

# CONCEPTS OF EVIL

## IN SECOND TEMPLE JUDAISM AND CHRISTIAN ORIGINS

### Monday, June 29

9:30am - Free gathering of participants from all around the world. Greetings.

10:00am-11:30am -- Welcome and Opening Remarks. [Gabriele Boccaccini, Lorenzo Di Tommaso, Kelley Coblentz Bautch]

“Awards Ceremony”

“Enoch Seminar Life Achievement Award” to honor Paolo Sacchi, George Nickelsburg, Robert Kraft, Michael Knibb, Michael Stone, Devorah Dimant, and James Charlesworth, “in gratitude for their exceptional contribution to the field of Second Temple Jewish Studies and their generous service in the Enoch Seminar.”

Presenters: Gabriele Boccaccini, Kelley Coblentz Bautch, Annette Reed, John Collins, Jonathan Ben-Dov, Lorenzo DiTommaso, Loren Stuckenbruck

12:00pm-1:30pm [Chair Loren Stuckenbruck] -- 1. If “apocalyptic is the mother of theology,” is the problem of evil the mother of “apocalyptic”?

Panelists: Ida Fröhlich, Albert Baumgarten, Emmanouela Grypeou

Respondents: Matthew Goff, Matthias Hoffmann, Alexander Kulik

2:30pm-4pm [Chair Lorenzo DiTommaso] -- 2. What was the nature and extent of Zoroastrian, Mesopotamian, Egyptian and Greco-Roman influences on the diverse notions of evil in Second Temple Judaism?

Panelists: Jason Silverman, Harold Attridge, Lorenzo DiTommaso

Respondents: Vicente Dobroruka, Pierluigi Piovanelli, David Hamidovic

### Tuesday, June 30

9:30 - Remarks from DAY 1: Gabriele Boccaccini, Kelley Coblentz Bautch, Loren Stuckenbruck, Lorenzo Di Tommaso, Lawrence H. Schiffman

10am-11:30am [Chair Kelley Coblentz Bautch] -- 3. Which are the different ways in which evil was understood to enter into the world? Which historical or social circumstances prompted the preference from one or the other? Was it a case of a religious development in response to fundamental changes in the religious environment? In both cases, where and why?

Panelists: Carol Newsom, Loren Stuckenbruck, James VanderKam

Respondents: Matthias Henze, Lester Grabbe, Anthea Portier-Young

12:00pm-1:30pm [Chair Jason Zurawski] -- 4. How do non-apocalyptic texts of the period engage with the issue of the origin of evil and the theological problems it raises? Is there literary evidence, explicit or implicit, for contemporary debate regarding the existence of multiple explanations for the origin of evil in the world, particularly regarding the ways that each explanation addresses theological and existential issues?

Panelists: Gerbern Oegema, Karina Martin Hogan, Greg Sterling

Respondents: Hindy Najman, Benjamin Wright, Samuel Adams

2:30pm-4pm [Chair Lorenzo DiTommaso] -- 5. Are evil human or superhuman figures a necessary and functional part of the earliest expressions of evil, or did they develop later?

Panelists: Kelley Coblentz Bautch, Ryan Stokes, Archie Wright

Respondents: Michael Morris, Lorenzo DiTommaso, Angela Kim Harkins