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THE BOOK OF SAMUEL IN THE SHADOW OF EMPIRES

Relations between Israel, Judah, and Neighboring Nations
in Historical, Compositional, and Theological Perspective

Basel, 12–14 October 2022

Conference Organizers: Benedikt Hensel (Oldenburg) & Stephen Germany (Basel)

Wednesday, 12 October

- 9:30 Opening remarks
- 10:00 Zachary Thomas and Erez Ben-Yosef (Tel Aviv)
Copper, Nomads and Kings: The Early Iron Age Context of Edom and Transjordan in the History of David's Reign
- 11:00 Régine Hunziker-Rodewald (Strasbourg)
Transjordan in the Book of Samuel: Historical and Archaeological Perspectives
- 12:00–14:30 Lunch break
- 14:30 Ann E. Killebrew (Penn State)
The Philistines in the Book of Samuel: An Archaeological Perspective
- 15:30 Benedikt Hensel (Oldenburg)
Philistines and Assyrians in the Ark Narratives in 1 Sam 4–6 & 2 Sam 5–6
- 16:30 Hannes Bezzel (Jena)
Who are 'the Philistines' in the Book of Samuel?

Thursday, 13 October

- 9:00 Rachele Gilmour (Melbourne) [*online*]
Saul, the Amalekites and the Northern Kingdom of Israel: Rewriting Saul during the Assyrian Crisis
- 10:00 Reinhard Müller (Göttingen)
David's War against Amalek (1 Sam 30): Mirrors of Empire Building?
- 11:00 Cynthia Edenburg (Open University of Israel)
In Search of Amalek: The Pursuit of an Historical Referent in 1 Sam 15 and 30
- 12:00–14:30 Lunch break
- 14:30 Ernst Axel Knauf (Bern)
Judah's southern neighbor in the 10th century BCE – Edom or Amalek?
- 15:30 Sarah Yardney (Chicago) [*online*]
LXX Samuel in the Shadow of Empires? Some Thoughts on Methodology

Friday, 14 October

- 9:00 Walter Bühner (Bochum)
The Long Shadow of the Gibeonites: 2 Sam 21:1–14 in Context
- 10:00 Stephen Germany (Basel)
Israel, Judah, and Historical Typology in the Book of Samuel
- 11:00 Benedict Schöning (Duisburg-Essen)
Defining Israel in Porous Borders: The Ambiguity of 1 Samuel's Narrative on National Identities
- 12:00 Closing discussion

Location

Wednesday:
University of Basel
Kollegienhaus, Room 035
Petersplatz 1, 4051 Basel

Thursday–Friday:
University of Basel
Deutsches Seminar,
Seminar Room 4
Nadelberg 4, 4051 Basel

Registration

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