

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

Week 7 (Thursday, 5 March): Writers’ workshop for postgraduate
taught and research students co-convened by Hindy Najman and
Rebekah Van Sant

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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