topic 2: Saduccee/Pharisee/Essenes. (*saduccee and pharisee handout*)

Topic 3 : Rome (Roman Empire Map (*handout*) (*Claudius to the*

Alexandrians (*Handout*),

Class 4 : The 2nd Diaspora

Background Text: “*Scheindlin*” pp 44-57

Topic 1 : 1st, 2nd, 3rd Jewish Wars: History

Topic 2 : 1st Jewish War : eyewitness description (*Josephus Handout*)

Topic 3: 3rd Jewish war: description (*Dio Cassius handout*)

Video 1B: “From Exile to Exile”-- 2nd Temple, Herod the Great, Massada [min 10—24]

Class 5: Review of History 2000 BC –to- 138 AD