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## WELCOME TO THE 2019 INTERNATIONAL MEETING

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Welcome to the 2019 International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. This is SBL's fourth International Meeting in Rome, Italy, and SBL is again grateful to our hosts at the Pontifical Gregorian University and the Pontifical Biblical Institute.

If one were to compare this year's program with the program when the meeting was last in Rome (2009), one would notice the increasingly global nature of the conference. Indeed, the trajectory of the conference programming since SBL's first meeting in Rome (1991) is a remarkable example of how scholarship has changed in historic centers of the field of biblical studies.

The Pontifical Gregorian University, with the Pontifical Biblical Institute, is certainly an iconic host institution for a meeting of biblical scholars. I am deeply grateful for the willingness of its faculty and administration to host the meeting this year on shorter notice. The individuals who made this year's International Meeting possible are Peter Dubovsky, Michael Kolarcik, Dominik Markl, and Stephen Pisano at the PBI, and Monica Fucci at the Gregorian. I am also grateful to Stephen Ryan for helping to renew introductions.

We are always indebted to the SBL staff, who tirelessly organize exceptional meetings year after year. We are also indebted to the service of the many member-volunteers—those on the local program committee and the International Meeting Program Committee, and the program unit chairs and steering committee members—who give of their time to design and organize intellectually rich sessions.

The numerous exhibitors and advertisers who bring the latest in print and digital publications enrich SBL's congresses. As they produce resources to support your scholarship, support them by purchasing their scholarly products in your teaching and research.

Special thanks goes to our sponsors: Atla, Baylor University Press, and Nida Institute for Biblical Scholarship. Peeters Publishing prints the program book as a free service to SBL and consolidates shipping from other publishers to help them deliver their books here more easily. Columbia Theological Seminary is helping to sponsor the opening reception and providing support for scholars from the majority world who are attending this meeting. Wherever the International Meeting is held, that intentional support increases the diversity, the intellectual breadth, and the global sodality of biblical scholars and scholarship. The Pontifical Biblical Institute is sponsoring and also hosting the opening reception, which is being catered by the Vatican chef.

Our work may at many times be independent and isolated, but we come together across borders and continents to present, collaborate, renew relationships, and make new friends. Thanks to staff, volunteers, participants, host institutions, and sponsors for making this possible.

Yours,



John F. Kutsko  
Executive Director  
Society of Biblical Literature

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*St. Peter's Cathedral, Rome, Italy*

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## PROGRAM INFORMATION

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### SBL INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION INITIATIVE FORUM

#### *Collaborative Pedagogies*

The ICI Committee is pleased to host a discussion forum for all those interested in the topic of international pedagogies, broadly speaking — whether your interest is in pedagogies involved within an international scholarly setting, or desiring to grow in awareness of different pedagogical styles employed internationally, this discussion forum is for you! Come listen to a panel discussion from faculty sharing their experiences teaching in diverse contexts, and spend time learning together ways to expand our own pedagogical best practices that suit our contexts.

**The local program committee has organized or worked with program unit chairs to create sessions on the following topics. See the session index at the back of this book for more information.**

- ☞ Late Babylonian and Biblical Priestly Literature
- ☞ Biblical Hebrew Syntax and Literature
- ☞ Biblical and Oriental Studies in Rome
- ☞ The Book of Jeremiah
- ☞ Canonical Exegesis of the Psalter: Challenges and Prospects
- ☞ Jean Louis Ska's *Introduction to Reading the Pentateuch* Twenty Years after Retrospective and Prospective
- ☞ Promises and Challenges of the "Unity" Movement for Isaiah Studies
- ☞ Plutarch and Religion: Honoring Frederick E. Brenk on His 90th Birthday
- ☞ Textual Complexity in 1–2 Samuel
- ☞ Conversations with:
  - ❖ Israel Finkelstein and Thomas Römer, interviewed by Paola Mollo and Jusef Briffa
  - ❖ Eileen Schuller, interviewed by Angela Harkins
  - ❖ Agustinus Gianto and Steven Fassberg

The local planning committee has also organized a concert at the Ciesa Santa Maria dell'Anima on Wednesday, 3 July at 6:30 PM. The church is located the Piazza Navona, and is about a 15 minute walk from the meeting location. The concert is open to all attendees, but seeing and standing room space is limited

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## CONFERENCE LOCATION & SCHEDULE

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The conference venue is located in the Pontifical Gregorian University and Pontifical Biblical Institute. The two building are across the Piazza della Pilotta from each other.

**Sessions** will be held in the Pontifical Gregorian University building.

**Plenary and Conversation sessions** will be held in the Pontifical Biblical Institute building.

#### **OPENING SESSION AND RECEPTION:**

Monday, July 1 ..... 4:00 PM–8:00 PM

#### **REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION:**

Monday ..... 12:00 PM–4:00 PM

Tuesday—Thursday ..... 8:30 AM–4:30 PM

Friday ..... 8:30 AM–11:30 AM

#### **EXHIBITS:**

Tuesday—Thursday ..... 8:30 AM–4:30 PM

#### **SESSIONS:**

Tuesday—Thursday ..... 9:00 AM–5:30 PM

Friday ..... 9:00 AM–12:30 PM

#### **Coffee Breaks:**

Tuesday—Thursday ..... 10:30 AM–11:00 AM

Tuesday—Thursday ..... 3:30 PM–4:00 PM

Friday ..... 10:30 AM–11:00 AM

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# SBL PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT POLICY

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(ii) the request or conduct involves any implied or expressed threat of reprisal or denial of opportunity for refusing to comply; or (iii) the request or conduct results in what reasonably may be perceived as a hostile or intimidating environment. Such examples are illustrative, not exhaustive. Sexual harassment does not refer to occasional compliments of a socially acceptable nature or consensual personal and social relationships without a discriminatory effect. It refers to behavior that reasonably situated persons would regard as not welcome and as personally intimidating, hostile, or offensive.

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*This policy was approved by the SBL Council November 2015.*

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# MONDAY, JULY 1

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**REGISTRATION ..... 12:00 PM–4:00 PM**

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**1-1 Opening Session  
4:00 PM–5:30 PM  
Pontifical Gregorian University - C021  
(Aula Magna)**

**1-2 Opening Reception  
6:00 PM–8:00 PM  
Pontifical Biblical Institute - Courtyard**

**Words of Welcome**

Peter Dubovsky, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Welcome  
John Kutsko, Society of Biblical Literature, Welcome  
Nuno da Silva Gonçalves, Pontifical Gregorian University, Welcome  
Michael Kolarcik, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Welcome

**Discussion: The Importance of Biblical Studies**

Dominik Markl, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Presiding  
Benedetta Rossi, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Presiding  
Jihad Youssef, Panelist  
Ho Wan Julitta Hui, Panelist  
Leonardo Pessoa, Panelist  
Martina Korytiaková, Panelist  
Michel Kamanzi, Panelist

**Performance by the Choir of the Russian Orthodox Parish of Rome Saint Catherine**

Maria Korlyakova, conductor



*Spanish Steps Early Morning, Rome, Italy*



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## TUESDAY, JULY 2

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**REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION..... 8:30 AM–4:30 PM**  
**EXHIBITS..... 8:30 AM–4:30 PM**  
**GENERAL SESSIONS ..... 9:00 AM–5:30 PM**  
**COFFEE BREAKS ..... 10:30 AM and 3:30 PM**

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### 2-1 Apocalyptic Literature Section

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Central - C209

**Theme: Early Jewish and Early Christian Apocalyptic Texts**

Vicente Dobroruka, Universidade de Brasília,  
Presiding

Hyungtae Kim, Durham University

*Apocalypse of Moses as Jewish Apocalyptic Literature*  
(20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Elena Soffientini, Università degli studi di Milano  
*Μαρτυρία Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ: The Origin and Meaning*  
*of a Subjective Genitive in the Johannine Apocalyptic*  
*Literature* (20 min)

Ross E. Winkle, Pacific Union College

*Recalculating the Number of the Beast in Revelation*  
*13:18* (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

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### 2-2 Apostolic Fathers and Related Early Christian Literature Section

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Congress - Sala Saverio C3

**Theme: Second Century: Sources and Conflicting Interpretations**

Cavan Concannon, University of Southern California,  
Presiding

Anna Pessina, Catholic University of Sacred Heart  
*The Central Role of the Cross in the Passion Narrative of*  
*Matthew: A Quartodeciman Interpretation of the First*  
*Gospel.* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Cavan Concannon, University of Southern California  
*Texts, Trade, and Travel: The Letters of Dionysios of*  
*Corinth* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Miriam Ben Zeev, Ben-Gurion University of the  
Negev

*Eusebius and the Foundation of Aelia Capitolina*  
(20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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### 2-3 Food as Concept / Symbol / Metaphor Consultation

9:00 AM–10:00 AM

Congress - Sala Gonzaga B3

**Theme: Food and Religious Identity in the New Testament and in Cognate Literature I**

Claudia Bergmann, Universität Erfurt, Presiding

Peter-Ben Smit, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

*Meals, Masculinity and Manners: Philo's De Vita*  
*Contemplative, Ritual Failure, and Masculinity* (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Yekaterina Yakovenko, Institute of Linguistics, Russian  
Academy of Sciences

*Food and Eating in the Parable of the Prodigal Son: Old*  
*Germanic Bibles vs Source Texts* (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

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### 2-4 Judaica Section

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Congress - Sala Gonzaga B1 + B2

**Theme: Medieval and Modern Jewish Philosophy**

Michael Avioz, Bar-Ilan University, Presiding

Ying Zhang, East China Normal University

*The "What" and "How" of Leo Strauss's "How To Begin*  
*To Study The Guide of the Perplexed"* (20 min)

David Frankel, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies

*Kaufmann's Garden: Sin, Sex and the Serpent in the Eden*  
*Narrative* (20 min)

Jonathan Jacobs, Bar-Ilan University

*Rabbi Joseph Bekhor Shor's Influence on Radak's*  
*Commentary on the Pentateuch* (20 min)

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### 2-5 Nida Institute for Biblical Scholarship at the American Bible Society

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Central - C211

**Theme: Translation of Gilgamesh**

Valdo Bertalot, Italian Bible Society, Presiding

Enrico Crucianelli, Independent Researcher

*Gilgamesh and the Quest for Eternal Life: Translation as*  
*Manipulation* (25 min)

Discussion (20 min)

**2-6 Paul and Pauline Literature Section**  
**9:00 AM–10:30 AM**  
**Central - C214**

**Theme: Rhetoric in the Exegesis of Paul's Letters**

The purpose of this session is to demonstrate the benefits of the rhetorical analysis for the Pauline exegesis. We also intend to discuss some misunderstandings that have emerged in using this scholarly approach.

Juan Manuel Granados Rojas, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Presiding

Pasquale Basta, Pontifical Urban University  
*Facts, Principles and Scripture: Proofs in Paul's Letters* (20 min)

Dolly Chayaa, Holy Spirit University of Kaslik, Lebanon

*Rhetorical Unity and Scripture: 2 Corinthians as a Test Case* (20 min)

Pablo Gadenz, Seton Hall University  
*Israel and the Nations: Romans 9–11 as a Test Case* (20 min)

Andrzej Gieniusz, Pontifical Urban University  
*A Critical Review of the Rhetorical Approach* (20 min)

**2-7 Place, Space, and Identity in the Ancient Mediterranean World Section**  
**9:00 AM–10:30 AM**  
**Congress - Sala Pro E**

**Theme: Jerusalem, Rome, and Otherness**

This session is co-sponsored with the Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions

Rome and Its Spatial Claims

Soo J. Kim, America Evangelical University, Presiding  
 Alexander Kuznetsov (Fabricius), Moscow State Lomonosov University  
*The City Space of Rome from Cacus to Augustus* (20 min)

Nathaniel DesRosiers, Stonehill College  
*Aurelian, Sol, and Roman Identity* (20 min)

Ally Kateusz, Wjingaards Institute of Catholic Research

*Old Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome as a Visualization of the Anastasis in Jerusalem: Parallels in Architecture and Women in the Liturgy* (20 min)

Julia Wetzel, University of North Texas  
*Stories in Stone: Revealing Imperial Rome* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

**2-8 Political Biblical Criticism Section**  
**9:00 AM–10:30 AM**  
**Congress - Sala Saverio C1 + C2**

**Theme: A. Bible, Ideology and Populism**

TK Mapfeka, Stellenbosch University, Presiding  
 Philip P Chia, Chung Yuan Christian University, Taiwan

*Populism and Nationalism: A Yahwistic Critique of Religious Ideology in Jonah* (25 min)

Ndikho Mtshiselwa, University of South Africa  
*Access to the Agricultural Market in Micah and South Africa* (25 min)

Discussion (15 min)

**2-9 Prophets Section**  
**9:00 AM–10:30 AM**  
**Lucchesi - L107**

**Theme: Haggai**

Jakob Wöhrlé, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Presiding

Jan Rückl, Protestant Theological Faculty, Charles University of Prague

*Haggai as an Old Book* (20 min)

F. Milán, Universidad de Navarra

*Haggai's Concluding Oracle (2:20–23): Meaning and Function* (20 min)

Johannes Bremer, Ruhr-Universität Bochum

*Haggai as Witness* (20 min)

Discussion (30 min)

**2-10 Rethinking Biblical Written Tradition through Slavonic Interpretations Section**  
**9:00 AM–10:30 AM**  
**Lucchesi - L301**

**Theme: Biblical Interpretations in Transmission**

Emanuela Timotin, Institute of Linguistics of the Romanian Academy, Presiding

Ewelina Drzewiecka, Institute of Slavic Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences

*Life of Jesus by Theodora Dimova: Bible and the Bulgarian Literature after 1989* (20 min)

Anna Hutchinson, University of Birmingham  
*Contemporary Non-religious Reception of the Bible: What is the Future of the Bible in the Secular Domain?* (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Elevi Santos, Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana and Edgar Antonio López, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana

*Five Sermons Preached by Augustinian Friars between 1752 and 1795 at Virreinato de la Nueva Granada* (20 min)

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JPW Foot, University of Bristol  
*Are Anglicans Origenists? An Examination of Scripture, Tradition, and Reason with Origen and Brooke Foss Westcott* (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

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## 2-11 Ritual in the Biblical World Section

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Lucchesi - L210

### Theme: Ritual and Liturgy in the New Testament Era

Daniel Belnap, Brigham Young University, Presiding  
Benjamin Ong, University of Otago  
*The Ritual of 1 Cor 11:17–34 through Spiritual Eyes* (20 min)

Richard A Wright, Abilene Christian University  
*Negotiating Change: Praying and Prophesying in 1 Corinthians 11:2–16* (20 min)

Hanré Janse van Rensburg, University of Pretoria  
*All the Apocalypse a Stage: The Ritual Function of Apocalyptic Literature* (20 min)

Courtney Innes, University of British Columbia  
*Smelling to High Heaven: Temple Fragrances in the Pericope of Adam's Burial in the Greek Life of Adam and Eve* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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## 2-12 Septuagint Studies Section

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Congress - Sala Miki D

### Theme: Interpretation

Vasile Babota, Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Presiding

Bradley Jantz, Pontificia Università Gregoriana  
*"When even the righteous must do penance": Performance Criticism and the Theology of Azariah's Prayer* (20 min)

Mikhail Seleznev, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia  
*Platonic Influence on the Septuagint Translators? The Case of Genesis 1:6* (20 min)

Sylvie Chabert d' Hyères, Independant scholar  
*The Toponym Bethel and Jacob's History* (20 min)

Jelle Verburg, University of Oxford  
*Traditions of Interpretation in the Septuagint* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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## 2-13 Stylistics and the Hebrew Bible Section

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Central - C109

### Theme: Space (Vertical) and Stylistics in the Hebrew Bible

Karolien Vermeulen, University of Antwerp, Presiding  
Zvi Shimon, Bar-Ilan University  
*The Vertical Axis of the Elijah, Ahab, and Jezebel Narrative* (20 min)

Anna Rozonoer, Hellenic College  
*The Vertical Triptych: Portraits of the Beloved in Song of Songs* (20 min)

Jacqueline Vayntrub, Yale Divinity School  
*Poetic Bodies: How Beauty and Success Take Poetic Form in Biblical Literature* (20 min)

Daniel Vainstub, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*Terminology and Stylistics Describing Astronomical Events in the Hebrew Bible* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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## 2-14 Synoptic Gospels Section

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Central - C012

### Theme: Parables

Glenna Jackson, Otterbein University, Presiding  
Phillip Porter, Otago University, New Zealand  
*The Synoptic Parables: Narrative Contexts and Rhetorical Strategies* (15 min)

Francois Viljoen, North-West University (South Africa)  
*Why Jesus Spoke in Parables* (15 min)

Martina Vercesi, University of St. Andrews  
*Mk 4:1–34: A New Perspective on the Parable Chapter* (15 min)

Discussion (8 min)

Stan A. Lindsay, Florida State University  
*Epideictic Criticism and Entelechial Criticism of the Parables* (15 min)

Discussion (7 min)

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## 2-15 Wisdom Literature in the Bible and in the Ancient Near East Section

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Central - C009

### Theme: Qohelet Part I

This session brings together current researchers and commentators of Qohelet who discuss recent developments in the study of the book.

Nili Shupak, University of Haifa, Presiding  
Tova Forti, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*From the Workshop of a Commentator: "Beware! Of making many books there is no end" (Qoh 12:12)* (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

T. A. Perry, University of Connecticut  
*Qohelet 1:3 in the Light of Recent Research: What a Surplus from Our Labors!* (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Nili Samet, Bar-Ilan University  
*How Deterministic is Qohelet? A New Reading of the Catalogue of Time and Its Appendix* (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

**2-16 Writings (including Psalms) Section**  
**9:00 AM–10:30 AM**  
**Lucchesi - L309**

**Theme: Canonical Exegesis of the Psalter: Challenges and Prospects Part 1**

Co-sponsored by the local planning committee.  
 Gianguerrino Barbiero, Pontificio Istituto Biblico, Presiding  
 Marco Pavan, Facoltà Teologica dell'Italia Centrale  
*Canonical Exegesis of the Psalter: Status Quaestionis and Prospects (25 min)*  
 Friedhelm Hartenstein, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München  
*Approaching God in the Psalm Group 15-24: Synchronic and Diachronic Aspects (25 min)*  
 Bernd Janowski, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen  
*From the Distance from to the Nearness to God: On the Intention of the Tryptic Ps 22–24. (25 min)*

**2-17 Ancient Near Eastern Iconography and the Bible Section**  
**11:00 AM–12:30 PM**  
**Congress - Sala Pro E**

Gideon R Kotzé, North-West University (South Africa), Presiding  
 Claudia Andreina D'Amico, Universidad Complutense de Madrid  
*"Throw her down!" The Image of the "Woman at the Window" and Female Alterity in the So-Called Deuteronomistic History (25 min)*  
 Discussion (5 min)  
 John Ritzema, King's College London  
*The Semiotics of Epiphany in Text and Image: Isaiah 6 and Phoenician Cultic Iconography. (25 min)*  
 Discussion (5 min)  
 Joel M. LeMon, Emory University  
*"O clap your hands, all ye peoples": An Iconographic Perspective on Psalm 47:2 (25 min)*  
 Discussion (5 min)

**2-18 Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Law Section**  
**11:00 AM–12:30 PM**  
**Central - C211**

**Theme: Open Session**  
 Reinhard Achenbach, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, Presiding  
 Eckart Otto, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München  
*The Background of Cuneiform Law in the Book of Deuteronomy (30 min)*  
 Ruth Ebach, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen  
*"That prophet shall die!" (Deut 18:20): Who Has the Right to Kill a Prophet? (30 min)*

Eric X. Jarrard, Harvard University  
*As They Do in Egypt: Intertextual Reconsiderations of Leviticus 18–20 (30 min)*

**2-19 Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy Section**  
**11:00 AM–12:30 PM**  
**Lucchesi - L301**

Thomas R. Blanton IV, Universität Erfurt, Presiding  
 Philip A. Harland, York University  
*Group Survival in the Ancient Mediterranean: Exploring Material Precarity and Stability (30 min)*  
 Nurit Feig, Israel Antiquities Authority  
*Churches at the Territory of Ashkelon: A Religious Authority or Economic Stronghold? (30 min)*  
 Rangar H. Cline, University of Oklahoma  
*Priceless: The Production and Circulation of Christian Loca Sancta Souvenirs (30 min)*

**2-20 Food as Concept / Symbol / Metaphor Consultation**  
**11:00 AM–12:00 PM**  
**Congress - Sala Gonzaga B3**

**Theme: Food and Religious Identity in the New Testament and in Cognate Literature II**  
 Claudia Bergmann, Universität Erfurt, Presiding  
 Adam White, Alphacrucis College  
*"If a person doesn't work, they shall not eat!" An Early Christian Formula for Excommunication? (25 min)*  
 Discussion (5 min)  
 Alexey Somov, Institute for Bible Translation  
*Food and Drink in the Kingdom of God? New Testament Views on the World-to-Come (25 min)*  
 Discussion (5 min)

