

Dr Joseph Scales

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Qualifications:

2017–2021	PhD Theology and Religion University of Birmingham Title: Religious Identity and Spatiality in Hasmonean and Herodian Galilee Examiners: Prof Thomas Kazen; Prof Candida Moss
2015–2016	MA Theology and Religious Studies, Distinction University of Nottingham
2012–2015	BA Theology and Religious Studies, First Class University of Nottingham

Funding, Awards and Scholarships:

2023–2025	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellow – University of Agder	c.
	Project: <i>Fighting Talk – Motivating Violence in Ancient Judaism</i>	£200,000
2021	1 st place essay prize – Palestine Exploration Fund Philip Davies ECR Award	£750
2019–2021	AHRC “Categories and Boundaries” Conference Organisation Grant	c. £6000
2019	AHRC Research Training Support Grant	£700
2018	Anglo-Israel Archaeological Society Grant	£500
2017–2020	AHRC Midlands3Cities Doctoral Training Scholarship	c. £58,000
2017–2019	AHRC Student Development Funds	c. £4050
2017–2018	AHRC “Borders and Boundaries” Conference Organisation Grant	c. £7800
2017	“Being Jewish, Writing Greek,” Cambridge, conference bursary	£30
2016	Harry Lucas Travel Scholarship, Cripps Hall, University of Nottingham	£300
2015–2016	School of Humanities Masters Scholarship , University of Nottingham	£5920
2015	Memorial Scholarship, University of Nottingham	£1000

Monographs:

Scales, Joseph. *Galilean Spaces of Identity: Judaism and Spatiality in Hasmonean and Herodian Galilee*. Supplements to the Journal for the Study of Judaism. Brill (Anticipated publication autumn 2023).

Edited Volumes:

Constructions of Space VI: Body and Experience in “This World” and “Other Worlds” in Ancient Mediterranean Spatial Imagination. Edited by Karen Wenell, Gert Prinsloo and Joseph Scales. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies. T&T Clark (In preparation).

“Categories and Boundaries in Second Temple Jewish Literature.” Edited by Joseph Scales and Charlie Comerford. *Advances in Ancient, Biblical, and Near Eastern Research* 2.2 (2022) -

<https://aabner.org/ojs/index.php/beabs/issue/view/vo2io2>.

Peer-reviewed Articles:

- 1) Scales, Joseph. “Susanna and Callirhoe: Female Bodies, Law, and Novels.” *Lectio Difficilior* (2022): 1–26 (<https://www.lectio.unibe.ch/en/archive/joseph-scales-susanna-and-callirhoe-female-bodies-law-and-novels.html>).
- 2) Scales, Joseph. “Who is “Worthy of Honour”? Women as Elders in Late Second Temple Period Literature.” *Journal for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies* 4.2 (2022): 113–129.

- 3) Scales, Joseph. "Bathing Jewish, Bathing Greek: Developing an Approach to De-Categorising Hellenism and Judaism." *Palestine Exploration Quarterly* 154.3 (2022): 171–184.

- 4) Quine, Cat and Joseph Scales. "Josephus' Adaptation of the Athaliah Narratives." *Vetus Testamentum* 72.1 (2022): 93–108.

- 5) Scales, Joseph and Ellena Lyell. "Uncovering the Dead, Dethroning the King: Divine Embodiment in 1 Samuel 28:14." *Hebrew Studies* 62 (2021): 97–115.

- 6) Scales, Joseph. "Preparing for Military Action: Judith's Purificatory Washing in Judith 12:7." *Vetus Testamentum* 71.4–5 (2021): 687–703.

- 7) Scales, Joseph and Cat Quine. "Athaliah and Alexandra: Gender and Queenship in Josephus." *Journal of Ancient Judaism* 11.2 (2020): 233–250.

- 8) Scales, Joseph. "The Linguistic Connection between Antiochus IV Epiphanes and the 'Abomination of Desolation' in the Greek Translations of the Book of Daniel." *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 131.1 (2019): 105–112.

