

The Jews and their Temples
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“The Jews and their Temples” explores Jewish Temples and different expressions of Jewish religiosity (hybrid cults, priestly Judaism, the centrality of Jerusalem) in Judea and the Jewish Diaspora during the late Persian, Hellenistic, and Roman periods. Problematizing the phenomenon of multiple Jewish sanctuaries in view of the biblical “law of centralization” (Deut 12), the lectures will focus on the Jerusalem Temple, the spiritual “Temple of Man” at Qumran, the Jewish Temple at Elephantine (in Egypt), the Samaritan Temple on Mt. Gerizim, and the Temple of Onias at Heliopolis (in Egypt).

Week 1: "The Jewish Temple at Elephantine in Egypt"

Week 2: "The Temple of Jerusalem"

Week 3: "The Temple of Onias in Egypt"

Week 4: "The Samaritan Temple on Mt. Gerizim"