**2-21 Hellenistic Judaism Section**  
**11:00 AM–12:30 PM**  
**Central - C209**

**Theme: Travel and Permanence in Hellenistic Judaism**  
 Silviu Bunta, University of Dayton, Presiding  
 Camilla Raymond, Iliff School of Theology  
*Mobility and Its Cultural Accommodations within Egyptian Jewish Identity (20 min)*  
 Discussion (10 min)  
 Catalin Vatamanu, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University Iasi  
*Prayer as the Best Way to Knowing God: Ben Sirach in Its Jewish Context and in Later Christian Literature (20 min)*  
 Discussion (10 min)  
 Katharina Lentz, Luxembourg School of Religion and Society  
*Fear of God, Wisdom, and Law: Theological Aspects on the Basis of Sir 10:19–11:6 (20 min)*  
 Discussion (10 min)

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## 2-22 Judaica Section

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Congress - Sala Gonzaga B1 + B2

### Theme: Ancient Jewish Literature

Ying Zhang, East China Normal University, Presiding  
Michael Avioz, Bar-Ilan University  
*Reasons for the Commandments in Josephus's Writings*  
(20 min)

Topias Tanskanen, Åbo Akademi University  
*The Impact of Deuteronomy on the Reception of the Jacob Tradition in the Book of Jubilees: Jub 30–31 as a Test Case* (20 min)

Elad Filler, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*Joseph's Non-interment in Philo's De Iosepho 16–27*  
(20 min)

## 2-23 Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Congress - Sala Saverio C1 + C2

### Theme: Biblical Hermeneutics and Reception in Coptic Apocrypha from the Nag Hammadi and Askew Codices

Hugo Lundhaug, Universitetet i Oslo, Presiding  
Julio César Dias Chaves, UPIS Faculdades Integradas  
*Gnostic, Martyr, or Monastic Leader? The Reception of James from Codex V in Late Antique Coptic Egypt*  
(25 min)

Andrea Annese, Sapienza – Università di Roma  
*The Reception of the Gospel of Thomas in Egypt: The Case of the Pistis Sophia* (25 min)

Petter Spjut, Uppsala Universitet  
*"Only a Parable": Reframing Scripture in Pistis Sophia 1–3* (25 min)

Discussion (15 min)

## 2-24 Pentateuch (Torah) Section

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Congress - Sala Miki D

David Frankel, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies  
*You Are What You Eat? Animals as Food in Genesis 1–9*  
(30 min)

Bartosz Adamczewski, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw  
*Abraham and Sanballat* (30 min)

Anna Rozonoer, Hellenic College  
*The Portrait of the Second Patriarch* (30 min)

## 2-25 Postcolonial Studies Section

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Central - C109

Tat-siong Benny Liew, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding

Liza Esterhuizen, University of Pretoria, South Africa  
*Decolonising Biblical Trauma Studies: The Metaphorical Name Shear-jashub in Isaiah 7:3ff Read through a Postcolonial Apartheid Perspective* (30 min)

Ludwig Beethoven J. Noya, Vanderbilt University  
*Adventist Theological Education in Indonesia and Its American Influence: A Postcolonial Reading* (30 min)

Philip Chia, Chung Yuan Christian University  
*"Two Smoking Firebrands": A Yahwistic Response to Neo-colonialism in International Politics in Isaiah 7* (30 min)

## 2-26 Prophets Section

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Lucchesi - L107

### Theme: Prophetic Biography

Alphonso Groenewald, University of Pretoria, Presiding

Johanna Erzberger, University of Bochum, Presiding  
L Juliana Claassens, Universiteit van Stellenbosch - University of Stellenbosch  
*Jeremiah: The Traumatized Prophet* (30 min)

Stefano Salemi, Oxford University  
*"I have made you a כּוֹפֵת": Exegetical-lexical and Biographic Implications of Ezekiel 12 and 24* (30 min)

Markus Saur, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn  
*Biographical Elements as Composition Markers in the Book of Ezekiel* (30 min)

## 2-27 Psychological Hermeneutics of Biblical Themes and Texts Section

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Congress - Sala Saverio C3

### Theme: Emotions in the Bible

Pieter van der Zwan, University of Pretoria, Presiding  
Annette Evans, University of the Free State  
*The Changeable Aspect of the Timeless Concept of Sin: Augustine and Pelagius* (30 min)

Heather McKay, Edge Hill University  
*Wrath, Burning Anger, and Feeling Wronged: The Role of Outrage in the Bible* (30 min)

Eben Scheffler, UNISA  
*Reflecting on Jesus' Teaching on Love from a Positive Psychological Perspective* (30 min)

**2-28 Ritual in the Biblical World Section****11:00 AM–12:30 PM****Lucchesi - L210****Theme: Ritual in the Hebrew Bible**

Daniel Belnap, Brigham Young University, Presiding  
 James McLellan, Bar-Ilan University  
*Ritual Mutilation and Disposal of Cult Objects During the Israelite Settlement (20 min)*

Melissa Ramos, George Fox University  
*Making the Cut (20 min)*

Brian B. Schmidt, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor  
*Another Case of “The Uninvited Guest Crashing a Party”: New Musings in 1 Samuel 28 (20 min)*

Il-Seung Chung, Asia LIFE University  
*Human Sacrifice in the Ancient Near East and Asia: Reading Genesis 22 in Light of Human Sacrifice Folktales in East Asia (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

**2-29 Synoptic Gospels Section****11:00 AM–12:30 PM****Central - C012****Theme: Parables**

Robert Cousland, University of British Columbia, Presiding

Thomas E. Goud, University of New Brunswick  
*An Angry King, Murderers, and a Burned City: What Should We Do with Matthew 22:7? (15 min)*

John Harrison, Oklahoma Christian University  
*Rome is Neither Trustworthy nor Wise: Matthean Eschatological Parables (Matt. 24:45–25:30) as Condemnation of Roman Imperialism? (15 min)*

Dorota Hartman, Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”

*Loans and Leases in the Judaean Desert Documentary Papyri and the Parable of the Dishonest Manager (15 min)*

Discussion (8 min)

Chang-Wook Jung, Chongshin University  
*The Parable of the Leaven in Lk 13:20–21: Does It Give a Positive Lesson? (15 min)*

Vadim Wittkowsky, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin - Humboldt University of Berlin  
*Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus: Matthean or Rather Markan Material? (15 min)*

Discussion (7 min)

**2-30 Wisdom Literature in the Bible and in the Ancient Near East Section****11:00 AM–12:00 PM****Central - C009****Theme: Qohelet Part II**

This session brings together current researchers and commentators of Qohelet who discuss recent developments in the study of the book.

Nili Samet, Bar-Ilan University, Presiding

Mikael Nouro, Åbo Akademi

*Qohelet and Conceptions of Death in Early Hellenistic Philosophy (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Ludger Schwienhorst-Schönberger, Universität Wien

*Qoheleth – Precursor of the Sadducees? The Qoheleth Commentary of Rabbi Ludwig Levy (1912) (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

**2-31 Working with Biblical Manuscripts (Textual Criticism) Section****11:00 AM–12:30 PM****Central - C214****Theme: Jewish Bible and Old Testament (Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek, Syriac, Latin, Ethiopic)**

Michal Karnawalski, Pontifical Theological Faculty in Warsaw

*The Vocalization of the Formula חַיִּי הוּא וְחַיִּי נִפְשׁוֹ חַיִּי הוּא וְחַיִּי נִפְשׁוֹ*  
*אם-אעזבך in 2 Kings 2:2,4,6 (25 min)*

Kingsley Yorgio, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam  
*Exchanging God’s Glory: Tiqqune Sopherim in Psalm 106:20 and Cognate Verses (25 min)*

Garry Jost, Textual History of the Ethiopic Old Testament

*The Rise and Fall of Variants: Diachronic Analysis of Textual Variants in Ethiopic Obadiah (25 min)*

Discussion (15 min)

**2-32 Writings (including Psalms) Section****11:00 AM–12:30 PM****Lucchesi - L309****Theme: Canonical Exegesis of the Psalter: Challenges and Prospects Part 2**

Co-sponsored by the local planning committee.

Marco Pavan, Facoltà Teologica dell’Italia Centrale, Presiding

David Willgren, Academy of Leadership and Theology  
*A Consciously Redacted Unit? Reassessing Proposed Unifying Factors in the Sequence Transmitted as Pss 1–41 in the MT “Book” of Psalms in Light of the Dead Sea Scrolls (25 min)*

Gianguerrino Barbiero, Pontificio Istituto Biblico  
*The Final Collection of the First Book: Pss 35–41 (25 min)*

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## 2-33 Ancient Near East Section

2:00 PM–3:30 PM

Central - C012

### Theme: Open session

Lisa Cleath, George Fox University, Presiding  
Eyal Baruch, Bar-Ilan University and Avraham Faust,  
Bar-Ilan University

*From Edom to Idumaea? On the Origin of the Province  
of Idumaea and its Ethnic Composition (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

James D. Moore, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin  
*Persian Period Aramaic Genres and the Study of  
Material Features: Socio-historical and Literary  
Implications (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Ohad Cohen, Haifa University Israel  
*Do the Modern Spoken Palestinian Dialects Help Us  
Understanding the Written Hebrew Texts from Second  
Temple Period? (25 min)*

Break (5 min)

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## 2-34 Bible and Its Influence: History and Impact Section

2:00 PM–3:30 PM

Lucchesi - L301

### Theme: Folkloric Receptions of the Bible Worldwide

Eric Ziolkowski, Lafayette College, Presiding  
Herman Tull, Lafayette College  
*Christian Missionaries, the Bible, and the Shaping of  
South Asian “Folklore” (30 min)*

Fata Simanu-Klutz, University of Hawaii-Manoa  
*Divine Syncretism: Tagaloaalagi and Jehovah-Jesus  
Christ Traditions as Faʻasamoa (Samoan Way) (30 min)*

Eric Eliason, Brigham Young University  
*The Song of Solomon and Canon in LDS Folk-Reception  
(30 min)*

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## 2-35 Epistle to the Hebrews Section

2:00 PM–3:30 PM

Central - C209

Madison Pierce, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School,  
Presiding  
Albert Coetsee, North-West University (South Africa)  
*Hebrews 12:9 Revisited: The Background of the Phrase  
“and Live” (30 min)*

Kyu Seop Kim, Asia United Theological University  
*The Concept of Διαθήκη in Hebrews 9:16–17 (30 min)*

Silviu N Bunta, University of Dayton  
*Hebrews 9 and the Temple-Sinai Tradition: A  
Reinterpretation of “Covenant” (30 min)*

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## 2-36 Food as Concept / Symbol / Metaphor Consultation

2:00 PM–3:30 PM

Congress - Sala Gonzaga B3

### Theme: Drinking and Ritual in Jewish Literature

Alexey Somov, Institute for Bible Translation,  
Presiding

Claudia D. Bergmann, Universität Erfurt  
*A Dry World? Drink and Drinking in Texts about the  
Meal in the World to Come (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Adam Booth, Duke University  
*Flowing with Milk or Honey? Aseneth’s Bees as an  
Allusion to Rebecca’s Nursemaid (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Jordan D. Rosenblum, University of Wisconsin-  
Madison  
*“The wine of the region”: Wine, Beer, and the Translation  
of Rabbinic Ritual from a Palestine to a Babylonian  
Context (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

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## 2-37 Gospel of Mark Section

2:00 PM–3:30 PM

Central - C214

### Theme: Interpreting Mark—in Theory and Practice

Elizabeth Struthers Malbon, Virginia Tech, Presiding  
Jonathan Lo, Hong Kong Baptist Theological  
Seminary  
*The Use of Danielic Allusions within Mark’s Kingdom of  
God Motifs (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Eric Douglass, Randolph-Macon College  
*When the Text Confuses: A Typology for Identifying and  
Resolving Disjunctions (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Geert Van Oyen, Université Catholique de Louvain  
*Ancient Rhetoric and Modern Performance Criticism of  
the Gospel of Mark (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

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## 2-37a Nida Institute for Biblical Scholarship at the American Bible Society

2:00 PM–3:30 PM

Central - C009

### Theme: Italian Bible Translation History and Linguistic Criteria of the Translation of the Bibbia CEI 2008

Valdo Beralot, Italian Bible Society, Presiding  
Giuseppe Betori, Archbishop of Florence  
*History of the Bibbia CEI 2008 (25 min)*  
Gian Luigi Prato, University Roma Tre  
*Linguistic Criteria of the Bibbia CEI 2008 (25 min)*

Philip Towner, Nida Institute for Biblical Scholarship,  
Respondent  
Discussion (40 min)

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**2-38 Pentateuch (Torah) Section**  
**2:00 PM–3:30 PM**  
**Congress - Sala Miki D**

This session will investigate Deuteronomy within its major historiographical contexts that evolved into the “Primary History” from Genesis to Kings. Part 1 of 2.

Co-sponsored by the local committee.

Dominik Markl, Pontificio Istituto Biblico, Presiding  
Jean-Pierre Sonnet, Pontifical Gregorian University  
*“Today” as the Touchstone of Deuteronomy’s Double  
Pertinence (30 min)*

Simon Weyringer, Pontifical Biblical Institute  
*The Rhetoric of Deut 9:1–10:11 and the Symbolism of  
Deuteronomistic Hope (30 min)*

Victor-Lucian Georgescu, Universitatea din Bucuresti  
*Deuteronomy 4:1–40 within the Framework of the  
Primary History (30 min)*

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**2-39 Place, Space, and Identity in the Ancient  
Mediterranean World Section**  
**2:00 PM–3:30 PM**  
**Congress - Sala Pro E**

**Theme: Claimed Space and Space Claiming in  
Ancient Mediterranean World**

Jerusalem and Other Spaces

Soo J. Kim, America Evangelical University, Presiding  
Mary Mills, University of Manchester uk  
*Memorialising Jerusalem: Walking the City with Walter  
Benjamin (20 min)*

Eyal Ben-Eliyahu, University of Haifa  
*The Jewish World Map: From Second Temple Writings to  
Rabbinic Literature (20 min)*

Hye Kyung Park, Chang Jung Christian University  
*The Fall of “Jerusalem” and Gender Identity: From an  
Asian Feminist Perspective (20 min)*

Alphonso Groenewald, University of Pretoria  
*Jerusalem as Rebellious Whore (Isa 1:21–26): The City as  
a Traumatized Space (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

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**2-40 Political Biblical Criticism Section**  
**2:00 PM–3:30 PM**  
**Congress - Sala Saverio C1 + C2**

**Theme: B. Political Readings of the New Testament**

Tat-siong Benny Liew, College of the Holy Cross,  
Presiding

Jeremy Punt, Stellenbosch University  
*All 1st CE Roads Lead to Rome? The Politics of Biblical  
(NT) Travels (20 min)*

Ma. Marilou S. Ibita, Ateneo de Manila University  
*“Our Father in Heaven...”: The Ritual, Power and Politics  
of a Prayer (20 min)*

Ludwig Beethoven J. Noya, Vanderbilt University  
*“For the Lord”: The Flexibility of Sabbath, Paul’s  
Ethnic-Reasoning and Indonesian Adventists’ Politics of  
Malleable Identity (20 min)*

Robert Myles, Murdoch University  
*Crowds and Power in the Synoptic Tradition (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

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**2-41 Psychological Hermeneutics of Biblical  
Themes and Texts Section**  
**2:00 PM–3:30 PM**  
**Congress - Sala Saverio C3**

**Theme: Trauma 1**

Linda Joelsson, Umeå University, Presiding  
A.A. Brown, Stellenbosch University  
*Nonviolence or Resilience? How the Hermeneutic  
of Historical Trauma Provides a Basis for Revising  
Interpretation of Matthew’s Sermon on the Mount  
(30 min)*

Kirsi Cobb, Cliff College  
*Revenge through Song: Reading the Song of Miriam as a  
Response to Trauma (30 min)*

Burton Everist, Wartburg Theological Seminary  
*Trauma Theory: A Key to Understanding Ιουδαϊος in  
John and Acts (30 min)*

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**2-42 Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls  
Section**  
**2:00 PM–3:30 PM**  
**Central - C211**

**Theme: Wisdom, Magic and Astronomy**

Angela Kim Harkins, Boston College School of  
Theology and Ministry, Presiding  
Ida Fröhlich, Pázmány Péter Katolikus Egyetem  
*Authorizing Magical Tradition in Qumran (20 min)*

Daniel N. Daley, Trinity College - Dublin  
*Glory as Participation: Rethinking Glory in  
4QInstruction through Paul’s Letter to the Romans  
(20 min)*

Isabell Hoppe, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin -  
Humboldt University of Berlin  
*From Individual Prosperity to Collective Wellbeing:  
Transcending the Rewards of Wisdom in 4Q185 (20 min)*

Katie Maguire, University of Toronto  
*Astrological Influences on the Qumran Sapiential Texts  
(20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)



**2-43 Rethinking Biblical Written Tradition through Slavonic Interpretations Section / Apocalyptic Literature Section / Hellenistic Judaism Section**

**2:00 PM–3:30 PM**

**Lucchesi - L301**

**Theme: Non-textual Biblical Traditions**

Vicente Dobroruka, Universidade de Brasilia, Presiding

Linda Sue Galate, Drew University

*Unbound: The Visual Break between Early Christianity and Judaism* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Bogdan G. Bucur, Duquesne University

*Exegesis, Intertextuality, and the Transformative Gaze: The Vision of Isaiah in Cod. Vatop. 760, fol. 280 v.* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Sara E. Evans, University of Otago

*The Given Text: Liturgy and the Possibility of Knowing God* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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**2-44 Ritual in the Biblical World Section**

**2:00 PM–3:30 PM**

**Lucchesi - L210**

**Theme: Ritual in the Hebrew Bible**

Giancarlo Voellmy, Seminar für Biblische Theologie Beatenberg, Presiding

Pekka Pitkänen, University of Gloucestershire  
*Ritual Sequencing in Exodus 29/Leviticus 8 and Numbers 8* (20 min)

Hananel Shapira, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*The Origin and Date of the Seven-Branched Candelabrum: Text and Archaeology* (20 min)

Ora Brison, Tel Aviv University

*The Last Supper: The Encounter of King Saul with the Medium of En-dor (1 Sam 28:7–25)* (20 min)

Dr. Blessing Boloje, Ruhr-Universität Bochum/University of Pretoria

*“With what shall I come before the LORD . . . ?” (Micah 6:6–8): Ritual Interface with Social Responsibility in Micah* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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**2-45 Stylistics and the Hebrew Bible Section**

**2:00 PM–3:30 PM**

**Central - C109**

**Theme: Literary Features in Biblical Narrative**

Zvi Shimon, Bar-Ilan University, Presiding

Young Gil Lee, University of Sheffield

*Male Infertility and Female Fertility: Procreation in the Stories of Abraham and Sarah* (20 min)

Sarah Schwartz, Bar-Ilan University

*The Spies' Report Scene (Num. 13:26–33): A New Reading* (20 min)

Dae Jun Jeong, Kwangshin University

*The Fate of David's Female Children in the Book of Samuel* (20 min)

Gabriele Braun, North-West University (Republic of South Africa)

*Holy War in the Hebrew Bible and Spiritual Conflict in the Greek Bible: Is There a Correlation between Both Motifs?* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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**2-46 Writings (including Psalms) Section**

**2:00 PM–3:30 PM**

**Lucchesi - L107**

**Theme: Ruth, Ecclesiastes, Job and Daniel**

Emmanuel Mastey, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Presiding

George Athas, Moore Theological College  
*Qohelet in His Context: The Evidence of Ecclesiastes 4:13–16* (25 min)

Marie Ciprova, Charles University in Prague

*Job in Accord with Torah? (Focused on the Text)* (25 min)

Marco Settembrini, Facoltà Teologica dell'Emilia-Romagna

*Daniel 5–6 OG: Text Growth across the Hellenistic Time* (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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**2-47 Writings (including Psalms) Section**

**2:00 PM–3:30 PM**

**Lucchesi - L309**

**Theme: Canonical Exegesis of the Psalter: Challenges and Prospects Part 3**

Co-sponsored by the local planning committee.

