

Assemblies of God Theological Seminary
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MHT 534/HIS 548 History of Jewish-Christian Relations

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course deals with the History of Jewish-Christian Relations from the first century until the modern era. Unhappy seasons in the relationship will be examined but the real contributions each religion has made to the other will also be recognized. Particular emphasis is given to the influential teachings impacting Jewish Christians Relations over the centuries including that of Paul, Augustine, and Luther on the one hand, and Rabbinism, Talmud, and the philosophy of Jewish Peoplehood on the other.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. To trace the history of Jewish-Christian Relations from the time of Jesus and the Book of Acts, through the First Century early Church, through the Eras of the Church Fathers and the Talmudic Period, the Dark Ages, the Reformation and Enlightenment periods, European Emancipation and the rise of nation-states, through the Holocaust and the establishment of the State of Israel until the present hour;
2. To familiarize the student with the wide swings between compatibility and hostility in the historical relations among Jews and Christians;
3. To identify the particular factors impacting Jewish-Christian relations during especially eventful times over the past 2000 years;
4. To expose the learner to the roles often played in the relationship by the varying interpretations of the Holy Scriptures and theological compositions; and to sensitize the student so as to be able to observe the differences between these religious leadership theological interpretations and the Bible itself;
5. To enable the student to recognize the similarities and dissimilarities between Judaism and Christianity and to note how these contributed to or detract from the development of peaceful relations in the West;
6. To challenge the student to discover ways and means of personally encouraging peaceful, constructive, spiritually beneficial, and God-pleasing relations between Jews and Christians in this generation.

BASIC COURSE OUTLINE:

1. Spread of Christianity and the Messianic Jews
2. Paul's Struggle with ethnocentrism and Tensions in Jewish-Christian Relations
3. The Jewish Antecedents of Christianity
4. Roman confusion between Jews and Gentile Christians in the first two centuries A.D.
5. Jewish and Christian Missionizing during the first four centuries
6. Traditional Christian Justifications for Anti-Semitism
7. The Development of "Replacement" Theology
8. Augustine's Israelology
9. Jewish-Christian Attitudes and Relations During the "Dark Ages"
10. The Crusades and the Inquisition
11. German Christian and Jewish relations during the Reformation Era; Luther and the Jews
12. Contemporary Christian attitudes in the face of Jewish false messiahs
13. Jewish Experience during the European Enlightenment and Emancipation
14. The massive Jewish conversion Christianity in 19th Century Europe
15. The history of the rabbinic theological dismissal of Christianity
16. The history of Jewish migration from Europe to North America from 1654 to 2001 and American Jewish-Christian relations
17. The Jewish Reclamation of Jesus the Jew, Jewish perspectives of Paul, and Comparison of Jesus and Paul in Jewish Scholarship
18. Nation-States and the Rise of Zionism; Christian Zionism
19. 20th Century Struggles; Holocaust, Israel, and Christian Commitments to the Jewish People; Philo-Semitism in the twentieth century
20. The history of the more outstanding Christian missionaries to the Jews
21. Contemporary efforts to discredit Messianic Jews and the Gospel for Jews
22. The Image of Messianic Jewish Faith in the Jewish and Christian Worlds.
23. Zionism and national Israel in Pentecostal Ideology.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- Ariel, Yaakov. *Evangelizing the Chosen People: Missions to the Jews in America, 1880-2000*. Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 2000.
- Finto, Don. *Your People Shall Be My People*. Ventura, CA: Regal, 2001.
- Nicholls, William, *Christian Antisemitism: A History of Hate*. Northvale, NJ: Jason Aronson, 1995.

RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

- Brown, Michael L. *Answering the Jewish Objections to Jesus*. 3 volumes. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2000.
- Carmichael, Joel. *The Satanizing of the Jews: Origin and Development of Mystical Anti-Semitism*. New York: Fromm International Publishing, 1992.
- Goldberg, Louis, ed. *How Jewish is Christianity? Two Views on the Messianic Movement*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2003.
- Harris-Shapiro, Carol. *Messianic Judaism*. Boston, MA: Beacon Press, 1999.
- Herford, R. Travers. *Christianity in Talmud and Midrash*. New York, NY: KtavPublishing House, 1975, Reprint of 1903 edition published by Williams and Norgate, London.

Setzer, Claudia. *Jewish Responses to Early Christians: History and Polemics, 30-150 C.E.* Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 1994

METHODOLOGY:

Lectures and Oral Presentations
Class Discussions and Interactions
Papers: Introspective and Reactionary
Utilization of transparencies, charts, videos, etc.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Regular attendance is course policy.
2. Four page "reactions" to the four required texts.
Wilson is due: September 28, 2004
Nicolls is due: October 19, 2004.
Ariel is due: November 16, 2004
Finto is due: December 7, 2004
3. Submitting of a 15 page research paper. Approval for topic selections are due Tuesday, October 12, 2004.
Each approval petition must be accompanied by:
 - a) a proposed Title Page (Turabian only)
 - b) a bibliography of 15 entries in proper Turabian form;
 - c) a thesis statement;
 - d) a proposed Table of Contents.

Approvals will be returned to students on Tuesday, October 19. The research project is due December 7, 2004. Late papers will be assessed a penalty. **Research projects must be submitted in duplicate.** Only the second copy shall be returned.

The proper format to be used for papers, bibliographies, etc., will follow the Kate L. Turabian Sixth Edition format of *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, which is readily available in the AGTS Bookstore. Poorly presented papers will be returned for retyping.

4. A final examination will be written in class, December 14.

GRADING PROCEDURE:

Four Book Reactions	40%
Research Paper	30%
Final Exam	30%

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- Fisher, Eugene J. *Homework for Christians; Preparing for Christian-Jewish Dialogue*. Revised edition. New York, NY; Princeton University Press. _____, ed. *Interwoven Destinies; Jews and Christians Through The Ages*. New York, NY: Paulist Press, 1993.
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