Book Chapters and Other Articles:

- 1) Scales, Joseph and Laura Quick. "The Emergence of Submergence: Evidence and Frameworks for Women's Bathing Rituals in Ancient Judaism." In *Bloomsbury Handbook on Gender, Sexuality, and Religion in the Ancient Near East*. Edited by Shawna Dolansky and Sarah Shectman. Bloomsbury, 1–19 (Submitted).

- 2) Scales, Joseph. "Apocryphon of Ezekiel." In *T&T Clark Handbook to Hellenistic Jewish Literature in Greek*. Edited by Marieke Dhont and Sean Adams. T&T Clark, 1–11 (Submitted).

- 3) Scales, Joseph. "The Limits of Evidence: The Miqveh as an Indicator of Jewish Purity Practices in Second Temple Period Galilee." In *Purity in Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity: Proceedings of the Tenth Schwerte Qumran Conference, 10th-12th February 2019*. Edited by Laura von Bartenwerffer, Lutz Doering, and Jörg Frey. Mohr Siebeck, 1–23 (Submitted).

- 4) Comerford, Charlie and Joseph Scales. "Categories and Boundaries Special Issue Introduction." In *Advances in Ancient, Biblical, and Near Eastern Research* 2.2 (2022), 1–9.

Database entries:

Database of	Synagogue at Gamla - https://religiondatabase.org/browse/1545/#/
Religious History	The Book of Judith; Synagogue at Magdala (In preparation)

Academic Service:

2023–	Treasurer, Society for Old Testament Study
2018–2020	Second Temple Early Careers Academy (STECA) steering committee member.
2018–2020	University of Birmingham's postgraduate Theology and Religion seminar, founding member.
2018–2020	Academic peer-mentor, School of Philosophy, Theology and Religion, University of Birmingham.
2018	Kh. el-'Eika, summer season (square supervisor).
2016	Kh. el-'Eika, summer season volunteer.
2015–2016	Learning Community Forum Chair, University of Nottingham.
2015–2016	Residential Tutor, Cripps Hall, University of Nottingham.

Invited Presentations:

21/09/2022	"A Textual Frankenstein: The Apocryphon of Ezekiel as an Exquisite Corpse." – Radboud University, Bible seminar.
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- 27/06/2022 "A Textual Frankenstein: The Apocryphon of Ezekiel as an Exquisite Corpse." – University of Agder, invited research presentation.
- 17/06/2022 "Gender and Space, Material Culture and Ritual: Methods for Reading Ancient Lives." - Space, Stuff and Sacrality: Everyday Engagements with Religion in Society [Keynote].
- 10/01/2022 "Women and Elders in Late Second Temple Judaism." – Studies in Second Temple Judaism: A Global Enterprise.
- 11/05/2021 "Before the Synagogue? The Emergence of Jewish Communal Spaces in 1st Century CE Galilee." – Oxford Seminar on Jewish History and Literature in the Graeco-Roman Period.
- 21/11/2019 "An Approach toward De-categorising Judaism and Hellenism." – Fuller Theological Seminary's Hebrew Bible / Old Testament Doctoral Colloquium.
- 10/02/2019 "Jewish Purity in the Land of Galilee." – 10th Schwerte Qumrantagung.

Presented Papers:

- 06/10/2021 "Susanna and Callirhoe: Law and Bodies." – Birmingham Biblical Studies Seminar.
- 01/04/2021 "Necromantle: Divine Embodiment in 1 Samuel 28:13–14." – Divine Bodies, co-presentation with Ellena Lyell.
- 25/11/2019 "Bathing Jewish, Bathing Greek." – Hellenistic Judaism panel, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- 02/08/2018 "The Construction and Demarcation of Sacred Space." – Place, Space, and Identity in the Ancient Mediterranean World panel, Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting.
- 24/03/2018 "Embodied Space in Galilean Settlements." – European Association of Biblical Studies Graduate Symposium.

Conferences Organised:

- 1) The Dead Sea Scrolls as a Scholarly Phenomenon (Research Council of Norway grant for c. £13,500) – 12th-14th December 2022.
- 2) Categories and Boundaries in Second Temple Jewish Literature (AHRC grant for c. £6000) – 4th-5th March 2021 (Online).
- 3) Borders and Boundaries in Ancient Israel (AHRC grant for c. £7800) – 5th-6th June 2018.

