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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** Ann E. Killebrew (Penn State)
The Philistines in the Book of Samuel: An Archaeological Perspective
- 12:00** Assaf Kleiman (Leipzig)
The Kingdom of Geshur: Its Formation and Cross-Regional Interactions
- 13:00–15:00** Lunch break
- 15:00** Régine Hunziker-Rodewald (Strasbourg)
Transjordan in the Book of Samuel: Historical and Archaeological Perspectives
- 16:00** Benedikt Hensel (Oldenburg)
Philistines and Assyrians in the Ark Narratives in 1 Sam 4–6 & 2 Sam 5–6
- 17:00** Hannes Bezzel (Jena)
Who are 'the Philistines' in the Book of Samuel?

Thursday, 13 October

- 9:00** Rachelle 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** Ernst Axel Knauf (Bern)
Judah's southern neighbor in the 10th century BCE – Edom or Amalek?
- 13:00–15:00** Lunch break
- 15:00** Nesina Grütter (Basel)
How to Look for the Neo-Assyrians in the Book of Samuel: A Religio-historical Perspective on 'Diagnostic' Text Passages
- 16:00** Walter Bühner (Bochum)
The Long Shadow of the Gibeonites: 2 Sam 21:1–14 in Context

Friday, 14 October

- 9:00** Konrad Schmid (Zürich) [*online*]
The End at the Beginning: The Fate of the Ark in 1 Sam 4–6 and the Fall of Jerusalem in 587 BCE
- 10:00** Stephen Germany (Basel)
Israel, Judah, and Historical Typology in the Book of Samuel
- 11:00** Christa Schäfer-Lichtenberger (Wuppertal)
Samuel, Saul, and David: Antagonists and their Successors
- 12:00** Benedict Schöning (Würzburg)
Defining Israel in Porous Borders: The Ambiguity of 1 Samuel's Narrative on National Identities
- 13:00** Closing discussion

Location

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