W. Dennis Tucker, Baylor University, Presiding

Friederike Neumann, Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg

*“Yhwh shall be King forever!” (Ps 146,10): Theology and Fortschreibung within the Final Hallel* (25 min)

Alma Brodersen, Universität Bern - Université de Berne

*No Final Hallel: Material Sources for Psalms 146–150* (25 min)

Johannes Schnocks, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster

*Moses, the Kingship of YHWH and a Short World History: The Fourth Book of Psalms (Pss 90–106) as a Composition* (25 min)

**2-48 Allusions in the Gospels and Acts Section**

**4:00 PM–5:30 PM**

**Lucchesi - L107**

**Theme: Allusions in Acts**

Bartosz Adamczewski, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Presiding

Bennet Lawrence, Asia Theological Association  
*Reading Paul's Shipwreck Narrative (Acts 27–28) in Light of Egyptian The Tale of The Ship-Wrecked Sailor: A Mimesis? (20 min)*

Sylvie Chabert d' Hyères, Independant scholar  
*The Census of Quirinius "In those days": An Allusion to the Words of the Prophets (Zec 8:23, Joel 2:29)? (20 min)*

Vadim Wittkowsky, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin - Humboldt University of Berlin  
*Rewriting of the Gospel of Matthew in the Book of Acts (20 min)*

Dennis MacDonald, Claremont School of Theology, Respondent (15 min)

Roundtable Discussion (15 min)

**2-49 Ancient Near Eastern Iconography and the Bible Section**

**4:00 PM–5:30 PM**

**Congress - Sala Pro E**

Joel LeMon, Emory University, Presiding

Norma Franklin, University of Haifa  
*The Etrog from India to Jerusalem: The Assyrian Link (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Gideon R Kotzé, North-West University (South Africa)  
*Looking Again at the Nakedness of Noah (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Business Meeting (30 min)

**2-50 Apocalyptic Literature Section**

**4:00 PM–6:00 PM**

**Central - C009**

**Theme: Biblical Prophecy**

Vicente Dobroruka, Universidade de Brasília, Presiding

Martha Campos, Bar-Ilan University  
*Amos's Prophetic Role According to Amos 7:7–17, Jer 1, and 2 Kgs 17:23 (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Peter A. Heasley, Pontificia Università Gregoriana  
*Compositional Form through Allusion: Is 46:1–13// Ps 72:1–24 as a Case Study (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Yochi Nissani, Bar-Ilan University

*The Views Regarding Babylon in the Book of Jeremiah (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

**2-51 Bible and Visual Culture Section**

**4:00 PM–5:30 PM**

**Central - C012**

**Theme: The Bible and Painting**

Yaffa England, Haifa University, Presiding (5 min)  
Carmen Yebra-Rovira, Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca

*The Construction of the Foreigner through the Biblical Painting in the Nineteenth Century: Samson and Delilah (25 min)*

Christina Bucher, Elizabethtown College  
*Connecting Heaven and Earth in Adam Elsheimer's Jacob's Dream and the Flight into Egypt (25 min)*

Michelle Fletcher, King's College London  
*The Writings on Your Wall: Visualizing Belshazzar's Feast (25 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

**2-52 Biblical Characters in Three Traditions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam) Seminar**

**4:00 PM–5:30 PM**

**Congress - Sala Gonzaga B1 + B2**

**Theme: The Mishael Maswari Caspi Memorial Lecture**

The Mishael Maswari Caspi Memorial Lecture this year will be presented by Max Stern, who will give a musical expression to the biblical voice of inanimate nature, plants and animals, in their praise to the Creator.

Zohar Hadromi-Allouche, Trinity College Dublin, Presiding

Max Stern, Ariel University  
*Perek Shira: Chapters of Song (45 min)*

Discussion (45 min)

**2-53 Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy Section**

**4:00 PM–5:30 PM**

**Lucchesi - L301**

Jinyu Liu, DePauw University, Presiding

Thomas R. Blanton IV, Universität Erfurt  
*Wealth, Poverty, and Economy in the Synoptic Gospels (30 min)*

Nirmal Fernando, Ashram Community/Urban  
Theology Union Sheffield UK

*Personal Debt: Jesus's Discipleship Community Economy in Context of the First-Century Galilean Economy (30 min)*

Georges Massinelli, Istituto Teologico di Assisi  
*The Pauline Collection: Norm or Anomaly? (30 min)*

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### 2-54 Epistle to the Hebrews Section 4:00 PM–5:30 PM Central - C209

Part 2 of 2

David Allen, Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education, Presiding

Madison N. Pierce, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

*The World Spoken through the Son: Divine Speech and Creation in the Epistle to the Hebrews (30 min)*

Jason A. Whitlark, Baylor University  
*Hebrews in Eucharistic Liturgies and Ecclesial Art (30 min)*

Broz Jaroslav, Charles University of Prague  
*Function of Philoxenia and Its Motivation in Hebrews 13:2 (30 min)*

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### 2-55 Hellenistic Greek Language and Linguistics Section 4:00 PM–5:30 PM Congress - Sala Gonzaga B3

**Theme: Historical and Theological Lexicon of the Septuagint**

Paul Danove, Villanova University, Presiding  
Other (10 min)

Laura Bigoni, University of Strasbourg  
*HTLS Methods: The Case Study of ἐντρέπω (10 min)*

Anna Mambelli, Fondazione per le Scienze religiose  
Giovanni XXIII Bologna/Université de Strasbourg,  
Eberhard Bons, Université de Strasbourg, Laura Bigoni, Université de Strasbourg, and Daniela Scialabba, Université de Strasbourg  
*Dreams and Visions: An Investigation into the Meaning of the Word ἐνύπνιον from Ancient Greek Literature to Early Christian Writings (10 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Break (10 min)

Daniela Scialabba, University of Strasbourg, Université de Strasbourg  
*The Usage of ἐπιστρέφω in the Septuagint (10 min)*

Antonella Bellantuono, University of Strasbourg  
*The Concept of εὐεργεσία: A Divine and Royal Attribute (10 min)*

Eberhard Bons, University of Strasbourg  
*The Use of θλίψις in the Prayer Language of the Septuagint (10 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

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### 2-56 History of Biblical Scholarship in the Late Modern Period Consultation 4:00 PM–5:30 PM Central - C109

**Theme: The Personal and Political: 20th Century European NT Scholarship**

Shani Tzoref, Presiding

Byron R McCane, Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College  
*The Framework of the Story of Jesus: KL Schmidt, Form Criticism, and Social Memory (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Asia Martino, Università degli Studi di Milano  
*The Presence of an Outsider in Italy: The Route of Erik Peterson's Exegetical Praxis Concerning Paul's Epistolary (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Christina Harker, Universität Bern - Université de Berne  
*Genealogies of Theological Anti-Semitism in Twentieth Century German New Testament Scholarship (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

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### 2-57 Paul and Pauline Literature Section 4:00 PM–5:30 PM Central - C214

**Theme: Pauline Theology**

Edward Pillar, Northern Baptist College, Presiding  
Jonathan Lo, Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary

*The Deconstruction of Race in Paul's Theological Rhetoric (30 min)*

Justin Hagerman, King's College London  
*The Concept of Divine Agency as Creativity in Pauline Theology: The Creative Function of Christ and Its Relation to the Rationale of Pauline Ethics (30 min)*

Philip La G. Du Toit, North-West University (South Africa)

*Ethnic Reasoning and Early Christian Identity: A Pauline Theological Perspective (30 min)*

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### 2-58 Pentateuch (Torah) Section 4:00 PM–5:30 PM Congress - Sala Miki D

This session will investigate Deuteronomy within its major historiographical contexts that evolved into the "Primary History" from Genesis to Kings. Part 2 of 2.

Co-sponsored by the local committee.

Jean-Pierre Sonnet, Pontifical Gregorian University, Presiding

Biju Karukappallil, Pontifical Biblical Institute  
*God as Agent of Forced Migration in Deuteronomy (25 min)*

Seung Ae Kim, Pontifical Biblical Institute  
*The "Great Sin" and the Golden Calves of Aaron and Jeroboam (25 min)*

Eckart Otto, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

*Deuteronomy between the Pentateuch and the Deuteronomistic History (25 min)*

Discussion (15 min)

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**2-59 Political Biblical Criticism Section**

**4:00 PM–5:30 PM**

**Congress - Sala Saverio C1 + C2**

**Theme: C. Bible and politics: Theory and Modern Contexts**

Tat-siong Benny Liew, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding

Johanna Friedl, Independent

*Kingship and "State" in Deuteronomy: Exploring the Risk of Terminological Anachronism in Old Testament Scholarship (25 min)*

M. I. Rey, Boston University

*Intersectionality in Biblical Studies: No Longer a Political Vehicle? (25 min)*

SuJung Shin, New Brunswick Theological Seminary  
*The Multi-voiced Words on the Davidic Monarchy and Its Politics (25 min)*

Discussion (15 min)

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**2-60 Psychological Hermeneutics of Biblical Themes and Texts Section**

**4:00 PM–5:30 PM**

**Congress - Sala Saverio C3**

**Theme: Trauma 2**

Pieter van der Zwan, University of Pretoria, Presiding  
Adam Jessep, Flinders University

*Standing at the Mouth of the Cave: Re-evaluating Elijah's Retreat in 1 Kgs 19 through the Lens of War Veterans' Post-Traumatic Stress Symptoms (30 min)*

Linda Joelsson, Umeå University

*Jesus' Exorcisms as Social Systems in Transition (30 min)*

Alphonso Groenewald, University of Pretoria

*The "Song of the Vineyard" (Isaiah 5:1–7) through the Lens of Trauma and Disaster Studies (30 min)*

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**2-61 Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls Section**

**4:00 PM–5:30 PM**

**Central - C211**

**Theme: Gender and Sexuality**

John Endres, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, Presiding

Carmen Palmer, Toronto School of Theology

*Exploring the Nature of Wetnurses in the Damascus Document and Beyond (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Jelle Verburg, University of Oxford

*Forgetting Deuteronomy in the Interpretation of the Law of Rape (25 min)*

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Discussion (5 min)

Kelley Coblenz Bautch, St. Edward's University  
*Empire, Violence, and Masculinity: Rethinking Judas Maccabeus in 1 Maccabees (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

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**2-62 Ritual in the Biblical World Section**

**4:00 PM–5:30 PM**

**Lucchesi - L210**

**Theme: Ritual and Liturgy in the Hebrew Bible**

Pekka Pitkänen, University of Gloucestershire, Presiding

Dan Belnap, Brigham Young University

*"For His Mercy Is Eternal": A Possible Liturgical Refrain and Its Role in Pre- and Post-Exilic Israel (20 min)*

Ottília Lukács, Theological College of Pécs, Hungary  
*Ezekiel's Identity and His Criticism of Ritual Misbehaviour (20 min)*

Giancarlo Voellmy, Seminar für Biblische Theologie Beatenberg

*Consistent Prophetic Language in the Books of Ezekiel and Micah and Its Possible Uses in Liturgy (20 min)*

David Charney, University of Texas at Austin

*Sacrifice to Siddur: The Shift From Material Ritual to Engaged Intellectualism in Jewish Liturgy (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

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**2-63 Writings (including Psalms) Section**

**4:00 PM–5:30 PM**

**Lucchesi - L309**

**Theme: Canonical Exegesis of the Psalter: Challenges and Prospects Part 4**

Co-sponsored by the local planning committee.

Bernd Janowski, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Presiding

William Yarchin, Azusa Pacific University

*Why the Future of Canonical Hebrew Psalter Exegesis Lies in Abandoning Its Premise (25 min)*

W. Dennis Tucker, Baylor University

*"Let Israel Now Say": Psalms 107-45 as an Anthology Devoted to Communal Identity (25 min)*

Egbert Ballhorn, Universitaet Osnabrueck

*Researching Sense at the End of the Psalter: The Final Hallel and Its Canonical Shapes (25 min)*

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**2-64 Conversation with Israel Finkelstein and Thomas Römer**

**6:30 PM–8:00 PM**

**Pontifical Biblical Institute - Aula Magna**

Paola Mollo, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Presiding

Josef Briffa, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Presiding

Israel Finkelstein, Tel Aviv University, Panelist

Thomas Römer, Collège de France - University of

Lausanne, Panelist

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## WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

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REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION .....	8:30 AM–4:30 PM
EXHIBITS .....	8:30 AM–4:30 PM
GENERAL SESSIONS .....	9:00 AM–5:30 PM
COFFEE BREAKS .....	10:30 AM and 3:30 PM

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### 3-1 Allusions in the Gospels and Acts Section

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Congress - Sala Miki D

**Theme: Allusions of Ancient Greek Literature in Luke-Acts**

Dennis MacDonald, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding

Ken Cukrowski, Abilene Christian University  
*Blind Justice: A Possible Allusion to Euripides' Cyclops in Luke 18:2, 4 (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Mark G. Bilby, California State University, Fullerton and Anna Lefferatou, Heidelberg University  
*Iphigenia among the Taurians and on the Emmaus Road (Luke 24:13–35) (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Andrea Christine Pichlmeier, Catholic Church of Passau  
*Between Jewish Apocalyptic and Greek Magic: The Term "paradidomi" in Ancient Curse Tablets and the New Testament Judas Tradition (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

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### 3-2 Apocalyptic Literature Section

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Lucchesi - L210

**Theme: Apocalyptic Texts and Traditions**

Grant Macaskill, University of Aberdeen, Presiding

Rivka Nir, Open University of Israel  
*The Righteous, the Chosen, and the Holy in the Book of Parables (1 Enoch 37–71) and Their Affinity with Christian Tradition (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Vicente Dobroruka, Universidade de Brasília  
*Nero redivivus, Avenger of Asia: A Revival and Reappraisal of the Theme and Its Superposition in the Sibylline Oracles (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Hadi Taghavi, Ehsan Roohi, Hadi Sabouhi, University of California-Irvine  
*The Mahdī and the Last Roman Emperor: Some Notes on the Role of Muslim-Christian Polemics (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

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### 3-3 Bible and Its Influence: History and Impact Section

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Congress - Sala Pro E

Jo Carruthers, Lancaster University, Presiding

Erin Runions, Pomona College  
*The Genocidal Rhetoric of Fallen Angels in the U.S. System of Slavery (30 min)*

Josiah S. Bisbee, Brown University  
*"Sometimes I eavesdrop in the books of Enoch": Apocalyptic Themes in Modern Hip-Hop Culture (30 min)*

Nyasha Junior, Temple University  
*Hagar's Voyage to Blackness (30 min)*

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### 3-4 Catholic Epistles Section

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Lucchesi - L309

Kelly Liebengood, LeTourneau University, Presiding  
David K. Burge, Sydney Missionary and Bible College  
*It's the Sophists! A Fresh Look at the Mysterious Opponents in 2 Peter (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Rodolfo Galvan Estrada III, LABI College  
*Are Jude's Opponents Magicians? A Rereading of Michael's Engagement with Satan (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Jacobie M Helena Visser, University of Stellenbosch/  
Vrije Universiteit Amst  
*An Anomalous Juxtaposition: An Intersectional Approach to Abraham and Rahab in James 2 (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

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### 3-5 Families and Children in the Ancient World Section

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Congress - Sala Saverio C1 + C2

**Theme: NT and Rabbinic Literature Focus**

Jeremy Punt, Stellenbosch University, Presiding

Omri Y. Abadi, Bar-Ilan University  
*Discovering the Jewish Family Structure during the First and Second Centuries through Mortuary Data (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Chakrita M. Saulina, University of Cambridge  
*Reassessing the Case of the Possessed Boy in Luke 9:37–43: A Victim of a “Boy-medium” Ritual?* (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Albertina Oegema, Utrecht University  
*Negotiating Filial Agency and Paternal Authority: Misbehaving Sons in Early Rabbinic Parables* (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

### 3-6 Hellenistic Judaism Section 9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Central - C211

**Theme: Gender and Language**

Julian Petkov, Heidelberg University, Presiding  
 Luiz Felipe Ribeiro, Stellenbosch University  
*“Apart from pleasure, nothing in mortal kind comes to existence?” On the Testaments of the XII Patriarchs’ Seeming Denial of Ancient Medical Theories on the Necessity of Pleasure for Sexual Reproduction* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Joel Bell, Oxford University  
*Archaic Lexemes in Old Greek Job* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

### 3-7 Johannine Literature Section 9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Central - C209

**Theme: Johannine Spirituality**

Mark Kulikovskiy, Macquarie University, Presiding  
 Adesola Akala, Durham University  
*Nicodemus’ Dilemma: Navigating Spiritual Dimensions of the New Birth in John 3* (20 min)

Peter M. Phillips, University of Durham  
*Seeing, Believing, Abiding: Experiential, Conceptual and Post-conceptual Notions of Faith in the Fourth Gospel.* (20 min)

Chang-Wook Jung, Chongshin University  
*The Interpretation of 1 John 4:13: How do the Believers Get to Know that They Abide in Him and He Does in Them? By Loving Each Other or by the Holy Spirit?* (20 min)

Bartosz Adamczewski, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw  
*Johannine Spirituality of the Coming to Rome* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

### 3-8 Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section 9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Congress - Sala Gonzaga B1 + B2

**Theme: New Research on The Gospel of Thomas: Poetics, Ethics, Eschatology, and Reception**

Dylan Burns, Freie Universität Berlin, Presiding  
 Ivan Miroshnikov, Helsingin Yliopisto - Helsingfors Universitet

*Chiastic and Parallel Structures in the Gospel of Thomas* (30 min)

Theron Clay Mock III, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

*Let Us Return to the Beginning: Eschatology and Ethics in the Gospel of Thomas and the Synoptics* (30 min)

Discussion (30 min)

### 3-9 Pentateuch (Torah) Section 9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Congress - Sala Saverio C3

Marvin A. Sweeney, Claremont School of Theology  
*Why Moses Was Barred from the Land of Israel A Reassessment of Numbers 20 in Literary Context* (22 min)

Petra Schmidt-kunz, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*Rephrasing the First Commandment: How the “Song of Moses” (Deut 32:1–43) Draws on the Wisdom Tradition to Convey a Deuteronomistic Message* (22 min)

Stefano Salemi, Oxford University  
*“Signs and wonders”: Pentateuchal Usage of the Binomial Formula of אִמּוֹת and מוֹפְתֵי (22 min)*

Lilla Molnar, Lutheran Theological University, Budapest

*Pernicious Strivings—Investigation after Phinehas’ Reward in Numbers 25* (22 min)

### 3-10 Prophets Section 9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Central - C012

**Theme: Promises and Challenges of the “Unity” Movement for Isaiah Studies - Part 1**

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Benedetta Rossi, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Presiding  
 Ulrich Berges, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn

*“Unity movement” in the Exegesis of the Book of Isaiah: Quo vadis?* (25 min)

H. G. M. Williamson, University of Oxford  
*Two Steps Forward, One Step Back: Methodological Reflections on Reading Isaiah as a Unity* (25 min)

Hyun Chul Paul Kim, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

*E Pluribus Unum: Finding Intertextual Threads That Unite the Book of Isaiah* (25 min)

Discussion (15 min)

## 3-11 Psychological Hermeneutics of Biblical Themes and Texts Section

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Congress - Sala Gonzaga B3

**Theme: Hearing and Environmental Issues**

Linda Joellsson, Umeå University, Presiding  
Hendrik Viviers, University of Johannesburg  
*How "Place" Matters: Materiality, Place Attachment, and Naboth's Vineyard (1 Kings 21) (30 min)*

James R. Hamrick, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München  
*Hearing Voices: Biblical Auditions in Conversation with Modern Psychiatry and the Hearing Voices Movement (30 min)*

Pieter van der Zwan, University of South Africa  
*Hearing the Invisible: The Ears of Job; a Psychoanalytic Perspective (30 min)*

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## 3-12 Rethinking Biblical Written Tradition through Slavonic Interpretations Section

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Central - C214

**Theme: Slavonic Biblical Traditions in Cultural Context**

Keiko Mitani, The University of Tokyo, Presiding (5 min)  
Emanuela Timotin, Institute of Linguistics of the Romanian Academy  
*Biblical Motifs in Romanian Manuscript Charms (20 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Giuseppe Stabile, Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale"  
*Divine, Monstrous, Wonderful Births: The Egg in the Apocryphal (Slavo-)Rumanian Tradition (20 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Gennadij Karpenko, Samara National Research University  
*Rethinking Biblical Images in the Works of Ivan Bunin (20 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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## 3-13 Return Migration in Biblical Literature Consultation

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Central - C009

**Theme: Return and Return Migration in the Hebrew Bible, Part 1**

John Ahn, Howard University, Presiding  
Henrik Bosman, Universiteit van Stellenbosch - University of Stellenbosch  
*References to the Exodus as Identity Shaping Memories of Migration (30 min)*

Frederik Poulsen, Københavns Universitet  
*The Issue of Return in the Biblical Diaspora Stories (30 min)*

Dominik Markl, Pontificio Istituto Biblico  
*Moses's Call to Return in Deut 30:1–10 (30 min)*

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## 3-14 Wisdom Literature in the Bible and in the Ancient Near East Section

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Central - C109

**Theme: Proverbs and Ben-Sira**

Nili Shupak, University of Haifa, Presiding  
Sun Myung Lyu, Baekseok University  
*Decoding the Evaluative Matrix of the Better-Than Sayings (20 min)*

Lindsay Wilson, Ridley Melbourne/Australian College of Theology  
*The Significance of Chapters 15–16 for the Ethical Teaching of the Book of Proverbs (20 min)*

Noga Ayali-Darshan, Bar-Ilan University  
*"Do not stand before a rushing stream...and rulers" (Sir 4:26–7): The Evolution of a Proverb from the Ancient Near Eastern Scribal Schools to Sirach (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

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## 3-15 Working with Biblical Manuscripts (Textual Criticism) Section

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Lucchesi - L107

**Theme: Textual Complexity in 1–2 Samuel, Part 1**

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Stephen Pisano, Pontificio Istituto Biblico, Presiding  
Craig Morrison, Pontificio Istituto Biblico  
*The Transmission of 2 Sam 13:39–14:1 in 4QSam<sup>a</sup>, the LXX, the Peshitta, the Targum, and the Vulgate (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Luigi Castangia, Pontifical Biblical Institute  
*The Relationship between the Peshitta and the LXX: A Case Study (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Domenico Lo Sardo, Pontifical Biblical Institute  
*Tent of Meeting and Women's Mirrors in 1 Sam 2:22 and Exod 38:8: An Enigmatic Issue between MT, LXX, Qumran, and Other Textual Witnesses (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