Book Reviews:

Ancient Jew Review	Gordon, B., <i>Land and Temple</i> (2020); Krause, A., <i>Synagogues in Josephus</i> (2017); Van Maaren, J., <i>Boundaries of Jewishness</i> (2022).
Enoch Seminar Online	Ben-Eliyahu, E., <i>Identity and Territory</i> (2019); Berthelot, K., <i>In Search of the Promised Land</i> (2017).
<i>Journal for the Study of Judaism</i>	Bonnie, R., R. Hakola, and U. Tervahauta, eds., <i>Synagogue in Ancient Palestine</i> (2021); Doering, L., and A. Krause, eds., <i>Synagogues in the Hellenistic and Roman Periods</i> (2020).
<i>Journal for the Study of the Old Testament</i>	Ehorn, S., <i>2 Maccabees 8–15</i> (2022); Feldman, L., <i>Story of Sacrifice</i> (2022); Mendels, D., <i>Hellenistic Inter-State Political Ethics</i> (2021); Quick, L., and M. Ramos, eds., <i>New Perspectives on Ritual</i> (2022); Wills, L., <i>Introduction to the Apocrypha</i> (2021); Grabbe, L., <i>History of Jews and Judaism Vol. 3</i> (2020); Berlin, A., and P. Kosmin, eds., <i>Middle Maccabees</i> (2021); Ehorn, S., <i>2 Maccabees: 1–7</i> (2020); Henze, M., and L.I. Lied, eds., <i>Old Testament Pseudepigrapha</i> (2019); Palmer, C., <i>Converts in the Dead Sea Scrolls</i> (2018).

Reading Religion Adler, Y., *Origins of Judaism* (2022) [In preparation].
 Kreuzer, S., eds., *Introduction to the Septuagint* (2019).

Rhea Classical Reviews Maurais, J., *Characterizing Old Greek Deuteronomy* (2022) [In preparation].
 Ramos, M., *Ritual in Deuteronomy* (2021).

Rosetta Book Reviews Safrai, Z., *Seeking out the Land* (2018).

Public Scholarship:

- 1) Dissertation Spotlight at Ancient Jew Review – <https://www.ancientjewreview.com/articles/2021/6/1/dissertation-spotlight-religious-identity-and-spatiality-in-hasmonean-and-herodian-galilee>
- 2) Script writing for Excavating the History of the Bible – <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLRnXSS4SzUG66tF7oEKGgzIV2B5-qnXmJ>
- 3) Online post for the Second Temple Early Careers Academy – <https://secondtempleearlycareeracademy.wordpress.com/2018/04/12/applying-for-doctoral-funding-in-the-uk-the-arts-and-humanities-research-council-as-a-case-study/>
- 4) Guest on the New Testament Review, Hellenistic Age and American Prestige podcasts.

Podcast Work:

Producer and interviewer for Ancient Afterlives Podcast – <https://anchor.fm/ancientafterlives>

Producer and interviewer for Gods & Moviemakers Podcast – <https://shows.acast.com/godsandmoviemakers>

Teaching Experience:

2022–present University of London modules:

1. *Reading the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament*, undergraduate level tutor and examiner
2. *Sacrifice, Praise and Wisdom*, undergraduate level tutor and examiner
3. *Reading the New Testament*, undergraduate level examiner
4. *New Testament Theology, Christology, Salvation and Last Things*, undergraduate level examiner

2021 The Brilliant Club, English GCSE tutor

2019 Realising Opportunities, A-Level student tutor.

2018–2020 University of Birmingham modules:

1. *The Bible and Sacred Space*, graduate level, seminar tutor
2. *Introduction to Greek and Roman History*, undergraduate level, seminar tutor
3. *Understanding Ancient Societies*, undergraduate level, seminar tutor

2018–2019 Access to Birmingham, A-Level student tutor.

Professional Memberships

- Early Career Research Associate, Institute of Classical Studies (2022–2025)
- Associate Fellowship of Higher Education Authority (HEA)
- Society for Old Testament Study