

# EARLY BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION SEMINAR

Convened by Hindy Najman (Oriel)

10:00-12:00, Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College

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## Hilary Term 2026

**Week 2 (Thursday, 29 January):** Gideon Bohak (Tel Aviv University),  
“Editing Ancient Manuals of Divination: How, and Why”

**Week 3 (Thursday, 5 February):** Rina Talgam (Hebrew University of  
Jerusalem), “From Genesis to the Four Kingdoms: World History in the  
Huqoq Mosaic”

**Week 5 (Thursday, 19 February):** Philo workshop

**Week 6 (Tuesday, 24 February, 4:30-6:15pm):** Writers' workshop for  
postgraduate taught and research students co-convened by Hindy  
Najman and Rebekah Van Sant

**Week 6 (Thursday, 26 February):** Christophe Nihan (Münster) and  
Hindy Najman (Oriel), “Priestly Discourse”

## Trinity Term 2026

**Week 2 (Thursday, 7 May):** Nathanael Vette (KCL), ““By Way of Sidon  
Through the Decapolis” (Mark 7:31): Mark's Jesus and the Restoration of  
the Land of Israel”

**Week 3 (Thursday, 14 May):** Hywel Clifford (Ripon College Cuddesdon,  
Oxford), ““God who is one” (Philo, Opif. 100): Presocratic philosophy in  
early Jewish exegesis”

**Week 8 (Thursday, 18 June):** Céline Debourse (Harvard  
University), ““Doing the Tablet’: Grappling with Ritual Text in First  
Millennium BCE Mesopotamia”



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