

Online Conference: Jerusalem and Other Chosen Places

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Thursday, Sept. 30th, 2021

Schedule (***Israel Time [IDT], European time (ECT) -1h***)

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3696964081>

9:30-9:40 - Gathering and Opening remarks

Aren M. Maeir (BIU)

Thomas Römer (Collège de France)

9:40-11:30 - Session 1: Jerusalem – Chair: Aren M. Maeir (BIU)

9:40-10:05 Joe Uziel (IAA) – The When and Why of Jerusalem’s Chosenness in the Iron Age

10:05-10:30 Yuval Gadot (TAU) – Memory and Destruction as Agents in the Forming of Jerusalem

10:30-10:55 Eckart Otto (Munich) – Jerusalem and Samaria in the Final Chapters of the Pentateuch

10:55-11:20 Eyal Regev (BIU) – The Jerusalem Temple as a "Place": From Psalms to the Temple Scroll

11:20-11:35 General Discussion

11:35-11:45 - Break

11:45-13:35 - Session 2: Hebron and Shiloh – Chair: Thomas Römer (Collège de France)

11:45-12:10 David Ben-Shlomo (Ariel) – Hebron as a “Chosen” Place during the First and Second Temple Periods: Archaeological Evidence

12:10-12:35 Oded Lipschits (TAU) – The Battle of Jerusalem Against the Judahite Memories on Hebron and Mamre

12:35-13:00 Israel Finkelstein (TAU) – Shiloh and Ancient Israel: Some New Thoughts

13:00-13:25 Ann-Kathrin Knittel (Heidelberg) – Unspectacular and Yet Special: Basic Observations on the Portrayal of Shiloh within the Hebrew Bible

13:25-13:40 General Discussion

13:40-14:15 – Lunch Break

14:15-16:30 - Session 3: Gerizim, Samaria and Dan – Chair: Oded Lipschits (TAU)

14:15-14:40 Magnar Kartveit (VID) – Is Mount Gerizim YHWH's Chosen Place?

14:40-15:05 Benedikt Hensel (Zurich) – Mount Gerizim as the Ultimate Destination of Deuteronomy? A Reappraisal of Deut 27 in Its Persian Periods’ Contexts.

15:05-15:30 Omer Sergi (TAU) – Iron Age Samaria: The Chosen Place of the Omrides?

15:30-15:55 Christian Frevel (Bochum) – הלוא שמרון: A Brief History of Samaria’s Religion in the Iron Age

15:55-16:20 Jonathan Greer (Grand Rapids Theological Seminary) – A “Chosen Place” Not Chosen: The Temple of Dan in Archaeology and Text

16:20-16:35 General Discussion

16:35-16:45 – Break

16:45-19:30 - Session 4: Chosen Places outside the Land of the Bible – Chair: Christian Frevel (Bochum)

16:45-17:10 Lionel Marti (Collège de France) – Aššur and Harran: Two Assyrian capitals?

17:10-17:35 Arnulf Hausleiter (German Archaeological Institute) – Nabonidus, King of Babylon, and the Oasis of Tayma, Northwest Arabia



17:35 -18:00 Stephanie Larson (Bucknell) – Thebes, Greece: Chosen in Myth and Memory

18:00-18:25 Nesya Shemer (BIU) – Mecca as a Sacred Place: From Jahiliyya to Islam

18:25-18:50 Jeffrey Chadwick (BYU) – Salt Lake City, Temple Square, and the American Zion of the Mormon Pioneers

18:50-19:05 General Discussion

19:05-19:30 Aren M. Maeir/Thomas Römer (coordinators) – Concluding Discussion and Summary