Studies in the Book of Exodus
BIBLE 521
Syllabus – Spring 2013 semester

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Introductory Topics
1. The Traditional and Critical Approaches to the Biblical Text (Jan. 28-Feb. 3)
2. The Centrality of the Exodus Theme and Alternative Traditions and Themes (Feb. 4-10; 11-17)

Textual Units
1. The Accounts of the Appointment of Moses (Ex. 3-7) (Feb. 18-26; 27- Mar. 5)
2. The Bloody Bridegroom (Ex. 4:24-26) (Mar. 6-12)
4. Pessah, Massot and the Exodus Story (Ex. 12-13) (April 3-7)
5. The Splitting of the Sea and Shirat Hayam (Ex. 14-15) (April 8-14)
6. The “Murmuring Motif” and Water from the Rock (Exodus 16-17; Num 20) (April 15-21)
7. The Jethro Traditions and the Kenite Hypothesis (Ex. 2; 18; Num. 10) (April 22-28)
8. Law and Covenant at Sinai (Ex. 19-24) (April 29-May 5)
9. The Golden Calf Episode (Ex. 32) (May 6-13)
10. The Character of Moses in the Torah Traditions (May 16-22)

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