



The Fall of Jerusalem and the Rise of the Torah

Conference Held at the Pontifical Biblical Institute (Rome)
Co-Sponsored by Georgetown University (Washington, DC)

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 Babylonians 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 Gianto** (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*

Venue: Aula Magna of the Pontifical Biblical Institute [Piazza della Pilotta 35 - Rome]
Admission free

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