

The MJBI is a pilot project of the MJAC (Messianic Jewish Alliance of Canada).

It is our vision to establish the first Messianic Yeshiva in Canada.

Our goal is to make high quality adult education courses available to Messianic Congregations in Canada.

One of the greatest needs in our movement is to empower and to equip the present generation of Messianic Jewish and Gentile Believers as we prepare the leaders of the next generation.

*(2 Timothy 2:15 and Romans 1:16)*

The MJBI will be a fully accredited organization providing an opportunity for men and women to be trained, equipped and qualified to give leadership in Messianic Congregations.



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**Date and times:**

Thursday, November 10,  
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Friday, November 11,  
9 a.m. - noon  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 13,  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



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**Where:**

Beth Shechinah  
2635 - 32 Street SW  
Calgary, Alberta T3E 2R8  
Phone: 403-747-2100

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**Tuition:**

For credit: \$125  
Audit: \$80  
Full course notes will be provided

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**Registration:**

At the Beth Shechinah Reception Desk  
Tuesdays to Thursdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or  
mail in completed Registration form to:  
Messianic Jewish Bible Institute  
2635 - 32 Street SW  
Calgary, Alberta T3E 2R8  
Please do not mail cash. Make cheques  
payable to Beth Shechinah



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# JEWISH HISTORY 1

Instructed by  
Dr. William Raccah

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at  
Beth Shechinah, Calgary, AB  
Thursday, November 10th  
to  
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## Course Description:

This survey course explores some of the major events and Jewish religious thoughts that occurred during the period of the Second Temple up to the end of the first century CE. The impact upon the Jewish people and their culture, along with the commitment to the perpetuation of Jewish peoplehood will be witnessed.

## Course Objectives:

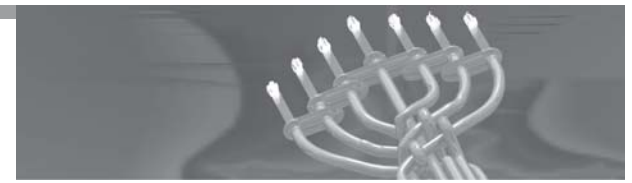
It is expected that by the end of the course the students will be able to:

1. Identify various important people, as well as events that took place during that period;
2. Identify various religious texts dating from that period;
3. Understand better the interaction of emerging Judaism with other cultures and religions;
4. Appreciate the richness of Jewish thoughts in more than one specific setting.

## Course Outline

- Introduction
- The Persian Period (538-333 BCE)
- Edict of Cyrus (first return from Exile - 538 BCE)
- Jerusalem "Second" Temple rebuilt (520-515 BCE)
- Haggai, a Judean Prophet (520 BCE)
- Notion of a Messiah, as a political/military/religious/moral leader, develops (500 BCE)
- Reformation led by Ezra and Nehemiah (450-400 BCE)
- Torah (Pentateuch = first division of Jewish Scriptures) begins to gain recognition as Scripture (ca. 450 BCE)

- Achashverosh becomes king of Persia (438 BCE)
- First decrees by Haman; fast ordered by Esther, Haman's downfall and execution (426 BCE)
- Haman's ten sons executed; Purim celebration (425 BCE)
- Megillah recorded (424 BCE)
- Bagoas, a Persian, is made governor of Jerusalem (411 BCE)
- Hellenistic (Greek) period (333-63 BCE)
- Alexander the Great conquers the Land of Israel (333/331 BCE)
- Judaism under Greek Ptolemies & Seleucids (ca. 320-168 BCE)
- "Septuagint" translation of Torah into Greek (ca. 250 BCE)
- Coming of Rome to the east Mediterranean (ca. 230-146 BCE)
- Prophets (second division of Jewish Scriptures) recognized by some as Scripture (ca. 201 BCE)
- Jewish Qumran community (ca. 200 BCE-135 CE)
- Seleucid, king of Syria, plunders Jerusalem, murdering many (175 BCE)
- Jewish Maccabean revolt against restrictions on practice of Judaism and desecration of the Temple (166-160 BCE)
- Jewish autonomy under the Hasmonians (142-129 BCE)
- Rome (Pompey) annexes the land of Israel (63 BCE)
- First Jewish Revolt against Rome (66-73 CE)
- Vespasian gives Yochanan ben Zakkai permission to establish a Jewish center for study at Yavneh that will become the hub for rabbinic Judaism (69 CE)
- Destruction of Jerusalem and the second Temple (70 CE)



## Textbook/Reading material:

Reader - this will consist of course notes provided by the instructor and photocopied material.

An extensive bibliography will be forwarded to each student.

## Short Bio - Dr. William Raccah

Born in Tunis (Tunisia), North Africa, and Dr. William Raccah grew up in Paris, France, and moved to Canada in 1975.

His post secondary education was done in France, where he earned three undergraduate degrees.

He furthered his education in Canada and the US, where he completed a BA and an MA (Biblical Studies - Old Testament) at Vanguard University in California, and earned his Ph.D. (Old Testament Ethics and Cultural Anthropology, specializing in Family Laws) at Laval University, in Quebec City.

He has written, and continues to write, a number of articles in scholarly journals; he has contributed to two books (*They Spoke From God*, and *Perspectives In Pentecostal Eschatologies*), and more recently released his book, *Women at the Gates*.

Dr. Raccah has been an instructor for over 30 years, and was the Dean and President of three institutions in Quebec City (Quebec), Calgary (Alberta), and Israel.

For the last 5 years he has been actively involved in consulting for various organizations and colleges, as well as teaching and conducting seminars, literally around the globe.