**3-16 Writings (including Psalms) Section**

**9:00 AM–10:30 AM**

**Lucchesi - L301**

**Theme: Interpretation of Chronicles (II), Writings in general, and Esther**

George Athas, Moore Theological College, Presiding

Eric X. Jarrard, Harvard University

*Exodus Redux: Inversion of the Exodus Event in 2 Chronicles 34–35 (25 min)*

Kim Sung-On, Konkuk University

*Reading the Esther Scroll Intertextually: Haman, the Hidden Image of David (25 min)*

Funlola O. Olojede, Universiteit van Stellenbosch - University of Stellenbosch

*Gender, Race, Class, and Identity in the Migratory Journeys of Naomi, Ruth, and Orpah (25 min)*

Discussion (15 min)

**3-17 Allusions in the Gospels and Acts Section**

**11:00 AM–12:30 PM**

**Congress - Sala Miki D**

**Theme: Allusions in the Gospels and Acts**

Chang-Wook Jung, Chongshin University, Presiding

Mark Roncace, Wingate University

*Jesus, Jeremiah, and the Writing of a Gospel (20 min)*

Jeremy D. Otten, Evangelische Theologische Faculteit

*From Widows to Windows: Luke's Use of Repetition in Echoes and Allusions to 1 Kings 17:8–24 (20 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Marius J. Nel, Universiteit van Stellenbosch -

University of Stellenbosch

*The Significance of the Allusions in Matthew 20:20–28 (20 min)*

John J. Peters, Regent University

*Did Luke Intend His Stated Purpose for Writing over against the "Many" from Luke 1:1–4 to be Explained by the Apollos Episode of Acts 18:24–26? (20 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

**3-18 Ancient Near East Section**

**11:00 AM–12:30 PM**

**Congress - Sala Pro E**

**Theme: The Divine World at Ugarit**

Jacqueline Vayntrub, Yale University, Presiding

Robert Kawashima, University of Florida

*The Baal Cycle as a Myth of Cosmic Unification (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Jennifer Elizabeth Singletary, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen

*A Ram for a Lyre: Non-anthropomorphic Deities in Ritual Texts at Ugarit (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Shirly Natan-Yulzary, Beit-Berl College and Gordon College of Education

*"Great to Behold": Fabulous Dimensions in Ugaritic Myth (KTU 1.3–1.6) (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

**3-19 Apostolic Fathers and Related Early Christian Literature Section / Biblical Interpretation in Early Christianity Section**

**11:00 AM–12:30 PM**

**Central - C209**

**Theme: Early Christian Interpretations of Pauline and Synoptic Traditions**

David King, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

David D. M. King, University of Denver & Iliff School of Theology

*Pericanoncity as Revealed in the Intertextuality of the Didache: The Dependence and Commentary of Didache 1:2–6 on the Canonical Gospels of Matthew and Luke (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

A. Asano, Kwansei Gakuin University

*Constructing Social Memories of Violence and Resistance: On the Martyrological Tradition in Martyrdom of Polycarp and the Ignatian Epistles (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Lydia Gore-Jones, Macquarie University

*Irenaeus as an Interpreter of Paul (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)



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## 3-20 Atla Research Tools 11:00 AM–12:30 PM Central - C211

### Theme: Discussion with Leadership Team

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## 3-21 Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Law Section 11:00 AM–12:30 PM Congress - Sala Gonzaga B3

### Theme: Biblical Law in Roman Time

Reinhard Achenbach, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, Presiding

Dorothy Farisani, University of South Africa and Elelwani Farisani, University of South Africa  
*A Comparative Study of the Old Testament Law and the Roman Law of Ownership of Property with Focus on the Expropriation of Land* (30 min)

Nirmal Fernando, Ashram Community/Urban Theology Union Sheffield UK

*Jesus and the Law: Halankhah for Jews but What For His Disciples?* (30 min)

Peter Zaas, Siena College

*Matthew's Joseph: An Observant Man, but Observant of What Law?* (30 min)

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## 3-22 Digital Humanities in Biblical, Early Jewish, and Christian Studies Section 11:00 AM–12:15 PM Lucchesi - L309

Theme: Book Review: D. Hamidovic, C. Clivaz and S. Bowen Savant, eds., *Ancient Manuscripts in Digital Culture: Visualisation, Data Mining, Communication* (DBS 3), Brill: 2019.

Working with Biblical Manuscripts

Sara Schulthess, Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics, Presiding

Kelley Coblentz Bautch, St. Edward's University, Panelist (10 min)

Timothy B. Sailors, Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen, Panelist (10 min)

Vanessa Juloux, École Pratique des Hautes Études - Paris Sciences et Lettres, Panelist (10 min)

Claire Clivaz, Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics, Respondent (10 min)

Peter Phillips, University of Durham, Respondent (10 min)

Discussion (25 min)

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## 3-23 Exchanges in Biblical Studies Consultation 11:00 AM–12:30 PM Congress - Sala Loyola (convegno)

Christopher Hooker, Society of Biblical Literature, Presiding

Mateusz Krawczyk, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw

*The Roots of the Pauline Jew-Greek Dichotomy: Romans and Wisdom Read Hypertextually* (20 min)

Sylvie Chabert d'Hyères, Independent scholar  
*The So-Called Titulus Tiburtinus: New Approach* (20 min)

Edson M. Nunes Jr., University of California-Berkeley  
*Food and Irony: Judges 3:12-30 and the Relationship between Israel and Moab* (20 min)

Yii-Jan Lin, Yale University

*Apocalypse and Immigration: The Use of Revelation in Immigration Discourse* (20 min)

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## 3-24 Families and Children in the Ancient World Section 11:00 AM–12:30 PM Congress - Sala Saverio C1 + C2

### Theme: HB/OT Focus

Louise Tsui-yuk Liu, China Congregational Church, Presiding

Louis Jonker, University of Stellenbosch  
*Family Genealogies and Religious Ideology: The Case of the Chronicler's Introduction* (30 min)

Julie Faith Parker, General Theological Seminary  
*Hardly "Happily Ever After": Trafficking of Girls in the Hebrew Bible* (30 min)

Lea Jacobsen, Gordon College

*Reuben's Concern for His Mother (Gen. 30:14–18; 35:22a) as Means to Secure His Birthright* (30 min)

**3-25 Healthcare and Disability in the Ancient World Section**

**11:00 AM–12:30 PM**

**Congress - Sala Saverio C3**

Rebecca Raphael, Texas State University, Presiding  
 Ida Fröhlich, Pázmány Péter Katolikus Egyetem  
*Medical Knowledge in the Genesis Apocryphon of Qumran (20 min)*

Ashley Nicole Edeward, University of Notre Dame  
*Wine: Peril or Prophylactic? Ancient Medical Theory in Clement of Alexandria's Dietary Prescriptions (20 min)*

Jenn Strawbridge, University of Oxford  
*Dimensions of Sightlessness: Naming, Roman Emperors, and the New Testament (20 min)*

Lennart Lehnhaus, Freie Universität Berlin  
*Rabbinic Rabies: Medicine and the Mad Dog between Graeco-Roman, Byzantine, and Persian Traditions (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

**3-26 Judaica Section**

**11:00 AM–12:30 PM**

**Congress - Sala Gonzaga B1 + B2**

**Theme: Philo of Alexandria**

Elad Filler, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Presiding

Massimo Gargiulo, Pontificia Università Gregoriana  
*Analogies between Ulixes and Abraham in the Scholia and Philo (20 min)*

Ludovica De Luca, Università degli Studi Roma Tre  
*The Philonian Exegesis of Genesis 1–2: Omission of the ἀκατασκεύαστος Character of the Earth in De opificio mundi (20 min)*

Michael Francis, John Brown University  
*Philo of Alexandria on the Sin Offering (20 min)*

**3-27 Paul and Pauline Literature Section**

**11:00 AM–12:30 PM**

**Lucchesi - L210**

**Theme: 1 Corinthians and Philippians**

Edward Pillar, Northern Baptist College, Presiding  
 Theron Clay Mock III, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München  
*Hellenistic Ethical Traditions and 1 Corinthians 3:2 (30 min)*

Matthew Pawlak, University of Cambridge  
*Sarcasm in First Corinthians (30 min)*

Gregory E. Lamb, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary  
*Pauline Pneumatology in Philippians: Redemption, Fellowship, and Service (30 min)*

**3-28 Place, Space, and Identity in the Ancient Mediterranean World Section / Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls Section**

**11:00 AM–12:30 PM**

**Central - C214**

**Theme: Place, Space, and Identity in the Qumran and Dead Sea Scrolls**

This is a joint session with the Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls section

Johannes Bremer, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Presiding

Annette Evans, University of the Free State  
*Knowledge in Songs of the Sabbath Sacrifice (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Nóra Dávid, University of Szeged, Faculty of Ancient History

*Places and Spices: Geographical Knowledge in the Second Temple Period (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Angela Kim Harkins, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

*Finding Your Place in the Spaces Described in the Qumran Prayers (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

**3-29 Prophets Section**

**11:00 AM–12:30 PM**

**Central - C012**

**Theme: Promises and Challenges of the “Unity” Movement for Isaiah Studies - Part 2**

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Benedetta Rossi, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Presiding  
 Georg Fischer, Leopold-Franzens-Universität Innsbruck  
*Can Jeremiah Quote “Deutero-” or “Trito-” Isaiah? (25 min)*

Gina Hens-Piazza, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley  
*Zion's Destiny as Theological Disclosure: A Feminist Mapping of a Metaphor Across Isaiah (25 min)*

Alphonso Groenewald, University of Pretoria  
*The Isaianic “Unity Movement” from a Perspective of Trauma Studies: With a Special Focus on Isaiah 1–12 (25 min)*

Discussion (15 min)

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## 3-30 Quran and Islamic Tradition in Comparative Perspective Section

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Lucchesi - L301

**Theme: Re-articulation & Semantics**

Ali Aghaei, Presiding

Saqib Hussain, Oxford University

*Q 38 as Re-written Bible (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Abbas Ashrafi, Allameh Tabatabai University

*The Semantics of the Term “Logos” in the Qur’an and the New Testament (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Business Meeting (30 min)

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## 3-31 Return Migration in Biblical Literature Consultation

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Central - C009

**Theme: Return and Return Migration in the Hebrew Bible, Part 2**

Soo J. Kim, America Evangelical University

*Absalom, the Unwelcomed (Forced) Returnee from Forced Migration (30 min)*

Discussion (30 min)

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## 3-31a Wisdom Literature in the Bible and in the Ancient Near East Section

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Central - C109

**Theme: Book of Job**

Nili Samet, Bar-Ilan University, Presiding

Stefan Fischer, Universität Wien

*Power in the Book of Job (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Sophia A. Magallanes, Life Pacific University

*Reconsidering Job through Socio-Economic Lenses: Lessons in Human Worth in God’s Economy (25 min)*

Break (5 min)

Mark Sneed, Lubbock Christian University

*From Monsters to Metaphors: Tracing the Origins of a Biblical Studies Consensus (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

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## 3-32 Working with Biblical Manuscripts (Textual Criticism) Section

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Lucchesi - L107

**Theme: Textual Complexity in 1–2 Samuel, Part 2**

Co-sponsored by the local planning committee.

Stephen Pisano, Pontificio Istituto Biblico, Presiding

Leonardo Pessoa da Silva Pinto, Pontificio Istituto Biblico

*The Relevance of the Lucianic Text and the Old Latin in David’s Reaction to Nathan’s Parable (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Sarah Yardney, University of Chicago

*Reassessing the Translation Technique of LXX 1 Samuel (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Daniela De Panfilis, Pontifical Biblical Institute

*The Function of Two Pluses in the Septuagint in the Accounts of the Rejection of Saul (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

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## 3-33 Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Law Section

2:00 PM–3:00 PM

Congress - Sala Gonzaga B3

**Theme: Open Session**

Ruth Ebach, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Presiding

Noa Oman, Bar-Ilan University

*The Legal Status of Bilhah and Zilpah (Gen. 29–49) (30 min)*

Avi Shveka, Ariel University

*Biblical Laws that Refer to Parental Relationship in Animals: A Reexamination (30 min)*

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## 3-34 Biblical Interpretation in Early Christianity Section

2:00 PM–3:30 PM

Congress - Sala Miki D

**Theme: Biblical Interpretation in Early Christianity**

William Wright, Duquesne University, Presiding

Discussion (5 min)

William M. Wright IV, Duquesne University

*Augustine’s Aesthetics and His Interpretation of Jesus’ “Signs” in John’s Gospel (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Christopher Denny, Saint John’s University

*An Ambivalent Neoplatonist: Gregory of Nyssa’s Scriptural Exegesis and Merkebah Mysticism (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

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**3-35 Contextual Interpretation of the Bible (Hebrew Bible/Old Testament and New Testament) Seminar**

**2:00 PM–3:30 PM**

**Congress - Sala Pro E**

**Theme: Reading the Bible in Contemporary Contexts**

- Jason Kalman, Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, Presiding  
 Eric Douglass, Randolph-Macon College  
*Refusing to Silence the Voices: Valuing the Contextual Interests of Authors and Readers (20 min)*  
 Benjamin Ong, University of Otago  
*"Third Space" Interpretation of the Bible (20 min)*  
 Wei Huang, Shanghai University  
*The Ruined Garden in Qoheleth 12: A Cross-textual Reading from the Chinese Texts (20 min)*  
 Xiaochun Hong, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangdong, China  
*Understanding ἀρξί in the Gospel of John from Chinese Bible Translations: Centered on Morrison's Version, Delegates' Version, and Chinese Union Versions (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

**3-36 Digital Humanities in Biblical, Early Jewish, and Christian Studies Section**

**2:00 PM–3:30 PM**

**Lucchesi - L309**

- Peter Phillips, University of Durham, Presiding  
 Gaia Lembi, Brown University  
*A Digital Window into the Ancient World: Inscriptions of Israel/Palestine (30 min)*  
 Michael Satlow, Brown University  
*On the Promise and Challenges of Digital Humanities for the Study of Jews and Judaism in Late Antiquity (30 min)*  
 Todd R. Hanneken, Saint Mary's University (San Antonio)  
*Three Priorities for Digitally-Enabled Research and Teaching in Manuscripts of Biblical Literature (30 min)*

**3-37 Gospel of Mark Section**

**2:00 PM–3:30 PM**

**Central - C214**

**Theme: Markan Exegetical Analyses**

- Geert Van Oyen, Université Catholique de Louvain, Presiding  
 Teodoro Medeiros, Pontificia Università Urbaniana  
*Whose Wit Is This? An Analysis of Point of View in Mk 7:24–30 (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

- Christine Oefele, Universität Bern - Université de Berne  
*Two Opposite Ways of Regaining (In-)sight: Differences in the Healing Stories in Mk 8:22–26 and 10:46–52 and Their Contribution to the Message of Mark's Gospel (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

- Nathaniel DesRosiers, Stonehill College  
*"And They Were All Astonished (?)" The Verb Ekplesso and Mark's Narrative (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

**3-38 Johannine Literature Section**

**2:00 PM–3:30 PM**

**Central - C209**

**Theme: Literary Aspects in John/Linguistics in John**

- Bartosz Adamczewski, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Presiding  
 Glyssie Mills Berberian, University of South Africa and Margaret B. Berberian  
*The Meaning of "pros" in John 1:1 (20 min)*  
 Paulus de Jong, University of St. Andrews  
*The "King of Israel" in the Gospel of John (20 min)*  
 Janusz Krecidlo, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University  
*Translational Dilemmas Concerning paraklētōs in Jesus' Farewell Discourses in John 13–17 (20 min)*  
 Stefano Salemi, Oxford University  
*Johannine Cross in Veterotestamental Traditions (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

**3-39 Judaica Section**

**2:00 PM–3:30 PM**

**Congress - Sala Gonzaga B1 + B2**

**Theme: Biblical Linguistic and Stylistic Analysis**

- Hagit Taragan, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Presiding  
 Haim Dihi, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*A Re-examination of the Roots btsr, hll and zhr in Ben Sira and in the Bible (20 min)*  
 Shamir Yona, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*Poetic Patterns in the Song of Songs (20 min)*  
 Anthony Chapman, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*Patterns of Repetition in Psalms 120–134 (20 min)*

**3-40 Paul and Pauline Literature Section**

**2:00 PM–3:30 PM**

**Lucchesi - L210**

**Theme: Jewish Background**

- Edward Pillar, Northern Baptist College, Presiding  
 Eyal Regev, Bar-Ilan University  
*The Community as Temple in Qumran's Community Rule and the Pauline Epistles: Comparing Cultic Metaphors (30 min)*

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Christian Gers-Uphaus, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster  
*First Century Resurrection Reconsidered—Paul and Josephus* (30 min)

Hyungtae Kim, Durham University  
*A Rereading of Adoption in Romans 8:23 as the Earth's Apocalyptic Childbirth in Light of the Jewish Apocalyptic Tradition* (30 min)

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## 3-41 Pentateuch (Torah) Section

2:00 PM–3:30 PM

Congress - Sala Saverio C3

Yairah Amit, Tel Aviv University  
*Ishmael and the Wilderness Space* (30 min)

Johannes Bremer, Ruhr-Universität Bochum  
*All about "Land"? Synchronic and Diachronic Remarks on "Land-Theologies" in Gen 15* (30 min)

JW Rice, Emory University  
*"And the people multiplied": The Growth of the Growth-Motif in Exodus 1* (30 min)

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## 3-42 Plutarch and Religion

2:00 PM–3:30 PM

Central - C109

**Theme: Honoring Frederick E. Brenk on His 90th Birthday**

Part 1 of 2.

Sponsored by the local planning committee.

Rainer Hirsch-Luipold, Universität Bern - Université de Berne, Presiding

Michael Kolarcik, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Introduction (5 min)

Lautaro Lanzillotta, University of Groningen  
*Plato's and Plutarch's Myths of the Afterlife* (25 min)

Zlatko Pleše, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

*Gnostic Themes in Plutarch Re-revisited* (25 min)

Aurelio Pérez Jiménez, University of Málaga  
*Ὀλιγωρία πρὸς τὸ δαμόνιον. Plutarch and Men's Irreverence towards the Gods* (25 min)

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## 3-43 Political Biblical Criticism Section

2:00 PM–3:30 PM

Lucchesi - L107

**Theme: D. HB/OT Texts and Politics of Destruction**

Francisco Lozada, Brite Divinity School (TCU), Presiding

Rachel Havrelock, University of Illinois at Chicago  
*The Joshua Generation: Occupation and the Promised Land* (25 min)

Angela Sawyer, University of Divinity  
*Comfort the Waste Places, Defend the Violated Earth: An Ecological Reading of Zion in Isaiah and Tracy Chapman's "The Rape of the World"* (25 min)

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M. Isaac, Loyola Marymount University  
*Negotiating Refugee Identity: Israelite Tribal and Political Names in Judah in the Wake of Assyrian Invasions* (25 min)

Discussion (15 min)

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## 3-44 Prophets Section

2:00 PM–3:30 PM

Central - C012

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Benedetta Rossi, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Presiding  
Dominic S. Irudayaraj, Pontifical Biblical Institute  
*"Desolate" Depictions in Isaiah: Approaching the Unity Question, Anew!* (20 min)

Joseph Riordan, Pontificio Istituto Biblico  
*The One and the Many: The Canonical Integrity of Isaiah* (20 min)

Boris Lazzaro, Independent Scholar  
*When Knowing Is Seeing and Hearing: Two Cognitive Megametaphors and Their Linguistic Concretion in Isa 42:7,16,18–20; 43:8* (20 min)

Attila Bodor, Pontificio Istituto Biblico  
*Reading the Book of Isaiah as a Whole: The Peshitta Translation* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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## 3-45 Return Migration in Biblical Literature Consultation

2:00 PM–3:30 PM

Central - C009

**Theme: Returnees (Temporary or Permanent) in Archaeology, Hebrew Bible, Scrolls, and New Testament, Part I**

Dominik Markl, Pontificio Istituto Biblico, Presiding  
Avraham Faust, Bar-Ilan University  
*The Archaeology of the Returnees: Forts, Estates, and Settlement Patterns in the Territories of the Former Kingdom of Judah* (30 min)

Jina Kang, Loyola Marymount University  
*Foreign Wives and Return Migration: From Joseph to Ezra-Nehemiah* (30 min)

John Ahn, Howard University  
*The Return of Angels in the War Scrolls as Final Restoration from Powerlessness* (30 min)

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**3-46 Septuagint Studies Section****2:00 PM–3:30 PM****Central - C211****Theme: Text and Translation**

Timo Tekoniemi, Helsingin Yliopisto - Helsingfors  
Universitet, Presiding

Ljiljana Jovanovic, University of Belgrade Orthodox  
Theological Faculty and Ivana Arsic, Institute of Social  
Sciences

*Theodotion's Translation: A Witness of the History of  
Developing Daniel's Text 7–12 (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Svetlina Nikolova, Cyrillo-Methodian Research  
Centre at Bulgarian Academy of Sciences-Sofia

