The Fall of Jerusalem and the Rise of the Torah

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27–28 March 2015

Friday 27 March
08:30-09:15 Israel Finkelstein (Tel Aviv)
Jerusalem and Judah 600-200 BCE: Implications for Understanding Texts in the Pentateuch
09:15-10:00 Lester L Grabbe (Hull)
The Last Days of Judah and the Roots of the Pentateuch: What Does History Tell Us?
10:00-10:45 Peter Dubovský (Rome)
Suspicious Similarities: A Comparative Study of the Fall of Samaria and Jerusalem
Break
11:15-12:00 Konrad Schmid (Zürich)
Divine Legislation in the Pentateuch in its Late Judean and Babylonian Context
12:00-12:45 Bernard Levinson (Minneapolis)
Zedekiah’s Release of Slaves as the Babyloniens Besiege Jerusalem (Jer 34) and the Formation of the Pentateuch
Lunch Break
15:00-15:45 Eckart Otto (Munich)
Born out of Ruins: The Catastrophe of Jerusalem as Accoucheur of the Pentateuch in the Book of Deuteronomy
15:45-16:30 Jean Louis Ska (Rome)
Why Does the Pentateuch Speak so Much of Torah and so Little of Jerusalem?
Break
17:00-17:45 Christophe Nihan (Lausanne)
Jerusalem as the Central Place in the Traditions of the Second Temple Period
17:45-18:30 Nathan MacDonald (Cambridge)
The End of the Temple and the Priesthood in the Pentateuch

Saturday 28 March
08:30-9:15 Angelika Berlejung (Leipzig)
Living in the Land of Shinar: Reflections on Exile in Gen 11:1-9
09:15-10:00 Ron Hendel (Berkeley)
Remembering the Exodus in the Wake of Catastrophe
10:00-10:45 Jeffrey Stackert (Chicago)
Political Allegory in the Priestly Source: The Destruction of Jerusalem, the Exile, and their Alternatives
Break
11:15-12:00 Nili Wazana (Jerusalem)
God Versus King: Kingship in the Bible in the Light of Empire and Destruction
12:00-12:45 Jean-Pierre Sonnet (Rome)
The Siege of Jerusalem Between Rhetorical Maximalism (Deut 28) and Narrative Minimalism (2 Kings 24–25): The Art of Biblical Post-Production
Lunch Break
15:00-15:45 Georg Fischer (Innsbruck)
Don’t Forget Jerusalem’s Destruction! – The Perspective of the Book of Jeremiah
15:45-16:30 Agustinus Giano (Rome)
How Does Daniel See Jerusalem's Fall?
Break
17:00-17:45 Dominik Markl (Rome)
The Wilderness Sanctuary as the Archetype of Continuity Between the Pre- and the Postexilic Temples of Jerusalem
17:45-18:30 Discussion: The Fall of Jerusalem and the Rise of the Torah

Admission free
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