

Gary A. Rendsburg

Upcoming Lecture Series

“Excavating the Exodus”

Three Upcoming Tuesday Afternoons

October 17, 24, 31, 2023

1:00 p.m. (EDT) / 10:00 a.m. (PDT) (60 minutes)

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Dear Friends,

We were planning to send this email blast simply to inform you of the upcoming lecture series announced above, but then the horrible news from Israel reached us. We are heartbroken, about the tragic loss of life and the return of conflict to a region with such promise.

All of our family and friends are safe, even as we know that some among the younger generation in our circle are serving in the I.D.F. (Israel Defense Forces) or have been called up from reserve duty to active status.

And so, we write with two hearts: with one heart we grieve as we watch the news from Israel, and with the other we know that our work must continue as teachers and educators, here in the safety of America, thousands of miles from the conflict.

Our only wish is the one expressed on the mosaic floor of the ancient synagogue at Jericho, שלום על ישראל *shalom 'al yisra'el* 'peace be upon Israel'. And may that peace spread to all peoples in the region and indeed throughout the world.



Central medallion on the mosaic floor in the Jericho synagogue.
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After an amazing full-year sabbatical, with travels to Israel, Provence, Italy, and England (with teaching stints in Israel and in Rome), we returned to New Jersey in mid-August.

Gary was excited to return to full-time teaching at Rutgers University, and here we are, more than one month into the Fall 2023 semester.

As usual, Gary has several public lectures lined up, including the 3-part lecture series announced in the heading above.

“Excavating the Exodus”

Tuesdays, Oct 17, Oct 24, Oct 31, 2023

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (EDT) / 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (PDT)

60 minutes

<https://roundtable.org/live-courses/history/excavating-the-exodus>

(registration required, USD \$105.00)

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1. Introduction to Egypt (Oct 17)
2. Historical Evidence for the Exodus (Oct 24)
3. Egyptian Literary Themes in the Exodus Narrative (Oct 31)

Please join us!

Excavating the Exodus



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Quick overview

Join Jewish History professor Gary A. Rendsburg as he delves into the literary and archeological evidence concerning the Jewish people in and out of Egypt during biblical times.



GARY'S CORNER



As we stated above, we are heartbroken about the news from Israel. Indeed, I spoke the words above, about our two hearts, to my students in class yesterday.

The one heart firmly here in America is elated to be back in the Rutgers classroom with my amazing students. I am teaching two courses this semester: 1) "Introduction to the Bible I (Torah and Prose)," which covers the material from Genesis through the reign of King Solomon; and 2) "How Do We Know This," an interdisciplinary honors seminar for the Honors College, in which we explore how knowledge of the ancient world has reached us.

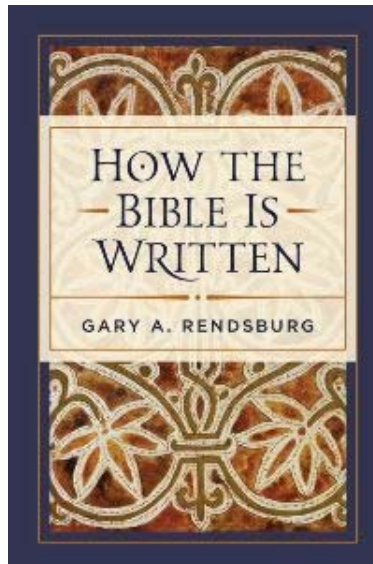
The former course is part of my usual fare, which I have been teaching for decades, as you can imagine.

The latter course is one that I designed specifically for the Honors College. The subject matter is divided into parts: a) material which reached us directly from the ancient and medieval worlds, such as the Bible, Homer, New Testament, classical Greek writers, Qur'an, etc., through the work of dedicated scribes throughout the millennia; and b) material which was lost, but which was recovered, especially during the 19th century, through the field of archaeology, with special attention to the two great decipherments of Egyptian hieroglyphic writing and of the Mesopotamian cuneiform system.

It truly is a privilege to teach the next generation of scholars, especially by introducing them and exposing them to the wonders of the ancient and medieval worlds.

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