

JS / HIST 270
Goldstein
Fall 2019

Take-Home Exam – Jews in the Ancient World

You may use the class texts and lecture notes in completing this exam, but you may NOT discuss the exam with any other class members. Exams should be typed in 12-point Times New Roman type and double spaced with standard one-inch margins. All exams must be emailed back to Prof. Goldstein at egoldst@emory.edu no later than the beginning of class (11:30am EST) on Monday, October 7.

Part I – Term Pairs (40%):

Define **five** of the following term pairs and explain how the terms in the pair are different from each other. Do not just give the simple definition, but be sure to also provide the larger **historical context** (you will probably have to write at least a paragraph or two for each term pair). **You must do the first one**, but you may choose any four of the remaining five.

Israelite religion / Judaism

Biblical monotheism / universal monotheism

Pharisees / Sadducees

utopian messianism / restorative messianism

Mishnah / Talmud

Covenant of the Jews / Covenant of the Gentiles

Part II – Essay (60%):

In an essay of about three pages, explain how the religion of the Israelites/Jews was reshaped under the following historical circumstances:

- a) as a result of the exile to Babylonia in 586 BCE;
- b) when Jews lived under the independent Hasmonean kingdom and under Roman rule before 70 CE;
- c) after the Romans destroyed the Temple in 70 CE.

Be sure to explain not only the different forms their religion took in these situations, but explain how the larger historical setting influenced these developments. Use examples from class lectures and readings to help build your argument.