



Covenant in Ancient Judaism, Christianity and Islam

**Three Abrahamic Religions,
One Exclusive Covenant?**

**Competition Between Three
Ancient World Religions**

**New Insights on the Early
Religious Histories of Judaism,
Christianity, and Islam**



In the Hebrew Bible, covenants serve to create communal identity. This identity is reinforced in rabbinic literature, and extended and emended in Christian and Muslim scriptures.

This lecture will draw attention to strategies articulated in Jewish, Christian and Muslim texts that shed light on how competing claims to the covenant are addressed. It will focus on the New Testament and the Qur'an, as well as explore extra-canonical Jewish texts, particularly rabbinic Midrashim that attest to a need to address issues that arise from claims to the biblical Abrahamic covenant in late antiquity.

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4:00pm to 5:30pm
4116 Susquehanna Hall (SQH)**



Light refreshments will be served.
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