

EXTRA-BIBLICAL LITERATURE

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – THE MEMPHIS CHURCH – WINTER/SPRING 2019

EBL – Schedule

Extra Biblical Class (20 Weeks)			
10-Feb		Introduction to Topic, materials needed, & present the history/plan	
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31-Mar		Judith	
7-Apr		Additions to the Book of Esther / Wisdom of Solomon	
14-Apr		Ecclesiasticus (Part 1 of 2)	
21-Apr		Ecclesiasticus (Part 2 of 2)	
28-Apr			Baruch / Letter to Jeremiah / Additions to the Book of Daniel
5-May			1 Maccabees
12-May		2 Maccabees	
19-May	Apostolic Fathers	1 Clement	
26-May		2 Clement	
2-Jun		The Letters of Ignatius	
9-Jun		Letter of Polycarp to the Philippians / Martyrdom of Polycarp / Didache	
16-Jun		Shepherd of Hermas	
23-Jun	Wrap-up / Party		

Reading Breakdown

Baruch

5 Chapters

Letter of Jeremiah

Single Chapter

Listed at 'Baruch 6' in the KJV (and Latin Vulgate) – but individual in Greek Septuagint

Additions to Daniel

- Prayer of Azariah (vv 1-22) & Song of the Three Holy Children (vv. 28-68)
- Susanna & the Elders
- Bel and the Dragon

Baruch

Though pretending to be written by Jeremiah's secretary, this short work was written in the 2nd or 1st century BC -- three or four centuries too late.



Letter of Jeremiah

- Like Baruch, the Letter of Jeremiah also appears with the canonical Jeremiah.
- This is a polemic (*a strong verbal or written attack on someone or something*) against idolatry and was written 4th-2nd century BC.
- The oldest manuscript was found at Qumran and dates from 100 BC.



Additions to Daniel

Song of the Three

The three are Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and in this add-on to Daniel we find embellishments galore, as the three wax eloquent while strolling about in the fire.



Additions to Daniel

Susanna

- In the Septuagint and Vulgate, Susanna is Daniel 13.
- Lecherous elders attempt to seize her, but are unsuccessful.



Additions to Daniel

Bel and the Dragon

- Another add-on to Daniel, Bel [the Babylonian god] and the Dragon teaches (incorrectly) that those who worship God will be preserved through every trial! The theology is reminiscent of that of Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar in Job's day, or that of the pious people and priests in Jesus' day (Matthew 27:41-43).



Additions to Daniel

Bel and the Dragon

- Stunningly, in verse 33, the prophet Habakkuk is still around!
- One final blooper: in verses 31 and 40, Daniel has been in the lions' den for seven days, not just on an overnighiter as in canonical Daniel. Oh well!



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