*Contextualizing the Oldest Slavonic Translation of the  
Wisdom of Sirach in Slavia Orthodoxa Based on the Greek  
Texts G I and G II (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Joshua Alfaro, Universität Salzburg

*Hebrew Toponyms in Greek Translation: Mapping  
Geographical and Linguistic Proficiency (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

**3-47 Stylistics and the Hebrew Bible Section****2:00 PM–3:30 PM****Congress - Sala Saverio C1 + C2****Theme: Literary Features and Rhetoric in the Writings**

Talia Sutskover, Tel Aviv University, Presiding  
W. Derek Suderman, Conrad Grebel / University of  
Waterloo

*"Why do you boast, O mighty man?" Exploring Social  
Rhetoric in Individual Lament Psalms (30 min)*

Yudit K. Greenberg, Rollins College

*The Problematic Gendering of Desire in Shir Ha-Shirim  
(30 min)*

Asaf Steinberger, Bar-Ilan University

*How Appraisal Analysis Explains Different Readings of  
the Ruth Narrative (30 min)*

**3-49 Writings (including Psalms) Section****2:00 PM–3:30 PM****Lucchesi - L301****Theme: Interpretation of individual psalms**

Dirk Human, University of Pretoria, Presiding

Diego Pérez-Gondar, Universidad de Navarra

*The New Jerusalem as Mother: Dialogism in  
Intertextuality between Ps 87 and Gal 4:26 (25 min)*

Pawel Paszko OFMCap, Pontificia Università  
Gregoriana

*Three Dimensions of "Mundus Inversus" in Psalm 113  
(25 min)*

T. A. Perry, University of Connecticut

*Psalms 119 as Literature and Spirituality (25 min)*

Discussion (15 min)

**3-50 Ancient Near East Section****4:00 PM–5:30 PM****Congress - Sala Pro E****Theme: Violence in the Ancient Near East and the Bible**

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Peter Dubovsky, Pontificio Istituto Biblico, Presiding

Laura Battini, Collège de France

*Violence on All Forms: Agents and Subjugates in Assyria  
(1 mill. BCE) (20 min)*

Davide Nadali, Sapienza Università di Roma

*Seeing Violence, Feeling Fear: On the Meaning and  
Function of Violent Scenes in the Ancient Near Eastern  
Pictures (20 min)*

Martin Lang, Universität Innsbruck

*Bärtu/barta epēšu—"rebellion, to make a rebellion"—and  
the Quest for Legitimate Violence in the Ancient Near  
East and Its Possible Resonance in the Hebrew Bible  
(20 min)*

Anthony P. SooHoo, Pontificio Istituto Biblico

*Cursed You Will Be: Divine Imprecation in Dt 28 and  
Ashurbanipal's Royal Historiography (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

**3-51 Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha Section****4:00 PM–5:30 PM****Congress - Sala Saverio C3**

Tom de Bruin, Newbold College, Presiding

Ivan Miroshnikov, University of Helsinki

*The Coptic Versions of the Acts of Andrew and Matthias  
in the City of the Cannibals (30 min)*

Elisa Uusimäki, University of Helsinki

*Itinerant Sages: The Evidence of Sirach in Its Ancient  
Mediterranean Context (30 min)*

R. Gillian Glass, University of British Columbia

*Relating to Dinah: The Retellings of Genesis 34 in Greek  
Jewish Texts (30 min)*

**3-52 Bible and Empire Section****4:00 PM–5:30 PM****Lucchesi - L107****Theme: Open Session**

Steed Davidson, McCormick Theological Seminary,  
Presiding

Duncan MacRae, University of California-Berkeley

*Talking Themselves into Empire: 1 Maccabees and  
Roman Mediterranean Hegemony (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Lea Himmelfarb, Bar-Ilan University

*A Journey in Rome along the Medieval Biblical  
Commentaries (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

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Hsueh-Ming Liao, Chang Jung Christian University  
*Imperium within Βασιλεία: The Markan Jesus as a Healer and Exorcist in the Βασιλεία Threatening the Powers of the Imperium* (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

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### 3-53 Bible and Visual Culture Section

4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Central - C209

**Theme: The Bible, Art, and Italy (from Antiquity to the Medieval Period)**

David Shepherd, Trinity College - Dublin, Presiding (5 min)

Amy E. Meverden, Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York

*“And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations”*: Reading the Caryatid Relief with Revelation 22:2 (25 min)

Giovanni Pogliani, Università degli Studi di Milano  
*Claudianus’s Sarcophagus: The Image as a Profession of Faith* (25 min)

Yaffa England, Haifa University

*The Formation of the First Man from the Dust of Earth in the Creation Cupola: An Essential Part of the Iconographical Plan in the Atrium Mosaics in San Mark’s, Venice* (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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### 3-54 Biblical Characters in Three Traditions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam) Seminar

4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Congress - Sala Gonzaga B1 + B2

**Theme: Of Eagles, Snakes, and Proverbs**

The way of an eagle in the sky, and the way of a snake on a rock—in and out the book of Proverbs.

Max Stern, Ariel University, Presiding

Sophia Magallanes, Life Pacific College

*From a Snake in the Grass to a Winged Serpent: A Spectrum of Creaturely Categories Used for the Nāhās of Genesis 3* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Funlola O. Olojede, Universiteit van Stellenbosch - University of Stellenbosch

*Animals as Metaphors in the Book of Proverbs* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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### 3-55 Biblical Interpretation in Early Christianity Section

4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Congress - Sala Miki D

**Theme: Biblical Interpretation in Early Christianity**

William Wright, Duquesne University, Presiding

Silviu N. Bunta, University of Dayton

*In the Words of Scripture: An Ascetical-Mystical Reading of Rom 2:8–9 and 2 Cor 4:8; 6:11–13* (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Christian Gers-Uphaus, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster

*Mortal Gods—Divine Humans: Psalm 82 and Its Early Christian Reception* (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

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### 3-56 Digital Humanities in Biblical, Early Jewish, and Christian Studies Section

4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Lucchese - L309

Peter Phillips, University of Durham, Presiding

Elie Dannaoui, University of Balamand

*Identifying the Vorlage of Old Translations of the Gospels into Arabic: A Computational Linguistics Approach* (30 min)

Hans van Deventer, North-West University (South Africa)

*To Be Translated, or Not to Be Translated: An Answer from Digital Humanities* (30 min)

Vanessa Bigot Juloux, École Pratique des Hautes

Études (EPHE) - Paris Sciences et Lettres (PSL)

*Hermeneutics of Action: Investigation of Violence in Political Contexts across Cultures Using “XML-TEI and R”* (30 min)

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### 3-57 Feminist Interpretations Section

4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Congress - Sala Gonzaga B3

**Theme: Feminist Exegesis and Cultural Studies**

Lilly (SJ) Nortje-Meyer, University of Johannesburg, Presiding

Ally Kateusz, Wjingaards Institute of Catholic Research

*Case Study of the Feminist Hermeneutics of Suspicion: The Woman at the Altar inside Old Saint Peter’s Basilica in Rome* (30 min)

Priscilla Buongiorno, Studiorum Università di Bologna

*Women within the Bible: Early Christian Representation of the Feminine in Pre-constantian Roman Frescos* (30 min)

Caroline Vander Stichele, Universiteit van Tilburg

*Mary’s Virginity in the Proto-Gospel of James and in Godard’s film Je vous salue, Marie (Hail Mary, 1985)* (30 min)

**3-58 Hellenistic Greek Language and Linguistics Section**

**4:00 PM–5:30 PM**

**Congress - Sala Saverio C1 + C2**

Peter Spitaler, Villanova University, Presiding  
 Paul L. Danove, Villanova University  
*The Usages of Φέρω and Φέρω-Compounds in the New Testament (15 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Cynthia L. Miller-Naudé, University of the Free State and  
 Jacobus A. Naudé, University of the Free State  
*Syntactic Patterns of pas as a Quantifier in New Testament Greek (15 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Break (10 min)

Herman du Toit, Universities of the Free State and Stellenbosch  
*Backgrounding in the Narrative Discourse of Luke's Gospel: Remarks on the Use of the Greek Imperfect and Pluperfect Indicative Tense-Forms. (15 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

James M. Morgan, Université de Fribourg - Universität Freiburg  
*Luke's Use of τεκμήριον in Acts 1:3 in Light of Herodotus's Proofs of the Divine (Hdt. 9.100) (15 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

**3-59 Plutarch and Religion**

**4:00 PM–5:30 PM**

**Central - C109**

**Theme: Honoring Frederick E. Brenk on His 90th Birthday**

Part 2 of 2.

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Lautaro Lanzillotta, University of Groningen, Presiding  
 Rainer Hirsch-Luipold, Universität Bern - Université de Berne  
*The New Testament and Religious Platonism (30 min)*  
 Paola Volpe, Università degli Studi di Salerno  
*Pater kai poietes: La teologia di Plutarco nella traduzione e interpretazione di Ludovico Nogarola (30 min)*  
 Frederick Brenk, Pontifical Biblical Institute  
*Juggling with Space: The Isaeum Campense Between Rome and Egypt (30 min)*

**3-60 Prophets**

**4:00 PM–5:30 PM**

**Central - C012**

**Theme: Prophetic Biography**

Johanna Erzberger, University of Bochum, Presiding  
 Alphonso Groenewald, University of Pretoria, Presiding  
 Liza Esterhuizen, University of Pretoria, South Africa  
*The Traumatic Triangle of Tension between Isaiah, King Ahaz and Yahweh: The Reading of Isaiah 7 and 8 from a Trauma Perspective (30 min)*  
 Donatella Scaiola, Pontifical University Urbaniana  
*The Prophetic Figures in the Book of the Twelve (30 min)*  
 Willie Wessels, University of South Africa  
*Reflections on Micah: The Prophet of the Book Micah (30 min)*

**3-61 Rethinking Biblical Written Tradition through Slavonic Interpretations Section / Hellenistic Judaism Section**

**4:00 PM–5:30 PM**

**Central - C214**

**Theme: Reception History of "Apocrypha"**

Antoaneta Granberg, University of Gothenburg, Presiding  
 Henryk Drawnel, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin  
*An Aramaic Fragment of Aramaic Levi from Cairo Genizah: Manuscript P 1185 and Its Interpretation (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

John C Endres, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University  
*The Book of Jubilees: A Case of Reception History (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Keiko Mitani, The University of Tokyo  
*The Slavonic Tradition of the "Apocryphal Acts of Thomas in India": How Many Translations and How Did They Appear? (20 min)*

Break (10 min)

**3-62 Return Migration in Biblical Literature Consultation**

**4:00 PM–5:30 PM**

**Central - C009**

**Theme: Returnees (Temporary or Permanent) in Archaeology, Hebrew Bible, Scrolls, and New Testament, Part 2**

Christine Oeefe, Universität Bern - Université de Berne  
*Return to Galilee: The End of Mark as Invitation to Renew Discipleship (30 min)*

Discussion (30 min)



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## 3-63 Septuagint Studies Section

4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Central - C211

### Theme: Textual Criticism

Kristin De Troyer, Universität Salzburg, Presiding  
Emanuel Tov, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*Proper Nouns in the Septuagint, the Texts Based on It, and in Related Literature* (30 min)

Andrea Ravasco, Facoltà Teologica dell'Italia Settentrionale  
*The Text of the Book of Odes in the Codex Vaticanus Regin. Graec. 1 (= Rahlfs 55): The Song of Hannah (1 Sam 2:1–10) as a Case Study* (25 min)

Paavo Huotari, University of Helsinki  
*The Unified Text of the Lucianic Reviser(s) in the Book of Samuel* (25 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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## 3-64 Synoptic Gospels Section

4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Lucchesi - L210

### Theme: Parables

Thomas Goud, University of New Brunswick, Presiding

Ellen Aasland Reinertsen, Universitetet i Oslo, Presiding (5 min)

Ernest van Eck, University of Pretoria, Panelist (25 min)

Ellen Aasland Reinertsen, Universitetet i Oslo, Panelist (25 min)

John Harrison, Oklahoma Christian University, Respondent (10 min)

Ernest van Eck, University of Pretoria, Respondent (5 min)

Discussion (20 min)

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## 3-65 Writings (including Psalms) Section

4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Lucchesi - L301

### Theme: Interpretation of the Book of Psalms

Theodore Perry, University of Connecticut, Presiding  
Andrew M. Gilhooley, University of Pretoria  
*The Relationship between Pss 1–2 and the Macrostructure of the Hebrew Bible* (25 min)

Cristian Rata, Torch Trinity Graduate University  
*The Psalter as a "Happiness Project"* (25 min)

Dirk J Human, University of Pretoria  
*Yahweh, the 'Seeing and Hearing God': Embodiment of Divine Activities in the Psalms* (25 min)

Discussion (15 min)

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## 3-65a International Meeting Program Committee

4:30 PM–6:00 PM

Conference Room - Central

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## 3-66 Local Cultural Event: Concert at Chiesa Santa Maria dell'Anima

6:30 PM–8:00 PM

Offsite - Chiesa Santa Maria dell'Anima

Join us for a concert at the Chiesa Santa Maria dell'Anima church, near Piazza Navona. Space is limited, so plan to arrive early. The location of the church is available at <https://goo.gl/maps/H8n64w7TXMqEnns5>.



Great Colosseum, Rome, Italy

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REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION .....	8:30 AM–4:30 PM
EXHIBITS .....	8:30 AM–4:30 PM
GENERAL SESSIONS .....	9:00 AM–5:30 PM
COFFEE BREAKS .....	10:30 AM and 3:30 PM

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## 4-1 Ancient Near East Section

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Lucchesi - L301

**Theme: Phoenicia and Israel, Session 1**

Co-sponsored by the local planning committee.

Shuichi Hasegawa, Rikkyo University, Presiding

Mahri Leonard-Fleckman, College of the Holy Cross  
*Pursuing the "Sea Peoples" (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Paul G. Mosca, University of British Columbia  
*The Phoenician Inscription from Nebi Yunis (RÉS 367)  
Revisited (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Peter Dubovsky, Pontificio Istituto Biblico and Paul  
Bechter, Pontificio Istituto Biblico  
*Was Solomon a Phoenician Vassal? (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

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## 4-2 Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha Section

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Congress - Sala Miki D

Maia Kotrosits, Denison University, Presiding

Matthew J. Korpman, Yale Divinity School  
*Do Not Do What You Hate: Tobit, the Gospel of Thomas,  
and the Question of Matthew 7:12 (30 min)*

Jared Ludlow, Brigham Young University  
*Untimely Death: Is There a Good Time to Die? (30 min)*

Alexander McCarron, Oxford University  
*Enoch at Sinai: The Form and Structure of the Enochic  
Preamble in 1 Enoch 1:2-3a (30 min)*

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## 4-3 Hellenistic Greek Language and Linguistics Section

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Congress - Sala Gonzaga B3

Paul Danove, Villanova University, Presiding

Rodi Georgiadou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki  
*Compound Adjectives with First Element the Lexeme  
φιλος in the Letters of Paul (15 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Stefano De Feo, Università degli Studi di Milano  
*A Boast Struggle: Conflicting Meanings of the Semantic  
Area of καυχῶμαι in Paul's Letters (15 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Break (10 min)

R. Anthony Buck, University of Oxford

*Are the Aorist and Future Middle and Passive Forms  
Middle, Passive, or Both? An Analytic Tool Assessing  
Mediopassivity Applied to 443 Examples (15 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

David Johnston, University of St Andrews

*The Effect of Negation on Verb Choice: Oida and Ginōskō  
in the New Testament (15 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

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## 4-4 Judaica Section

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Lucchesi - L309

**Theme: Rabbinic Literature**

Arnon Atzmon, Bar-Ilan University, Presiding

Josiah S. Bisbee, Brown University  
*"The Ways of the Egyptians" in the World of the Mekilta  
De-Rabbi Yishmael (20 min)*

Jason Kalman, Hebrew Union College - Jewish  
Institute of Religion

*Authorship and Exegesis: On the Talmud's Claim that  
King Hezekiah Wrote Song of Songs, Proverbs, and  
Ecclesiastes (20 min)*

Mordechai Sabato, Bar-Ilan University  
*The Rabbinic Concept of Altar Refuge in Light of the  
Character of Joab (20 min)*

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## 4-5 Pentateuch (Torah) Section

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Congress - Sala Pro E

**Theme: Jean Louis Ska's Introduction to Reading  
the Pentateuch Twenty Years after Retrospective and  
Prospective**

Co-sponsored by the local planning committee.

Peter Machinist, Harvard University, Presiding

Eckart Otto, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität  
München

*The Integration of Deuteronomy into the Pentateuch and  
Jean-Louis Ska's Perspective for a Post-priestly Pentateuch  
(15 min)*

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Reinhard Achenbach, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster  
*“What Happened to the ‘Elohists’ and the ‘Yahwists’ in Post-exilic Scribal Erudition?” On the Transformation of Exegetical Perspectives after Jean Louis Ska’s Introduction to Reading the Pentateuch (15 min)*

Christian Frevel, Ruhr-University Bochum  
*The Unique Complexity of the Book of Numbers: Old and New Issues (15 min)*

Francesco Cocco, Pontificia Università Urbaniana  
*The Book of Numbers as the “Quintessence of the Torah”: Reflections on the Structure of the Fourth Book of Moses (15 min)*

Jean Louis Ska, Pontificio Istituto Biblico  
*Twenty Years After: Retrospective and Prospective (15 min)*

Discussion (15 min)

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### 4-6 Prophets Section 9:00 AM–10:30 AM Lucchesi - L210

**Theme: Haggai**

Jan Rückl, Protestant Theological Faculty, Charles University of Prague, Presiding  
Jakob Wöhrle, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen  
*The Time to Build the House: Reflections upon the Historical Background and the Social Location of the Book of Haggai (20 min)*

Daniel O’Kennedy, Stellenbosch University, South Africa  
*The Importance of Three Judahite Figures in the Book of Haggai: Zerubbabel, Joshua, and Haggai (20 min)*

James Nogalski, Baylor University  
*Haggai 2:17, 19: Variations on a Theme (20 min)*

Discussion (30 min)

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### 4-7 Psychological Hermeneutics of Biblical Themes and Texts Section 9:00 AM–10:30 AM Congress - Sala Gonzaga B1 + B2

**Theme: Gender-psychological issues**

Linda Joelsson, , Presiding  
Cecilie Skupinska-Løvset, Jevnaker municipality  
Psychiatric clinic  
*The Ménage à trois: Leah in the “Love Triangle” (30 min)*  
Christopher Ryan Jones, Johannes Gutenberg University–Mainz  
*Rethinking the Conceptualization of Culture and Environment in the Ancient Near East: Psychology as Exegesis (30 min)*

Business Meeting (30 min)

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### 4-8 Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls Section 9:00 AM–10:30 AM Central - C209

**Theme: Open Session**

Daniel Falk, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding  
James M. Scott, Trinity Western University  
*Paul as “the Abortion” (τὸ ἔκτρωμα) in 1 Corinthians 15:8: A Missing Link between the Qumran Book of Giants and the Manichaean Book of Giants (20 min)*

Ludvik A. Kjeldsberg, University of Agder  
*Investigating the Case of xQJosh: A Pre-2002 Dead Sea Scroll Fishy Fragment? (20 min)*

Christine M. Leroy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven  
*Prayer and “Spirit Language” in the Qumran Hodayot (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

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### 4-9 Rethinking Biblical Written Tradition through Slavonic Interpretations Section 9:00 AM–10:30 AM Congress - Sala Saverio C1 + C2

**Theme: Intertextuality and Transmission**

Emanuela Timotin, Institute of Linguistics of the Romanian Academy, Presiding  
Antoaneta Granberg, University of Gothenburg  
*The Text Transmission of the Episode about Gog and Magog in the Slavonic Alexander Romance (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Vasya Velinova, University of Sofia St. Kliment Ohridski  
*The Apocryphal Texts about Moses’ Life in the South Slavonic Miscellanies (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Liudmila Navtanovich, Autonomous University of Barcelona  
*Slavonic Apocrypha and Intertextuality (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

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### 4-10 Return Migration in Biblical Literature Consultation 9:00 AM–10:30 AM Congress - Sala Saverio C3

**Theme: Book Review: “Landscapes of Korean and Korean American Biblical Interpretation” (SBL Press, 2019)**

Jina Kang, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding  
John Ahn, Howard University  
*Murder, Adultery, and Theft (15 min)*

SuJung Shin, New Brunswick Theological Seminary  
*A Dialogic Hero David from the Perspective of Internally Persuasive Words in the Book of Samuel (15 min)*

Koog P. Hong, Yonsei University  
*Ethics of Remembering: Scapegoating Manasseh after the Sewol Ferry Tragedy* (15 min)

Roger Nam, George Fox University  
*Half Speak Ashdodite and None Can Speak Judean: Code-Switching in Ezra-Nehemiah as an Identity Marker for Repatriate Judeans and Koreans* (15 min)

Cristian Rata, Torch Trinity Graduate University,  
Respondent (25 min)

#### 4-11 Synoptic Gospels Section

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Central - C214

##### Theme: Parables

Thomas Goud, University of New Brunswick,  
Presiding

Ruben Zimmermann, Johannes Gutenberg-  
Universität Mainz, Panelist (25 min)

Dieter Roth, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz,  
Panelist (25 min)

Glenna Jackson, Otterbein University, Respondent  
(10 min)

Ruben Zimmermann, Johannes Gutenberg-  
Universität Mainz, Respondent (5 min)

Dieter Roth, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz,  
Respondent (5 min)

Discussion (20 min)

#### 4-12 Working with Biblical Manuscripts (Textual Criticism) / Septuagint Studies Section / Septuagint Studies Section

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Central - C012

##### Theme: The Codex Vaticanus (B) (Bibliotheca Apostolica Vaticana, graecus 1209): Old & New Testament (first of three sessions)

The 2019 International SBL Meeting in Rome coincides with the anniversaries of some important milestones in the modern study of the Greek biblical manuscript known as the Codex Vaticanus (B). The central importance of B for the Septuagint, already recognized in the sixteenth century, was emphasized again 120 years ago by Alfred Rahlfs, who wrote on the 'Alter und Heimat der vaticanischen Bibelhandschrift' (1899). The historical origins of the Codex Vaticanus and how it may relate to the Codex Sinaiticus were discussed by Kirsopp Lake just over 100 years ago (Harvard Theological Review, 1918), again by T.C. Skeat 20 years ago (Journal of Theological Studies, 1999) and by J.K. Elliott 15 years ago, writing on the 'Dating and Origin of Codex Vaticanus' in 2004. It has been almost 25 years since Philip B. Payne (in 1995) initiated the discussion of distigmai in the codex — a discussion that continues into 2019, as seen in the most recent issue of the journal New Testament Studies.

