



PONTIFICAL BIBLICAL INSTITUTE

STONES, TABLETS AND SCROLLS

FOUR PERIODS OF THE FORMATION OF THE BIBLE

International Conference
May 11th–13th, 2017

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May 11th, 2017

“I AM THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE!” NEO-ASSYRIAN STICK AND CARROT (NEO-ASSYRIAN PERIOD)

- 08.30-09.15 **Alice M. W. Hunt** (University of Georgia, Athens, GA)
*Materiality and Ideology: Negotiating Identity across the
Neo-Assyrian Imperial Landscape*
- 09.15-10.00 **Eckart Frahm** (Yale University, New Haven, CT)
Texts, Stories, History: The Neo-Assyrian Period and the Bible
- 10.00-10.30 *Break*
- 10.30-11.15 **Peter Dubovský** (Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome)
The Birth of Israelite Historiography
- 11.15-12.00 **Peter Machinist** (Harvard University, Cambridge, MA)
*Judah and Assyria in the Seventh Century BC. The Case of
Manasseh in History, Historiography, and Prophecy*
- 12.00-12.45 **Jean Louis Ska** (Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome)
Oral Tradition and Hebrew Epic: Some Basic Queries

Lunch

“HOW CAN WE SING THE LORD’S SONG IN A FOREIGN LAND?” (NEO-BABYLONIAN PERIOD)

- 15.00-15.45 **Jeffrey Zorn** (Cornell University, Ithaca, NY)
The View from Mizpah: Tell en-Naşbeh, Judah and the 6th c. B.C.
- 15.45-16.30 **Michael Jursa** (Universität Wien)
The Closed World of the Babylonian Priest and Its Collapse
- 16.30-17.00 *Break*
- 17.00-17.45 **Hermann-Josef Stipp** (Ludwig Maximilians-Universität, Munich)
The Redactions of the Book of Jeremiah and the Exile
- 17.45-18.30 **David Vanderhooft** (Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA)
*Nebuchadrezzar, King of Babylon, My Servant: Opposing
Prophetic Images of the Great King*
- 18.30-19.15 **Erhard Blum** (Universität Tübingen)
The So-called Deuteronomistic Layers in the Pentateuch

May 12th, 2017

RISING FROM THE ASHES (PERSIAN PERIOD)

- 08.30-09.15 **Pierfrancesco Callieri** (Università di Bologna, campus di Ravenna)
Ideological Aspects of Persian Art and Architecture as Seen from Persepolis in a Historical Perspective
- 09.15-10.00 **Agustinus Gianto** (Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome)
Bilingualism and Diglossia in Judah during the Achaemenid Period
- 10.00-10.30 **Break**
- 10.30-11.15 **Eric Meyers** (Duke University, Durham, NC)
The Rise of Scripture in a Minimalist Demographic Context
- 11.15-12.00 **Diana Edelman** (University of Oslo)
The Text-Dating Conundrum: Viewing the Hebrew Bible from an Achaemenid Framework
- 12.00-12.45 **Federico Giuntoli** (Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome)
Revising the Pentateuch: the Emergence of a National Identity under Persian Hegemony

Lunch

NORTHERN REDACTION

- 15.00-15.45 **Israel Finkelstein** (Tel Aviv University)
Three Northern Royal Traditions in the Bible (and Why One Is Missing)
- 15.45-16.30 **Thomas Römer** (Collège de France, Paris)
Jeroboam II and the Invention of Northern Foundation Stories
- 16.30-17.00 **Break**

COPING WITH WESTERN CULTURE (HELLENISTIC AND ROMAN PERIOD)

- 17.00-17.45 **Oren Tal** (Tel Aviv University)
The Archaeology of Hellenistic and Early Roman Palestine: A Critical Overview
- 17.45-18.30 **Joseph Sievers** (Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome)
Josephus and Biblical Historiography
- 18.30-19.15 **Barbara Schmitz** (Universität Würzburg)
The Book of Judith: Coping with Hellenistic Culture

May 13th, 2017

RESHAPING THE BIBLE IN QUMRAN AND OTHER SCROLLS

- 08.30-09.15 **Katell Berthelot** (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Aix-en-Provence)
Philology, Commentary and Interpretation in the Greco-Roman World and at Qumran: A Comparative Approach
- 09.15-10.00 **Henryk Drawnel** (Katolicki Uniwersytet Lubelski, Lublin)
Enoch and Genesis
- 10.00-10.30 **Break**
- 10.30-11.15 **Marcello Fidanzio** (Facoltà di Teologia di Lugano)
Biblical Scrolls in their Depositional Contexts: Psalms as a Case Study
- 11.15-12.00 **Emanuel Tov** (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)
The Use of Scripture Texts in Different Communities in Ancient Israel in Light of the Judean Desert Texts
- 12.00-12.30 *Discussion and Conclusion*

**Venue: Pontifical Biblical Institute
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Admission free

Registration is required (by April 15, 2017)

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*No more seats available (April 3, 2017)
We can not accept any more registration*