

# EARLY BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION SEMINAR

Convened by Hindy Najman (Oriel)

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

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## Trinity Term 2026

**Week 1 (Wednesday, 29 April, 10-12:00, Owen Walker Room (Oriel)):** Book discussion with Emmylou Grosser (University of the Free State)  
Readings will be pre-circulated.

**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 5 (Thursday, 28 May): Postgraduate Research Presentations**  
Max Benster (Oriel), “Between God and Adam: ancient Jewish anthropology and divine participation”  
Elisabeth Wouters (Oriel), “Antithesis as a rhetorical strategy? A philological and hermeneutical analysis of dichotomies within the Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs”

**Week 6 (Thursday, 4 June):** John Ritzema (Oxford), “Theophany and the Cult”

**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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