Photographic editions of B began appearing 130 years ago (1889–1890), 115 years ago (1904–1907) and just over 50 years ago (the first to reproduce the original colours of the manuscript, and made available to the general public in 1968). This year too marks the twentieth anniversary of the publication of the full, to scale, colour photographic facsimile edition of 1999 (Codex Vaticanus B: Bibliorum sacrorum Graecorum). In 2019 we also celebrate the tenth anniversary of the publication of the volume *Le manuscrit B de la Bible* (Vaticanus graecus 1209), edited by Patrick Andrist (2009) and including other contributions by Paul Canart, Pierre-Maurice Bogaert, Stephen Pisano, J.K. Elliott, Christian-B. Amphoux, Barbara Aland and Philip B. Payne. Since 2015, the Bibliotheca Apostolica Vaticana has made digital images of the entire manuscript accessible on the Internet through DigiVatLib. Much research on B still remains to be carried out: these three sessions will provide a step in that direction.

Timothy B. Sailors, Eberhard-Karls-Universität  
Tübingen, Welcome (5 min)

Jesse R. Grenz, St. Edmund's College, University of  
Cambridge

*Numbering the Scribes: Revisiting the Question of How  
Many Scribes Copied Codex Vaticanus (B)* (20 min)

Pietro Versace, Vatican Library 2010-2014

*The Marginalia of the Codex Vaticanus* (20 min)

Warren Langford (H. Milton Haggard Center for NT  
Textual Studies), LeTourneau University

*Updating a Codex: The Addition of Artistic Features in  
Vaticanus* (20 min)

Ronald van der Bergh, Faithlife / University of Pretoria  
*The Paragraph Division in Codex Vaticanus: A*

*Comparison to Codex Bezae in the Gospel of Luke*  
(20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

#### 4-13 Writings (including Psalms) Section / Contextual Interpretation of the Bible (Hebrew Bible/Old Testament and New Testament) Seminar

9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Lucchesi - L107

##### Theme: Contextual Interpretation of the Psalms (I)

Walter Marlowe, Evangelische Theologische Faculteit,  
Presiding

Alejandro F Botta, Boston University

*The Devouring Intellectuals: Contextual Readings of  
Psalm 14 and 53; An Essay in the Sociology of Knowledge*  
(25 min)

Ntozakhe Cezula, Stellenbosch University

*Migration as a Catalyst for an Identity Development  
Discourse in the Second Temple Period: How the  
Chronicler Used a Psalm in the Discourse.* (25 min)

Maricel Ibita, Ateneo de Manila University

*Ritualizing Rage: Imprecation as an Act of Heseid in Ps  
109* (25 min)

Discussion (15 min)

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## 4-14 Ancient Near East Section

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

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**Theme: Phoenicia and Israel, session 2**

Co-sponsored by the local planning committee.

Mahri Leonard-Fleckman, College of the Holy Cross,  
Presiding

Shuichi Hasegawa, Rikkyo University  
*Canaanites, Phoenicians, and Israelites: Cultural  
Dynamics in the Eastern Mediterranean during the Early  
Iron Age; Looking through a Terracotta Mask from Tel  
Rekhesheh (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Nathan Morello, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität  
München  
*A Frontier of Many Borders: Israel and the Phoenician  
Cities in the Assyrian Sources (25 min)*

Break (5 min)

Daniel Prokop, Pontificio Istituto Biblico  
*The Lotus-Flower Design on the Pillars of the First  
Temple (1 Kgs 7:19,22): Phoenician Adaptation of the  
Egyptian Motif? (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

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## 4-15 Bible and Its Influence: History and Impact Section

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Congress - Sala Saverio C3

David Tollerton, University of Exeter, Presiding  
Gregory Banazak, Cyril and Methodius Seminary and  
Luis Reyes Ceja, Universidad del Valle de Atemajac  
*Leonardo as Exegete: Leonardo da Vinci's Approach to  
the Bible in His Writings (30 min)*

Jorunn Økland, Norwegian Institute at Athens/  
University of Oslo  
*Women Travellers between Empires and Genres: Jane  
Dieulafoy and Queen Parysatis (30 min)*

Victoria Omotoso, University of Exeter  
*Imag(in)ing Jesus: An Exploration of the Bible's Influence  
through Film with Cross-Cultural Audiences (30 min)*

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## 4-16 Bible and Visual Culture Section

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Congress - Sala Miki D

**Theme: The Bible, Art and Italy II (Late Renaissance  
and Baroque periods)**

Caroline Vander Stichele, Universiteit van Tilburg,  
Presiding (5 min)

Jennie Grillo, University of Notre Dame  
*"My beloved had a garden": Shared Subjectivity in  
Tintoretto's Susanna (25 min)*

Heidi J. Hornik, Baylor University and Mikeal C.  
Parsons, Baylor University  
*Artemisia Gentileschi in Baroque Rome: Trips and  
Testaments (First and Second) (25 min)*

M. I. Rey, Boston University

*Artemisia Gentileschi's Samson and Delilah: An Exercise  
in Visual Exegesis (25 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

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## 4-17 Exchanges in Biblical Studies / Paul and Pauline Literature Section

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Central - C214

Gregory Lamb, Southern Baptist Theological  
Seminary, Presiding

Gregory Tatum, Pontifical University of St. Thomas  
(Angelicum)

*Salvation as Cosmic Finance (2Cor 8:9-11) (20 min)*

Jack Khalil, University of Balamand  
*The Interpretation of the Metaphor Περὶ πτωχῶ and Its  
Implications on Pauline Studies (20 min)*

Trey Moss, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary  
*The Relationship of Law and Scripture as Agents in  
Galatians (20 min)*

Rob Cousland, University of British Columbia  
*A Chased Virgin? Eve and Satan in Second Corinthians  
11:2-3 (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

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## 4-18 Gospel of Mark Section

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Central - C209

**Theme: Exploring Mark 5:21–43 in Varying Contexts**

Elizabeth Struthers Malbon, Virginia Tech, Presiding  
Vicente Balaguer, Universidad de Navarra  
*Seeing Jesus with the Eyes of a Witness (Mc 5,21–43)  
(25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Nina Heereman, Saint Patrick's Seminary  
*"Rise My Beloved!" Reading the Talitha Qum Episode in  
Light of an Early Jewish Interpretation of Song 2:8–13.  
(25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Bennet Lawrence, Asia Theological Association  
*Reading Mark 5:21–43 in Light of Theetu Concept of  
India (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

**4-18a International Cooperation Initiative**  
**11:00 AM–12:30 PM**  
**Central - C211**

**Theme: Collaborative Pedagogies**

The ICI Committee is pleased to host a discussion forum for all those interested in the topic of international pedagogies, broadly speaking - whether your interest is in pedagogies involved within an international scholarly setting, or desiring to grow in awareness of different pedagogical styles employed internationally, this discussion forum is for you! Come listen to a panel discussion from faculty sharing their experiences teaching in diverse contexts, and spend time learning together ways to expand our own pedagogical best practices that suit our contexts.

- Jaqueline du Toit, University of the Free State, Panelist  
 Carmen Palmer, Toronto School of Theology, Panelist  
 Juan Manuel Granados Rojas, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Panelist  
 Henry Pattarumadathil, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Panelist  
 Nelson Morales, Central American Theological Seminary (SETECA), Panelist  
 Ma. Maricel Ibita, Ateneo de Manila University, Panelist  
 Ma. Marilou Ibita, Ateneo de Manila University, Panelist

**4-19 Judaica Section**  
**11:00 AM–12:30 PM**  
**Lucchesi - L309**

**Theme: Biblical Linguistic Interpretation**

- Anthony Chapman, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Presiding  
 Stan A Lindsay, Florida State University  
*Angels as the Personification of Communication (Logology) (20 min)*  
 Naama Golan, Ariel University  
*Is God Able to Deliver His Servants? On Two Theological Problems in Daniel's Narratives (Dan. 1:9; 3:17–18) (20 min)*  
 Hagit Taragan, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
*Why Say It Twice? The Exegetical Approach of the Medieval Commentators to the "Immediate Repetitions" in Isaiah 40–66 (20 min)*

**4-20 Pentateuch (Torah) Section**  
**11:00 AM–12:30 PM**  
**Congress - Sala Pro E**

- Guy Darshan, Tel Aviv University  
*New Look on the Priestly Account in Genesis 47 (30 min)*  
 Douglas Estes, South University  
*The Tree of Life in Paradise: On the Use of Type-Setting in Biblical Imagination (30 min)*

David J.A. Clines, University of Sheffield  
*What's Wrong with Genesis 1: Text and Translation (30 min)*

**4-21 Place, Space, and Identity in the Ancient Mediterranean World Section**  
**11:00 AM–12:30 PM**  
**Lucchesi - L210**

**Theme: Claimed Spaces and Space Claiming in Ancient Mediterranean World**

Spaces in the Hebrew Bible

- Johannes Bremer, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Presiding  
 José Alberto Garijo Serrano, Pontificia Università Gregoriana  
*Imaginative Geographies in Genesis (30 min)*  
 Eliza Justice, King's College London  
*Saving Face: How Ezekiel Rescues Divine Sovereignty by Defying Convention (30 min)*  
 Discussion (20 min)

**4-22 Psychological Hermeneutics of Biblical Themes and Texts Section / Feminist Interpretations Section**  
**11:00 AM–12:30 PM**  
**Congress - Sala Gonzaga B1 + B2**

**Theme: Femininity**

- Lilly (SJ) Nortje-Meyer, University of Johannesburg, Presiding  
 Karen Langton, University of Birmingham  
*The Gender of Wisdom: What It Is Not (30 min)*  
 Rachel Adelman, Hebrew College  
*Crossing the Threshold of Home: Jephthah's Daughter from the Hebrew Bible to Modern Midrash (30 min)*  
 Christopher Ryan Jones, Johannes Gutenberg University–Mainz  
*Sex and Power: The Crossroads of Abuse and Obtainment (30 min)*

**4-23 Quran and Islamic Tradition in Comparative Perspective Section**  
**11:00 AM–12:30 PM**  
**Congress - Sala Saverio C1 + C2**

**Theme: Biblical Subtext or Not**

- Abdulla Galadari, Khalifa University of Science & Technology, Presiding  
 Zohar Hadromi-Allouche, Trinity College, Dublin  
*Q 93 and Psalm 22: A Quranic Response to a Psalmic Question (20 min)*  
 Discussion (10 min)  
 Georgina L. Jardim, University of Gloucestershire  
*Psalm 31: Giving Voice to the Qur'an's Mary and the Bible's Hagar (20 min)*  
 Discussion (10 min)

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Jusuf Salih, University of Dayton  
*Mary: The Bridge between Muslims and Christians*  
(20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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## 4-24 Stylistics and the Hebrew Bible Section 11:00 AM–12:30 PM Congress - Sala Gonzaga B3

**Theme: Phrases and Verbal Forms in the Hebrew Bible**

Talia Sutskover, Tel Aviv University, Presiding

Patricia Jelbert, University of Gloucestershire  
*A Chronographic Approach to a Stylistic Enquiry in the Book of Chronicles* (20 min)

Emmanuel Mastey, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*Between Style and Evolution: The Case of the So-Called Quivis Construction* (20 min)

Alessandra Pecchioli, Università degli Studi di Firenze  
*The Use of Singular and Plural: Some Examples from the Lexical Field of the Substantives of "Idol" in Ancient Hebrew* (20 min)

Desiree Zecha, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen  
*The Use of the So-Called "Consecutive Tenses"* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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## 4-25 Working with Biblical Manuscripts (Textual Criticism) Section / Septuagint Studies Section 11:00 AM–12:30 PM Central - C012

**Theme: The Codex Vaticanus (B) (Bibliotheca Apostolica Vaticana, graecus 1209): Old & New Testament (second of three sessions)**

Ignacio Carbajosa, Universidad Eclesiástica San Dámaso  
*A New Look at the Book of Psalms in Codex Vaticanus*  
(20 min)

Vasile Babota, Pontificia Università Gregoriana  
*LXX Ezekiel 36–42 in Codex B: A Comparison with LXX-967, OL-W, and the Hebrew Witnesses* (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

An-Ting Yi, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam  
*Codex Vaticanus in the Seventeenth Century: Its Text-Critical Use within and outside Rome* (20 min)

Timothy B. Sailors, Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen  
*When, How, and in What State of Repair Did the Codex Vaticanus Become Part of the Library of the Holy See? Its Use, Description, and Restoration in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Centuries* (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

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## 4-26 Writings (including Psalms) Section / Contextual Interpretation of the Bible (Hebrew Bible/Old Testament and New Testament) Seminar

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Lucchesi - L107

**Theme: Contextual Interpretation of the Psalms (II)**

Alejandro Botta, Boston University, Presiding  
Creighton Marlowe, Evangelische Theologische  
Faculteit

*The Upper-Case Translation of ruach in the Psalms in Context and Community* (20 min)

Kyunghee Park, Korea Baptist Theological University/  
Seminary  
*Reconciling and Embracing Sorrow over a Tragedy*  
(20 min)

Dimitrije Stanojevic, Trinity International University  
*May the Psalter Never Cease: An Interpretation of the Psalms in the Serbian Orthodox Church* (20 min)

W. Derek Suderman, Conrad Grebel / University of Waterloo

*Body Snatchers and War Refugees: Two Case Studies for Hearing Contemporary Cries through Biblical Lament*  
(20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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## 4-27 Apostolic Fathers and Related Early Christian Literature Section 2:00 PM–3:30 PM Congress - Sala Saverio C1 + C2

**Theme: Apostolic Fathers: Emotions, Memory & Gender**

Andrew Crislip, Virginia Commonwealth University, Presiding

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*Emotion in the Apostolic Fathers* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Jean-Francois Racine, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University  
*Warning! Cheerfulness Can Be Contagious! A Reading of Hermas's Emotional Spectrum* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Jeffrey Hubbard, Biola University  
*Gendered Distinction: Performative Masculinity in the Shepherd of Hermas* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

**4-28 Bible and Empire Section**  
**2:00 PM–3:30 PM**  
**Congress - Sala Pro E**

**Theme: Western European Empires Overseas: Part 1**

Ana Valdez, University of Lisbon, Presiding  
 Steed Vernyl Davidson, McCormick Theological Seminary  
*Race and Economics: The Biblical Justifications and Resistances to Empire (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

David Savalani, Wentworth Institute of Technology  
*The Mission Movement to India: The Loss of Voice to Empire? (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Gregory L. Cuéllar, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary  
*Mastering Biblical History in the British Museum (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

**4-30 Biblical Characters in Three Traditions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam) Seminar**  
**2:00 PM–3:30 PM**  
**Congress - Sala Miki D**

**Theme: Of Ass and Men: Biblical Ass Riders**

The papers in this panel examine biblical asses and the men (as it happens) who ride them.

Eric Ziolkowski, Lafayette College, Presiding  
 Nirmal Fernando, Ashram Community/Urban Theology Union Sheffield UK  
*Animals and Jesus in Canon and Apocrypha: A Sociocultural and Psychological Analysis (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

David Z Crookes, Independent Author  
*Riding on a Donkey (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Max Stern, Ariel University  
*Balaam and the Ass: Bible and Babble (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

**4-31 Biblical Interpretation in Early Christianity Section**  
**2:00 PM–3:30 PM**  
**Congress - Sala Gonzaga B3**

**Theme: Interpretation of Romans in Early Christianity**

Miriam DeCock, Aarhus Universitet, Presiding  
 Francesca Minonne, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore  
*The Grammatical Exegesis of Paul's Letter to the Romans in the Early Christian Authors (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Miriam DeCock, Aarhus University  
*Origen's Exegetical Treatment of Romans 8:15: Seeking after the Divine Gift of the Spirit of Adoption (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Alexander H. Pierce, University of Notre Dame  
*Saving Sinners, Reconciling Enemies: Augustine on Christ's Death according to Rom 5:8–10 (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

**4-32 Feminist Interpretations Section**  
**2:00 PM–3:30 PM**  
**Congress - Sala Gonzaga B1 + B2**

**Theme: Exegesis in Feminist and Queer Studies**

Lilly (SJ) Nortje-Meyer, University of Johannesburg, Presiding  
 Anat Koplowitz-Breier, Bar-Ilan University  
*Commemorating the Nameless Women: Midrashic Poems by American-Jewish Women (20 min)*

Karen Langton, University of Birmingham  
*There Is No Female Language about the Deity: A Response to David Clines (20 min)*

Charlene Van der Walt, University of KwaZulu-Natal  
*"The bra is wearing a skirt!" Queering Joseph in Quest to Enhance Contextual Ethical Gender and Sexuality Engagements (20 min)*

Karin Hügel, University of Amsterdam  
*Jewish Legal Interpretations of Female Homoeroticism (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

**4-33 Hellenistic Judaism Section**  
**2:00 PM–3:30 PM**  
**Central - C209**

**Theme: Wisdom and Reception History**

Bogdan G. Bucur, Duquesne University, Presiding  
 Irene Barbotti, Università degli Studi di Milano  
*The Wise within: At the Origin of the Foolish-Wise Lexicon in Pauline Tradition; A New Perspective in Studies. (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Marcin Kowalski, The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin  
*The Cognitive Spirit and the Gift of New Life in Romans 8: The Novelty of Paul's Thought in Comparison to the Greco-Roman and Jewish Concepts of Pneuma (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Simeon Akponorie, Archbishop Vining College of Theology  
*The Hedonistic Ideology of the Preacher in Ecclesiastes 2:24 and Its Implications for African Society (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)



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## 4-34 IAHR/SBL Conversation

2:00 PM–3:30 PM

Lucchesi - L301

### Theme: Round-Table Discussion Part One

Tim Jensen, University of Southern Denmark, Presiding  
Giulia Sfameni Gasparro, University of Messina, Panelist (10 min)  
Panayotis Pachis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Panelist (10 min)  
Anders Petersen, University of Aarhus, Panelist (10 min)  
Nickolas P. Roubekas, Universität Wien, Panelist (10 min)  
Dennis MacDonald, Claremont School of Theology, Panelist (10 min)  
Elizabeth Struthers Malbon, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Panelist (10 min)  
Jorunn Økland, Norwegian Institute at Athens/ University of Oslo, Panelist (10 min)

Discussion (20 min)

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## 4-35 Judaica Section

2:00 PM–3:30 PM

Lucchesi - L309

### Theme: Biblical Translations

David Frankel, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, Presiding  
Mattia Seu, Pontificio Istituto Biblico  
*Women of the Torah in Targum Jonathan* (20 min)  
Steven D. Fraade, Yale University  
*“Reading Leads to Translating” in a Multilingual Context: The View from Early Rabbinic Texts (and Beyond)* (20 min)  
Arnon Atzmon, Bar-Ilan University  
*Interpretation and Literary Editing in Midrash Tehilim* (20 min)

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## 4-35a Late Babylonian and Biblical Priestly Literature

2:00 PM–3:30 PM

Central - C214

Sponsored by the local planning committee.

At the conference Stones, Tablets and Scrolls (May 2017, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome), Michael Jursa presented his recent work on Late Babylonian priestly literature (forthcoming in the conference proceedings with Mohr Siebeck, edited by Peter Dubovský and Federico Giuntoli). In this session, Michael Jursa and Céline Debourse will first present their current work on this material. Biblical scholars will then respond in short statements on potential comparative studies with biblical priestly literature, which will be followed by discussion.

