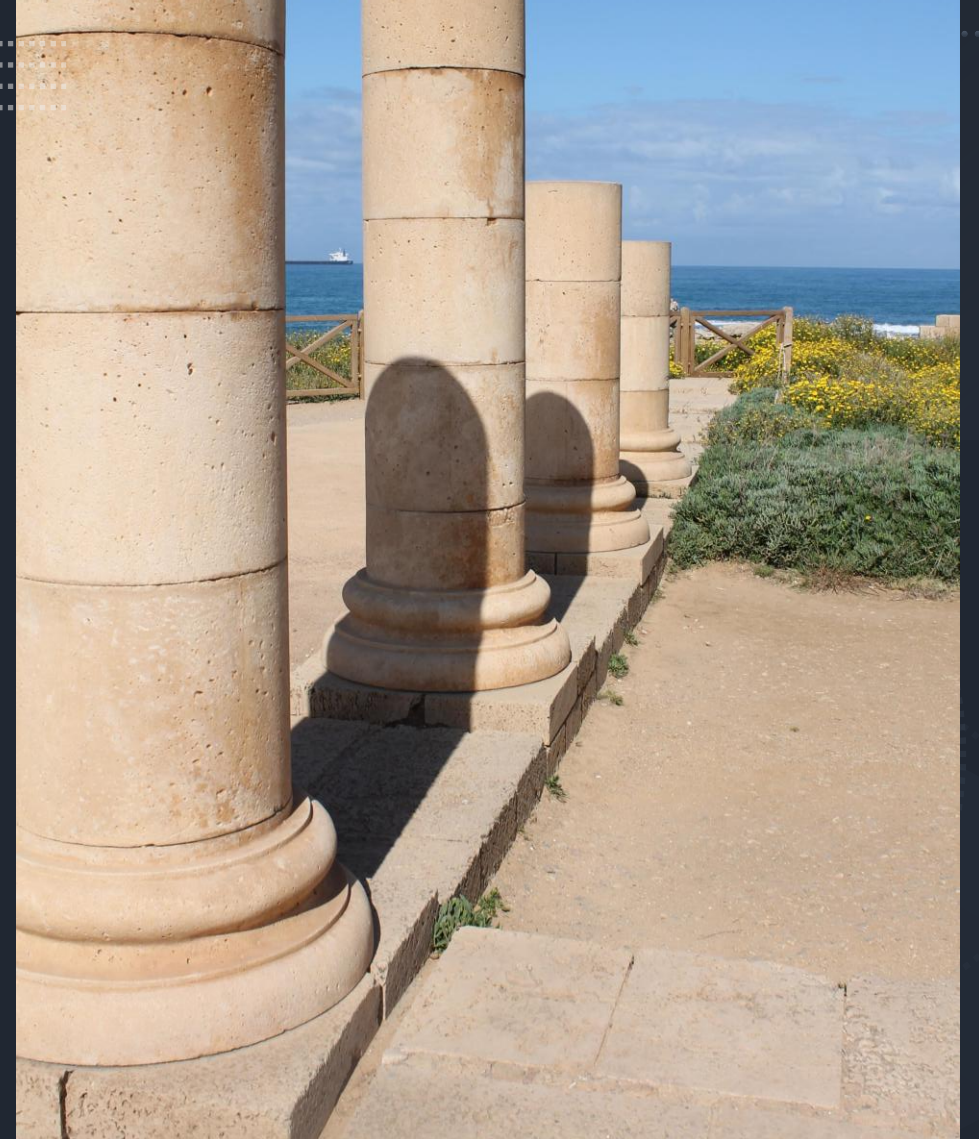


New Testament Survey

Lecture One

Introduction to New Testament Survey



Course Introduction

- See Handout: *Course Instructions*
- See Handout: *The Books of the New Testament*
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Course Goals

- Basic overview of the NT
- Introduce each book of the NT
- Interpret important NT texts
- Lift up Christ

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1. Its Diversity
2. Its Unity

B. The World of the New Testament

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2. Roman Law and Government
3. Jewish Scriptures and Religion (Monotheism)

C. The Geography of the New Testament





Map of the Roman Empire, First Century A.D.

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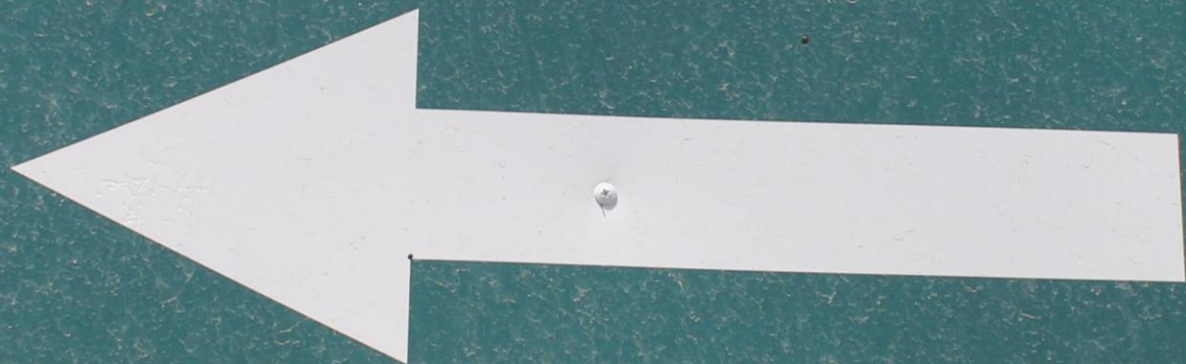
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