

Recommended Reading for SHWEP Episode 143

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For relevant bibliography on the Sasanians from a religious point of view, please see the Recommended Reading to Episode 209.

1 On Religion and Politics in Late-Antique Rome Generally

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E. R. Dodds. *Pagan and Christian in an Age of Anxiety: Some Aspects of Religious Experience from Marcus Aurelius to Constantine*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1965.

Garth Fowden. *From Empire to Commonwealth: The Consequences of Monotheism in Late Antiquity*. Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ, 1993.

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2 On the Formation of Early Rabbinic Judaism (and Related Esoteric Stuff)

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Daniel Boyarin. A Tale of Two Synods: Nicaea, Yavneh, and Rabbinic Ecclesiology. *Exemplaria*, 12:???, 2000.

Joshua Ezra Burns. Esotericism in Classical Rabbinic Culture: Interpretive Problems and Prospects. *Aries*, 15:21–46, 2015.

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S. Cohen. The Significance of Yavneh: Pharisees, Rabbis, and the End of Jewish Sectarianism. *Hebrew Union College Annual*, 55:27–53, 1984.

Shaye J.D. Cohen, Robert Goldenberg, and Hayim Lapin, editors. *The*

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Louis H. Feldman. *Jew and Gentile in the Ancient World*. Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ, 1993.

Louis H. Feldman and Gohei Hata, editors. *Josephus, Judaism, and Christianity*. Wayne State University Press, Detroit, 1987.

Isaiah M. Gafni. The Historical Background. In Shmuel Safrai, editor, *The Literature of the Sages, Part 1*, pages 1–34. van Van Gorcum & Fortress, Assen/Maastricht, 1987 [dry but informative. Assumes a lot of knowledge of the field].

Lester L. Grabbe. *Judaism from Cyrus to Hadrian*. Fortress, Minneapolis, 1992.

Christine Hayes, editor. *The Literature of the Sages: A Re-visioning*, volume 16 of *Compendia Rerum Iudaicarum ad Novum Testamentum*. Brill, Leiden, 2022.

Richard Kalmin. Christians and Heretics in Rabbinic Literature of Late Antiquity. *Harvard Theological Review*, 87:155–69, 1994.

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Robert Kirschner. Apocalyptic and Rabbinic Responses to the Destruction of 70. *Harvard Theological Review*, 78:27–46, 1985.

John C. Reeves. *Trajectories in Near Eastern Apocalyptic: A Postrabbinic Jewish Apocalyptic Reader*, volume 45. Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA, 2005.

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Gershom Scholem. *Major Trends in Jewish Mysticism*. Schocken Books, New York, NY, 1941 [as with Scholem’s work generally, this book is an essential, pathbreaking study. Emerging scholarly consensus will argue with

many details (especially datings of texts), but Scholem remains the man].

Gershom G. Scholem. *Jewish Gnosticism, Merkabah Mysticism, and Talmudic Tradition*. Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, 2 edition, 1965 [see the note above].

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Seth Schwartz. *Imperialism and Jewish Society, 200 B.C.E. to 640 C.E.* Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ/Oxford, 2001 [not entirely accessible to non-specialists, but beautifully written and argued, and a very important contribution to the study of Rabbinic origins].

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