Dominik Markl, Pontificio Istituto Biblico, Presiding

Late Babylonian Priestly Literature from Babylon  
Michael Jursa, University of Vienna, Panelist (15 min)  
Céline Debourse, University of Vienna, Panelist (15 min)

### Panel Discussion

Reinhard Müller, Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich, Faculty of Protestant Theology, Panelist (5 min)  
Thomas Römer, Collège de France - University of Lausanne, Panelist (5 min)  
Dalit Rom-Shiloni, Tel Aviv University, Panelist (5 min)  
Christian Frevel, Ruhr-University Bochum, Panelist (5 min)  
Peter Dubovsky, Pontificio Istituto Biblico, Panelist (5 min)  
Eckart Otto, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Panelist (5 min)

Discussion (30 min)

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## 4-36 Paul and Pauline Literature Section

2:00 PM–3:30 PM

Congress - Sala Saverio C3

### Theme: Deutero-Pauline Letters

Tavis Bohlinger, University of Durham, Presiding  
Gustaf W. Henriksson, Göteborgs Universitet  
*A Raising Grace* (30 min)  
Bruna Velcic, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome  
*Nuptial Imagery and the Bridegroom: Bride Metaphor in Eph 5:21–33; A Reconsideration* (30 min)  
Nikolaos Amanatidis, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen  
*Coming to Knowledge through the Hearing of the Truth: Interpretative Approach to Col 1:3–8.* (30 min)

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## 4-37 Prophets Section

2:00 PM–3:30 PM

Lucchesi - L210

### Theme: The Book of Jeremiah

Co-sponsored by the local planning committee.

Benedetta Rossi, Pontificio Istituto Biblico, Presiding  
Georg Fischer, Leopold-Franzens-Universität Innsbruck  
*A Contest in Prophetic Mission: Ezekiel and Jeremiah* (30 min)  
Mariana Assaf, Pontificio Istituto Biblico  
*Broken Cisterns and a Broken Relationship: Water Imagery in Jeremiah 2* (20 min)  
Iryna Kladiy, Pontificio Istituto Biblico  
*The Personification of Jerusalem in Jeremiah 13* (20 min)  
Gregory Ezeokeke, Pontifical Gregorian University  
*Prophecy Versus Divination in Deuteronomy 18 and Jeremiah 27* (20 min)

**4-38 Working with Biblical Manuscripts  
(Textual Criticism) Section / Septuagint  
Studies Section**

**2:00 PM–3:30 PM**

**Central - C012**

**Theme: The Codex Vaticanus (B) (Bibliotheca  
Apostolica Vaticana, graecus 1209): Old & New  
Testament (third of three sessions)**

Patrick Andrist, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität  
München

*Le codex Vaticanus, origine et paratextualité: hommage à  
Paul Canart (20 min)*

Roundtable Discussion (40 min)

Jesse R. Grenz, University of Cambridge, Panelist

Pietro Versace, formerly Vatican Library, Panelist

Warren Langford, LeTourneau University, Panelist

Ronald van der Bergh, University of Pretoria, Panelist

Ignacio Carbajosa, Universidad Eclesiástica San

Dámaso, Panelist

Vasile Babota, Pontificia Università Gregoriana,  
Panelist

An-Ting Yi, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Panelist

Timothy B. Sailors, Eberhard-Karls-Universität

Tübingen, Panelist

Patrick Andrist, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität

München, Panelist

**4-39 Writings (including Psalms) Section /  
Contextual Interpretation of the Bible  
(Hebrew Bible/Old Testament and New  
Testament) Seminar**

**2:00 PM–3:30 PM**

**Lucchesi - L107**

**Theme: Contextual Interpretation of the Psalms (III)**

W. Derek Suderman, Conrad Grebel University  
College, Presiding

June F. Dickie, University of KwaZulu-Natal

*Reading Psalms with "Ordinary" African Youth: The  
Importance of Social Context in Interpreting the Biblical  
Text (25 min)*

Madipoane Masenya (Ngwana Mphahlele), University  
of South Africa

*Making Sense of Psalm 127:3–5 in (African) South  
African Contexts (25 min)*

Elelwani Farisani, University of South Africa

*The Relevance of Psalm 46 in the Current South African  
Lutheran Context (25 min)*

Discussion (15 min)

**4-40 Apocalyptic Literature Section**

**4:00 PM–5:30 PM**

**Central - C214**

**Theme: New Approaches to the Revelation of John**

Grant Macaskill, University of Aberdeen, Presiding

Stan A. Lindsay, Florida State University

*Revelation's Non-dualistic Representative Anecdote  
(25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Lukas Bergel, Uniwersytet Slaski w Katowicach

*God's Victory and Salvation: A Soteriological Approach  
to the Subject in Apocalyptic Literature. (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

**4-41 Apostolic Fathers and Related Early  
Christian Literature Section**

**4:00 PM–5:30 PM**

**Congress - Sala Saverio C1 + C2**

**Theme: Apostolic Fathers: Authority, Community &  
Conflict**

Douglas Estes, South University, Columbia, Presiding

Katja Kujanpää, University of Helsinki

*Scriptural Authority and Divinely Instituted Bishops and  
Deacons in 1 Clement (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

T.J. Lang, University of St Andrews

*Social Surds and the Crisis of Ecclesial Oneness in 1  
Clement (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Douglas Estes, South University

*Word from Silence: The Origin of the Logos in Ignatius'  
Epistle to the Magnesians (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

**4-42 Bible and Empire Section**

**4:00 PM–5:30 PM**

**Congress - Sala Pro E**

**Theme: Western European Empires Overseas: Part 2**

Ana Valdez, University of Lisbon, Presiding

José Augusto Ramos, Universidade de Lisboa

*António Vieira: The Bible over the World (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Gregory Banazak, Cyril and Methodius Seminary and

Luis Reyes Ceja, Universidad del Valle de Atemajac

*An Anti-imperial Empire: António Vieira's Quinto  
Império Constructed and Deconstructed with Scripture  
(25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Lily Fetalsana Apura, Divinity School Silliman  
University

*Recovering a Resistance Text: A Filipina Reading of  
Joshua 1:1–9 (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

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### 4-42a **Biblical and Oriental Studies in Rome**

4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Lucchesi - L309

**Theme: From Lorenzo Valla to Augustin Bea SJ**

Paola Mollo, Pontifical Biblical Institute (Rome) -  
University of Goettingen, Presiding

John W. O'Malley, Georgetown University  
*From Valla to Lapide: The Course of Biblical Scholarship  
in Catholic Hands (30 min)*

Ludger Hiepel, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität  
Münster

*Anton Deimel SJ (1865–1954): The First Professor for  
Assyriology at the Pontifical Biblical Institute (30 min)*

Michael Pfister, University of Münster  
*The Exegetical Works and the Church Political Efforts  
of Augustin Bea SJ as Rector of the Pontifical Biblical  
Institute (1930–1949) (30 min)*

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### 4-43 **Biblical Characters in Three Traditions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam) Seminar**

4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Congress - Sala Miki D

**Theme: The Animal in Me: Animals and Humans**

This session will examine the relationship between animals  
and humans within the context of the Hebrew Bible.

Funlola Olojede, Universiteit van Stellenbosch -  
University of Stellenbosch, Presiding

Eric Ziolkowski, Lafayette College  
*The Simian Presence in Biblical Reception (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Jed Wyrick, California State University, Chico  
*Biblical Goats and Human Nature (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

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### 4-45 **Contextual Interpretation of the Bible (Hebrew Bible/Old Testament and New Testament) Seminar / Families and Children in the Ancient World Section**

4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Lucchesi - L107

**Theme: Children, Children's Bibles and Contextual  
Interpretation**

Wei Huang, Shanghai University, Presiding  
Jaqueline S. du Toit, University of the Free State  
*Children's Bibles: Psalms in Two Interpretative Traditions  
(25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Meng Zhenhua (Jeremiah), Nanjing University  
*A Children's Bible in a Secular Context: A Case Study of  
the Comic Strips of Biblical Myth Tales in 1980s China  
(25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Kristine Garroway, Hebrew Union College - Jewish  
Institute of Religion  
*Where's the Potty on Noah's Ark: Retellings of Noah and  
the Ark in Jewish Children's Literature (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

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### 4-46 **Feminist Interpretations Section**

4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Congress - Sala Gonzaga B1 + B2

**Theme: Exegesis in Feminist and Liberation Studies**

Caroline Vander Stichele, Universiteit van Tilburg,  
Presiding  
Lilly Nortje-Meyer, University of Johannesburg  
*On Animals and Jesus in the Gospel of John: Formulating  
a Christology for the Liberation of Animals. (30 min)*

Susannah M. Larry, Vanderbilt University  
*An Indigestible Text: Feasting on Daughter Zion in  
Lamentations 2:20–22 (30 min)*

Dogara Ishaya Manomi, Johannes Gutenberg-  
Universität Mainz  
*"Texts of Terror" or "Texts of Honor?" Re-reading the  
"Household Codes" in Titus Virtue-ethically as an  
Interpretive and Appropriative Paradigm (30 min)*

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**4-47 IAHR/SBL Conversation**  
**4:00 PM–5:30 PM**  
**Lucchesi - L301**

**Theme: Round-Table Discussion Part Two**

Tim Jensen, University of Southern Denmark, Presiding  
 Giulia Sfameni Gasparro, University of Messina, Panelist  
 Panayotis Pachis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, Panelist  
 Anders Petersen, University of Aarhus, Panelist  
 Nickolas Roubekas, Universität Wien, Panelist  
 Dennis MacDonald, Claremont School of Theology, Panelist  
 Elizabeth Struthers Malbon, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Panelist  
 Jorunn Økland, Norwegian Institute at Athens/ University of Oslo, Panelist

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**4-48 Paul and Pauline Literature Section**  
**4:00 PM–5:30 PM**  
**Congress - Sala Saverio C3**

**Theme: 2 Corinthians**

Philip Du Toit, North-West University (South Africa), Presiding  
 Philip Esler, University of Gloucestershire  
*Paul's Construction of Christ-Movement Identity in 2 Cor 6:14–7:1 (30 min)*  
 Georges Massinelli, Istituto Teologico di Assisi  
*Poverty in the Pauline Studies: Evidence from the Collection (30 min)*  
 Ludvig Nyman, Örebro School of Theology  
*New Perspectives on the Old Covenant: Placing 2 Corinthians 3 in Current Debate (30 min)*

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**4-49 Psychological Hermeneutics of Biblical Themes and Texts Section**  
**4:00 PM–5:30 PM**  
**Congress - Sala Gonzaga B3**

**Theme: Healing**

Pieter van der Zwan, University of Pretoria, Presiding  
 Shirley Paulson, Early Christian Texts: The Bible and Beyond  
*Enlightenment on Psychological Aspects of New Testament Healing from Nag Hammadi (30 min)*  
 Bas van Os, Erasmus University Rotterdam  
*The Therapeutic Approach of Psalm 42/43 (30 min)*  
 June F. Dickie, University of KwaZulu-Natal  
*The Importance of the Practice of Biblical Lament for Authenticity and Psychological Well-Being (30 min)*

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**4-50 Septuagint Studies Section**  
**4:00 PM–5:30 PM**  
**Central - C209**

**Theme: Text and Manuscripts**

Kristin De Troyer, Universität Salzburg, Presiding  
 Timo Tekoniemi, Helsingin Yliopisto - University of Helsinki  
*The Textual History of the "Samari(t)ans" in 2 Kgs 17:29 (25 min)*  
 David Villar, Universidad Complutense de Madrid  
*Regnal Formulas without Synchronism in the Book of Kings: Analysis of MT and LXX (BLLuc) (25 min)*  
 Martina Korytiaková, Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome  
*The Specific Biblical Tradition behind "Nabouchodonosor who ruled over the Assyrians" in Jdt (25 min)*

Discussion (15 min)

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**4-51 Working with Biblical Manuscripts (Textual Criticism) / Gospel of Mark Section**  
**4:00 PM–5:30 PM**  
**Central - C012**

**Theme: Textual Criticism & the Interpretation of the Gospel of Mark**

Jeff Cate, California Baptist University  
*Can Anything Come from Nazareth? The Curious and Unique Occurrence of Ναζαρετ in Mark 1:9 (25 min)*

Discussion (15 min)

Claire Clivaz, Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics  
*The Enigma of Mark 16: The Role of Contemplating Greek Manuscript Evidence Online (25 min)*

Discussion (15 min)

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**4-52 Conversation with Eileen Schuller**  
**6:00 PM–7:00 PM**  
**Pontifical Biblical Institute - Aula Magna**

Angela Harkins, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Presiding  
 Eileen Schuller, McMaster University, Panelist

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**4-53 Conversation with Agustinus Gianto and Steven Fassberg**  
**7:00 PM–8:00 PM**  
**Pontifical Biblical Institute - Aula Magna**

Agustinus Gianto, Pontificio Istituto Biblico, Panelist  
 Steven Fassberg, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Panelist

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## FRIDAY, JULY 5

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REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION .....	8:30 AM–11:30 AM
GENERAL SESSIONS .....	9:00 AM–12:30 PM
COFFEE BREAK .....	10:30 AM

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### 5-1 Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha Section 9:00 AM–10:30 AM Congress - Sala Miki D

Ivan Miroshnikov, Helsingin Yliopisto - Helsingfors  
Universitet, Presiding  
Maia Kotrosits, Denison University  
*Objects Made Real: The Gospel of Peter's Talking Cross  
and Pygmalion's Woman Statue (30 min)*  
Tom de Bruin, Newbold College of Higher Education  
*Fan Studies as an Interpretative Model for Parabiblical  
Writings (30 min)*  
Francis Borchardt, Lutheran Theological Seminary,  
Hong Kong  
*Tales of Discovery in the Gospel of Nicodemus and Early  
Jewish and Christian Literature (30 min)*

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### 5-1a Biblical Hebrew Syntax and Literature 9:00 AM–10:30 AM Central - C211

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Maria Maddalena Colasuonno, Martin-Luther-  
Universität Halle-Wittenberg  
*Social Deixis in Women's Speech in Biblical Hebrew:  
Strategies of Politeness and Social Distance (20 min)*  
Paola Mollo, Pontifical Biblical Institute  
*Empathy in Biblical Hebrew (20 min)*  
Luigi Santopaolo, Pontifical Biblical Institute  
*The "Visionary" we-hinnēh in Dan 8 (20 min)*  
Jaroslav Mudron, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*Lamed Accusativi in Biblical Hebrew (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

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### 5-2 Catholic Epistles Section 9:00 AM–10:30 AM Congress - Sala Gonzaga B1 + B2

Kelly Liebengood, LeTourneau University, Presiding  
Nelson R. Morales, Central American Theological  
Seminary (SETECA)  
*Global Coherence: Toward an Interpretive Canonical  
Methodology (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Kelly Liebengood, LeTourneau University  
*Reading 1 Peter after Supersessionism: The Necessity  
of Appropriating Israelhood without Replacing Israel  
(25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

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### 5-3 Johannine Literature Section 9:00 AM–10:30 AM Congress - Sala Pro E

**Theme: Concepts, Metaphors, and Images in John**  
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Peter Phillips, University of Durham, Presiding  
Mark Kulikovskiy, Macquarie University  
*The Reframing of Friendship: How John's Understanding  
of Truth and Love Helped Shape the Early Christian  
Community (20 min)*  
Milan Kostrescic, Universität Bern - Université de  
Berne  
*The Image of Abraham as "Father" of the Jews and His  
Works in Context of Jesus' Admonition to "Children"  
(John 8:39) (20 min)*

Mariana Berliana Ali, Pontificio Istituto Biblico  
*"The Ruler" in the Fourth Gospel (20 min)*  
Bertalan Józsa, University of Edinburgh, New College  
*Metaphorical Creativity in the Gospel of John: The Case  
of "Bearing Fruit" Metaphor (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

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### 5-4 Paul and Pauline Literature Section 9:00 AM–10:30 AM Central - C209

**Theme: Romans**

Jonathan Lo, Hong Kong Baptist Theological  
Seminary, Presiding  
Delio Ruiz, Ateneo de Manila University  
*Minister of Christ Jesus: Cultic Language in Rom  
15:15–21 (30 min)*

Tavis A. Bohlinger, University of Durham  
*The Root of Promise: A Re-assessment of Paul's Olive Tree  
Analogy in Romans 11 (30 min)*

Stefania De Vito, Pontifical Gregorian University  
*Reading Romans 6:15–23 Today (30 min)*

**5-5 Quran and Islamic Tradition in Comparative Perspective Section / Biblical Characters in Three Traditions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam) Seminar**  
**9:00 AM–10:30 AM**  
**Congress - Sala Gonzaga B3**

**Theme: Animals between the Bible and the Qur'an**

David Penchansky, University of Saint Thomas (Saint Paul, MN), Presiding  
 Abdulla Galadari, Khalifa University of Science & Technology  
*Abraham and the Birds: Comparing Qur'an 2:260, Genesis 15, and Romans 4 (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Kate Tinson, Cardiff University  
*Sura al Baqara: The Three Cow Narratives of Verses 51–95 and Their Relationship to the Hebrew Bible and Jewish Exegesis (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Ali Aghaei, Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften  
*Quranic Intertextuality with Jewish-Rabbinic Tradition: The Case of 'the Cow' in Q 2:67-74 (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

**5-6 Rethinking Biblical Written Tradition through Slavonic Interpretations Section**  
**9:00 AM–10:30 AM**  
**Central - C012**

**Theme: Slavonic Biblical Traditions in Theology**

Keiko Mitani, The University of Tokyo, Presiding  
 Liudmila Karpenko, Samara National Research University  
*The Reflection of the Nicaean Christianity in the Heritage of St. Cyril (20 min)*

Dimitrije Stanojevic, Trinity International University  
*Knowing the Commandments of the Lord, Let This Be Our Way of Life: Slavonic Hymns as an Authentic Eastern Orthodox Exegesis (20 min)*

Dorota Rojszczak-Robinska, Uniwersytet im. Adama Mickiewicza

*Strategies for Quoting the Holy Scriptures in the Old Polish Biblical-Апоcryphal Narrations (20 min)*

Ljubica Jovanovic, American Public University  
*Ївцифь Пръкрасни: The Christian Mystic (19 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

**5-7 Synoptic Gospels Section**  
**9:00 AM–10:30 AM**  
**Central - C214**

**Theme: Topics in the Synoptic Gospels**

John Harrison, Oklahoma Christian University, Presiding  
 Friedrich G. Lang, Independent scholar  
*The Structure of Luke in Stichometric Analysis (15 min)*  
 Gregory E. Lamb, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary  
*The Rediscovery of Codex Bezae Cantabrigiensis and Its Subsequent Effect on the Reception of Luke 16:19–31 (15 min)*

Discussion (8 min)

Fiodar Litvinau, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

*Wisdom against Her Children: Reconsidering the Composition of Lk 7:31–35 par. (15 min)*

Alex Damm, Wilfrid Laurier University  
 Roland Meynet, Semitic Rhetoric, and the Synoptic Gospels (15 min)

Discussion (7 min)

**5-8 Working with Biblical Manuscripts (Textual Criticism) Section**  
**9:00 AM–10:30 AM**  
**Congress - Sala Saverio C1 + C2**

**Theme: Jewish Bible / Hebrew Bible**

Hila Dayfani, Bar-Ilan University  
*Variants due to Graphical Similarity Evidencing a Bisection of 1QIsaa (25 min)*

Hadi Taghavi, Ehsan Roohi, Hadi Sabouhi, University of California-Irvine

*Semantic Changes in Pre-Masoretic Hebrew: Case Study of The Word Meod Meod (25 min)*

Discussion (15 min)

**5-9 Writings (including Psalms) Section**  
**9:00 AM–10:30 AM**  
**Congress - Sala Saverio C3**

**Theme: Interpretation of Chronicles (I)**

George Athas, Moore Theological College, Presiding  
 Jaeyoung Jeon, Université de Lausanne  
*The Honorable History of the Levites in the Books of Chronicles as a Counter History (20 min)*

Andrew Taehang Ohm, Bible Baptist Theological Seminary

*David's Census Account in 1 Chronicles 21: A Rewritten Agenda (20 min)*

Francisco Martins, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
*"Is David Also among the returnees?" Unveiling the Intertextual Play in 1 Chronicles 29 (20 min)*

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Jochen Wagner, University of Koblenz/Landau  
*The God of the Ark and His Wrath* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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## 5-10 Ancient Near East Section

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Central - C209

**Theme: New Perspectives on Monumentality and the Monumentalizing of Text in the Hebrew Bible**

Roger Nam, George Fox University, Presiding

Julia Rhyder, Universität Basel

*The Tent of Meeting as Monumental Space: Power and Centrality in the Construction of the Priestly Sanctuary* (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Timothy Hogue, University of California-Los Angeles  
*Theatre, Spectacle, and Counter-monumentality: The Tel Dan Stele as a Test Case* (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Lisa Cleath, George Fox University

*The Audience in the Text: The Composition of Monumental Space in Biblical Reading Ceremonies* (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

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## 5-11 Bible and Empire Section

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Central - C012

**Theme: Empire and the New Testament**

Steed Davidson, McCormick Theological Seminary, Presiding

Laura Robinson, Duke University

*Hidden Transcripts? The Supposedly Self-Censoring Paul and Rome as Surveillance State in Modern Pauline Scholarship* (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Michael Scott Robertson, St Mary's University, Twickenham, London

*Resistance to Rome in Titus* (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Paul Middleton, University of Chester

*"The Kingdom of the World has become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ" (Rev. 11:15): The Conquest of the Roman Empire in the Apocalypse.* (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

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## 5-12 Hellenistic Judaism Section

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Congress - Sala Saverio C3

**Theme: The Culture and History of Judaism in the Hellenistic period**

Julian Petkov, Heidelberg University, Presiding

Michaël Girardin, Université de Lorraine

*Taxes as Touchstone of Jewish Identity: Cultural, Religious and Political Meanings of Taxes in Seleucid Judaea* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Maria Brutti, Pontificia Università Gregoriana

*Intercessions and Intercrossers in the Second Book of the Maccabees* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Caterina Moro, Università degli Studi Roma Tre

*Moses as Heir to the Throne of Egypt in Jewish-Hellenistic Literature and the Bible* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

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## 5-13 Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Congress - Sala Gonzaga B3

**Theme: Jewish Sapiential and Apocalyptic Traditions in the Nag Hammadi Codices**

Andrew Crislip, Virginia Commonwealth University, Presiding

Francesco Berno, Sapienza – Università di Roma

*The "Miraculously Discovered Manuscript" in the Nag Hammadi Corpus and Related Literature* (30 min)

Dylan M. Burns, Freie Universität Berlin

*Soteriological Determinism in the Tripartite Tractate (NHC I,5) and the "Vision of Hagu" (4QInstruction)* (30 min)

Discussion (30 min)

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## 5-14 Political Biblical Criticism Section

11:00 AM–12:30 PM

Congress - Sala Pro E

**Theme: E. Biblical interpretation amidst totalitarianism**

Peter Nagel, Stellenbosch University, Presiding

Reimund Bieringer, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven  
*Fascism and the New Testament: "Aggrieved Victimization" and the Hierarchy* (25 min)

Francisco Lozada, Brite Divinity School (TCU)

*The Politics of Belonging: Borderlands and Biblical Interpretation* (25 min)

Mark Brett, Whitley College, University of Divinity  
*Settler Mandates: Reading Joshua Politically* (25 min)

Discussion (15 min)

**5-15 Prophets Section**  
**11:00 AM–12:30 PM**  
**Congress - Sala Miki D**

**Theme: General Themes**

Johanna Erzberger, University of Bochum, Presiding  
 Alphonso Groenewald, University of Pretoria,  
 Presiding

Guido Benzi, Pontifical Salesian University Rome  
*Isaiah 13–27: Structure and Theology (30 min)*

Antti Laato, Abo Akademi University  
*Where Composition and Reception meet: The Case of  
 Isaiah's Martyrdom (30 min)*

Francesco Arena, University of Edinburgh  
*Prophetic Antagonists in Jeremiah: Did They Prophesy  
 Falsehood? (30 min)*

**5-16 Quran and Islamic Tradition in  
 Comparative Perspective Section**  
**11:00 AM–12:30 PM**  
**Congress - Sala Saverio C1 + C2**

John Kaltner, Rhodes College, Presiding  
 Daniel Bannoura, Bethlehem Bible College  
*The Promised Land: A Trans-textual Reading of the  
 Qur'an and Hebrew Bible (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

David Penchansky, University of Saint Thomas (Saint  
 Paul, MN)  
*By the Lote Tree (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Almond Ka Kwan Sin, Vanderbilt University  
*From Pious to Profane: Changing Interpretations of the  
 Wife of Noah from Early Judeo-Christian to Islamic  
 Literature (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

**5-17 Synoptic Gospels Section**  
**11:00 AM–12:30 PM**  
**Central - C214**

**Theme: Topics in the Synoptic Gospels**

John Harrison, Oklahoma Christian University,  
 Presiding

Glyssue Berberian, University of South Africa  
*Matthew's Poor: A Greek Perspective (15 min)*

Nathan L. Shedd, Saint Mary's University College  
 (Twickenham)  
*The Separation of the Head from Its Body: The Identity  
 of Jesus and the Narrative Function of Mark 6:17–29  
 (15 min)*

Anna Pessina, Catholic University of Sacred Heart  
*Mt 27:50–53 and Jn 5:25,29: Different Forms of the Same  
 Material? A New Perspective in the Relationship between  
 the Synoptics and John (15 min)*

Discussion (8 min)

A.A. Brown, Stellenbosch University  
*Historical Trauma and Turning the Other Cheek: A New  
 Reading of Matthew's Sermon on the Mount Based on  
 Trauma Studies Research (15 min)*

Daniel Hjort, Lund University  
*The Portrait of Jesus in Matthew: A Good or Bad Role  
 Model? (15 min)*

Discussion (7 min)

**5-18 Working with Biblical Manuscripts  
 (Textual Criticism) / Catholic Epistles  
 Section**  
**11:00 AM–12:30 PM**  
**Congress - Sala Gonzaga B1 + B2**

**Theme: Textual Criticism of the Catholic Epistles:  
 Papyrology & Early Christianity**

Bill Warren, New Orleans Baptist Theological  
 Seminary  
*Another Look at P9: A Variant in Search of Meaning  
 (25 min)*

Stephen C. Carlson, Australian Catholic University  
*The Initial Text of 1 Peter 1:8 (25 min)*



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- ❧ Collaborate with educational institutions and other appropriate organizations to support biblical scholarship and teaching
- ❧ Develop resources for diverse audiences, including students, religious communities and the general public
- ❧ Encourage study of biblical literature and its cultural contexts
- ❧ Facilitate broad and open discussion from a variety of perspectives
- ❧ Offer members opportunities for mutual support, intellectual growth, and professional development as teachers and scholars
- ❧ Organize congresses for scholarly exchange
- ❧ Publish biblical scholarship

These strategic goals are, in turn, pursued through a number of SBL programs and initiatives under the leadership of SBL volunteers and staff.

### PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

#### **Congresses**

The Society's meetings bring together scholars from around the world to foster biblical scholarship by:

- ❧ showcasing the latest in biblical research
- ❧ fostering collegial contacts
- ❧ advancing research
- ❧ highlighting a wide range of professional issues

#### **Annual Meeting**

The North American Annual Meeting is the largest international gathering of biblical scholars in the world. Each meeting highlights the study of the Bible, archaeology, related languages and literatures, theology, religion, and contemporary issues such as the Bible in American public education. The Annual Meeting also features the world's largest exhibit of books and digital resources for biblical studies—all of which are also for sale at this congress. Members benefit from the meetings of other organizations that convene at the same time.

#### **International Meeting**

The International Meeting is held annually outside North America. Drawing between 500 and 1000 attendees from over 40 countries, the size and varying locales of this meeting provide a unique and intimate forum for scholarly discourse across continents. The program draws attention to the regional interests of biblical scholarship, both in our host institution and as represented in the institutions of our attendees. The meeting usually takes place between the beginning of July and the middle of August.

#### **Publications and Technology**

SBL Press offers a wide variety of resources for biblical studies specialists as well as students in colleges, universities, and seminaries; leaders in church and synagogue settings; and members of the general public. Books published include major reference works, commentaries, text editions and translations, scholarly monographs, tools for teaching and research, and works of general interest. In addition, SBL Press serves as the exclusive distributor of all Brown Judaic Studies. *The Journal of Biblical Literature* is one of the oldest and most distinguished journals in biblical scholarship, while the online *Review of Biblical Literature* offers the most comprehensive review of biblical studies publications. Finally, SBL Press also sponsors the online journal *TC: A Journal of Biblical Textual Criticism* and the Online Critical Pseudepigrapha.

### PROFESSIONS

#### **Career Resources**

The Society provides resources for employment and professional development information in a variety of ways. Through its Annual Meeting, the Society offers career development and job listing and interview resources, with which employers are able to list job openings online for member access, and members are able to register to display their Curriculum Vitae and interview with employers. At the Annual Meetings by SBL and AAR, the two organizations jointly sponsor the Employment Center at the Annual Meetings. Jobs are posted year-round at the Employment Services website: [www.aarsbl.org](http://www.aarsbl.org). The societies also offer helpful events such as panel reviews of pertinent topics that focus on the "how to" of the application and job-interview process.

### ***Professional Development Committee***

The SBL Professional Development Committee addresses the variety of needs that arise throughout the career life cycle of all the society's members. Its major responsibilities are to:

- ☞ focus on all aspects of the career landscape and life cycle, including the ways in which our members' identities and personal lives intersect with their careers
- ☞ develop resources for members in all institutional locations
- ☞ educate members regarding professional issues, especially when new concerns arise (e.g., the rise of adjunct positions over tenure track, cultural taxation, retirement planning in a depressed economy)
- ☞ advocate with other organizations on behalf of the interests and needs of members

### ***International Cooperation Initiative***

The Society's International Cooperation Initiative (ICI) was launched in 2007, and each year SBL has seen growth in participation and interest from scholars and students from all over the globe. Since the initial organizational meeting in Vienna, ICI has established an online depository of published resources available freely to anyone in ICI countries; initiated two online, open-access monograph series; set up a communications network of liaisons; sponsored a database of scholars to facilitate scholarly exchange, mentoring programs, and possibilities for collaborative teaching; provided over four hundred students and scholars in ICI countries with special rates for SBL membership; and maintained a calendar of events covering biblical studies and related conferences all over the world.

### ***ICI Online Books***

The Online Book depository now has over six hundred titles from SBL Press and our publishing partners: Brown Judaic Studies, Catholic Biblical Association, Fortress Press, Gorgias Press, Instituto Multidisciplinario de Historia y Ciencias Humanas (IMHICIHU), Sheffield Phoenix Press, Universidad Católica Argentina, Westminster John Knox, and Wiley-Blackwell.

### ***Open-Access Monograph Series***

**Ancient Near East Monographs** (ANEM) is a co-publication effort between SBL and the Centro de Estudios de Historia del Antiguo Oriente at the Universidad Católica Argentina. The series currently has nineteen published titles available online, with seventeen of the titles available through print-on-demand.

**International Voices in Biblical Studies** (IVBS) is guided by an editorial board of international scholars. The series is designed to provide a venue for publication and distribution of scholarly work from all areas of the world, particularly to make the excellent scholarship from underresourced areas available to the more traditional centers of biblical scholarship. The eight titles published to date are all available online or through print-on-demand.

### ***ICI Liaison Network***

In order to facilitate worldwide communications, the Liaison Network engages scholars in ICI countries to facilitate the two-way flow of information pertaining to SBL and global biblical scholarship. A monthly newsletter serves the ICI liaisons and other interested parties by providing updates to conferences, publications, and other SBL news.

### ***ICI Scholarly Exchange***

SBL hosts two databases that allow scholars, students, and institutions to establish contact and make arrangements for various types of scholarly exchange. Members have discovered opportunities to teach in other countries and have found creative ways to use technology in order to share teaching experiences with classrooms on other continents.

### ***Status of Women in the Profession Committee***

The Status of Women in the Profession Committee encourages the participation of women in all areas of biblical studies. In pursuit of this mandate, the committee focuses its efforts in the areas of mentoring, networking, and opening biblical studies to greater participation by women.

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## ***Student Advisory Board***

Started in 2005, the purpose of this advisory group is to coordinate student participation across all Society activities, committees, and programs in an effort to foster greater opportunities for student participation and leadership development. The explicit goals of this group are to:

- ☞ facilitate a greater connection between students and the Society with a view toward lifetime membership, volunteer involvement, and leadership
- ☞ provide resources and programming specifically geared toward student members
- ☞ to develop and groom the next generation of leaders

## ***Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities Committee***

The SBL Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee (CUREMP) was constituted to assess the status and encourage the participation of underrepresented racial and ethnic minorities in all professional areas of biblical studies. It has long supported the recruitment and mentoring of racial and ethnic minority students from among the African American, Asian, Hispanic, and Native American populations.

## REGIONS

Throughout the academic year, the regions coordinate lectures and conferences that keep the regions active and up to date in the latest biblical research and teaching. These meetings provide an intimate setting for scholarly exchange.

## ***Regional Scholars Program***

The eleven regions identify exemplary new scholars, particularly women and underrepresented minorities, for consideration and selection as one of the Society's Regional Scholars. A maximum of six regional scholars are selected each year and given stipends to cover a portion of the cost of attending the Annual Meeting.

## Administration

The work of the Society is guided by its Council and is administered through SBL's professional staff and key volunteers who serve on various committees.

The **Council** consists of fourteen members of the Society and the Executive Director. This board approves general policies.

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The **Annual Meeting Program Committee** approves program units and program unit chairs, evaluates the Annual Meeting program, and recommends strategic directions for the growth and improvement of the program.

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## Travel Awards

The SBL International Travel Awards offer opportunities to current SBL members outside North America to attend the Annual or International Meeting, to participate in the program, to enhance their professional development, and to build their network with fellow scholars. These grants help facilitate the work of program units and the International Cooperation Initiative (“ICI”). These grants are intended to support underrepresented and underresourced scholars. As such, preference will be given to women, people of historically underrepresented ethnicities, and members from ICI-qualifying countries. A key criterion is an applicant’s demonstrable financial need.

(The Regional Scholars Awards are intended to encourage North American members to participate in their region as well as receive travel assistance to the Annual Meeting.)

Four International Travel Award Panels (ITAPs) will administer the awards each year, serving four geographic regions:

- ☞ Africa and Middle East
- ☞ Asia and Pacific
- ☞ Eastern Europe
- ☞ Latin America and Caribbean

For awards offered in 2018, each ITAP will administer \$3,000 in awards in each region. The panels may determine the best distribution of funds (e.g., as one \$1000 and one \$2000 award, or as three awards of \$1000 each). The applicants must attend the Annual or International Meeting but may or may not participate in the program, depending upon their needs expressed in the application. All grants include lodging (one room, single or shared) for four nights and complimentary meeting registration. Recipients may not have attended an Annual or International Meeting within the last five (5) years.

The International Travel Awards defray transportation, hotel accommodations, and other expenses incurred for the Annual or International Meetings. Award monies will be distributed as reimbursement for expenses incurred for travel to/from the meeting and meals while attending the meeting.

### Who is eligible?

- ☞ Current SBL members outside North America who have not attended an Annual or International Meeting within the last five years.
- ☞ Applicants must have completed at least a Master’s degree or be enrolled in a Ph.D. program.
- ☞ Preference will be given to women, people of historically underrepresented ethnicities, and members from ICI-qualifying countries.
- ☞ Persons who have previously received either an SBL Travel Award are not eligible.

### What does a travel award include?

- ☞ Reimbursement of travel, meal and Annual or International Meeting expenses up to the amount of the award
- ☞ Lodging (one room, single or shared) for four nights
- ☞ Complimentary Annual or International Meeting registration

### What is the procedure for a grant application?

- ☞ Submit your Travel Award Application and your letter of recommendation online during the announced application period.
- ☞ The application form must include the following information:
  - ❖ Participant’s contributions to the scholarly conversation as a result of Annual or International Meeting participation
  - ❖ Participant’s plans to advance quality of biblical scholarship as a result of International Travel Award
  - ❖ Financial need
  - ❖ Explanation on how grant will facilitate collaboration between scholars of different countries and areas of expertise
  - ❖ Opportunities created for scholar as a result of Travel award.
- ☞ A letter of recommendation from a person who knows the applicant’s academic work and can confirm his or her interest in SBL (i.e. advisor, mentor, research supervisor). Email this letter to the travel award administrator.

**Criteria for awards**

The more criteria met, the stronger the application.

- ☞ New contribution: How will this person bring something new into the scholarly conversation?
- ☞ Quality of contribution: How will this person advance the academic quality of biblical scholarship?
- ☞ Financial need: Is there sufficient need? Are there other sources of funding available?

- ☞ Partnership with other scholars: How will the grant facilitate broad collaboration between scholars of different countries and different areas of expertise?
- ☞ Opportunity to participate: Has this person participated in scholarly conferences previously?

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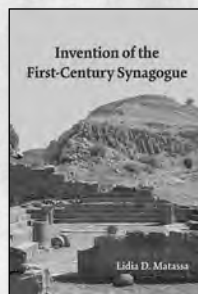
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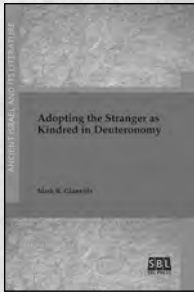


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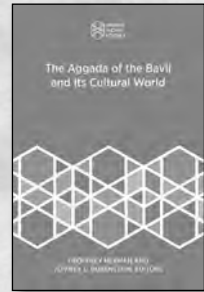
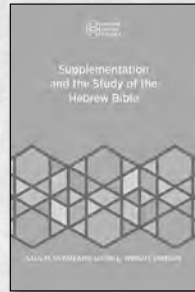
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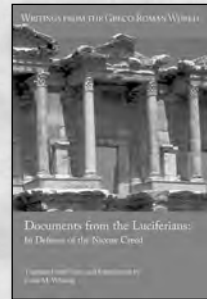
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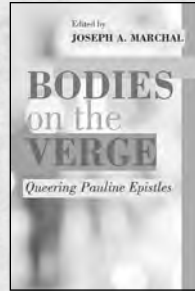
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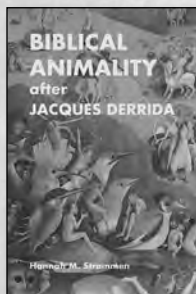
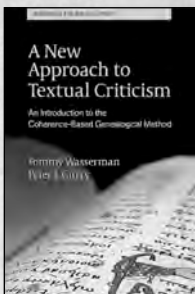
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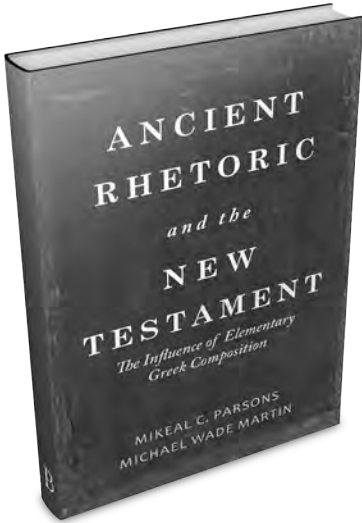
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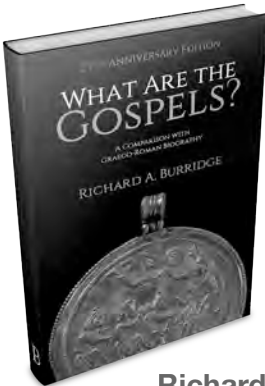
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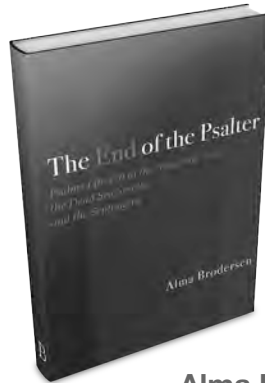
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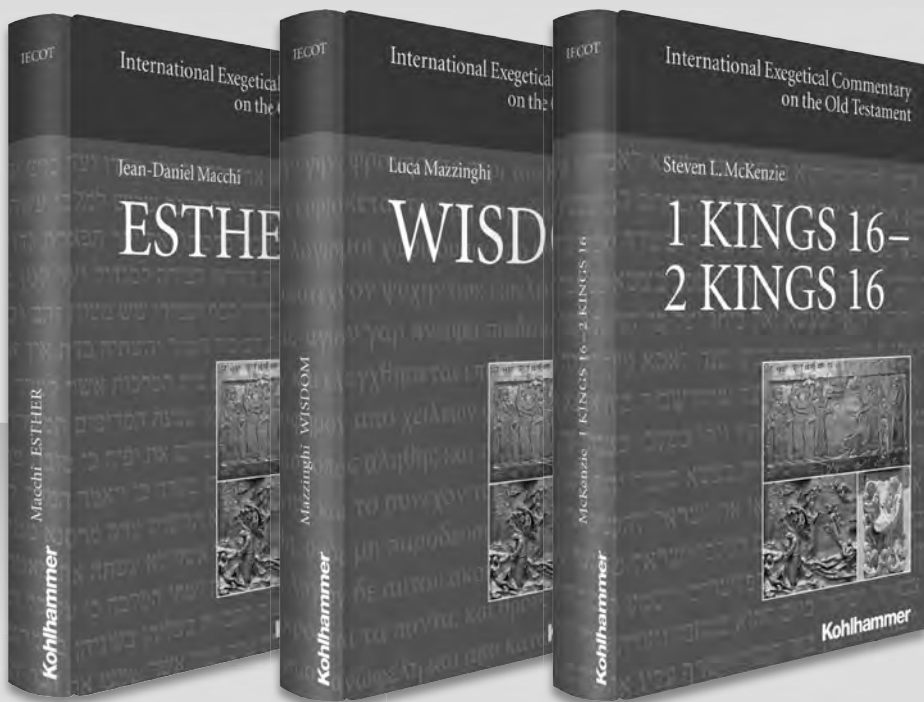
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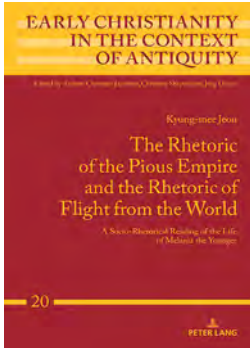
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