

The Society for Old Testament Study

WINTER MEETING 2015

Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge

Under the presidency of Professor Hans Barstad

MONDAY 5th JANUARY

The venue for all sessions is Fitzwilliam College, Storeys Way, Cambridge CB3 0DG.

Publishers are invited to display books for sale during the Meeting.

Members who have had books published recently are also invited to display copies.

2.00 pm *Committee Meeting*

4.30 pm Registration

5.45 pm Reception

6.30 pm Dinner

8.15 pm Presidential Address:
Professor Hans Barstad (Edinburgh)
“The Bible in the University: SOTS and the Academy”

TUESDAY 6th JANUARY

8.00 am Breakfast

9.15 am Dr Anja Klein

“Praying Biblical History: The Phenomenon of History in the Psalms”

10.00 am Dr Christopher Thomson (Cambridge)

“Was the Exile a Payment of Debt? The Supposed רצה II in Lev 26 and Isa 40:2”

10.45 am Coffee

11.15 am Dr Kris Sonek (Melbourne)

“The Abrahamic Traditions of Judaism and Christianity in Late Antiquity: A Window into the Past”

12 noon Dr George Nicol (Fife)

“The Bible as a Document of the Church”

12.45 pm Lunch

2.30 pm Seminar for PhD students and early career researchers

4.00 pm Tea

4.30 pm Dr Nathan Macdonald (Cambridge)

“Priestly Families and the Hasmonean Revolt”

6.30 pm Dinner

8.15 pm Professor Alexander Rofé (Jerusalem)

“Sectarian Corrections in Biblical Manuscripts: Sadducees, Pharisees, Essenes, Zealots.”

WEDNESDAY 7th JANUARY

8.00 am Breakfast

9.15 am Dr Judith Hadley (Villanova)

“False Reading, False Reporting, and Just Plain False: Some Problems with Hebrew Inscriptions”

10.00 am Prof Lester Grabbe (Hull)

“Why the Exodus Could Not Have Been in the 15th Century BCE (if There Was an Exodus)”

10.45 am Coffee

11.15 am Prof Kristin de Troyer (St Andrews)

“The Textual History of the Book of Joshua”

12 noon Business Meeting (Members only)

1.00 pm Lunch, followed by departure

All PhD students or early career researchers (including those who are not yet members of SOTS) are welcome to attend the seminar on Tuesday afternoon. Please contact Dr Kirsi Cobb for more details:
(kirsi_cobb_sots@outlook.com)

DOMESTIC ARRANGEMENTS

The venue for the Meeting is Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge, Storeys Way, Cambridge, CB3 0DG. The telephone number for the College is 01223 332000. Please refer to the enclosed map for information on how to get to the University. There is plenty of parking at the College but we would recommend public transport where possible. The charges for hospitality are shown on the enclosed Booking Form. Members are requested to pay their accounts in full when returning the form but, if necessary, a non-returnable booking fee of £30 will be accepted and the balance will be payable on arrival at the Meeting. **A discounted price is available to those whose bookings are received by Wednesday 12th November** (please see the details on the form). There is a subsidized price for those on low incomes or from economically disadvantaged countries. **All bookings must be received by 5th December 2014**; no bookings can be accepted after that date. Bookings can also be made by email to sotshospitality@gmail.com with cheques to follow by post. Please note that in making a booking, members render themselves liable for payment of the full cost of that booking, a liability that will be waived only in the light of extenuating circumstances and only when the final conference accounts permit a refund. You may wish to consider taking out insurance on your booking (or check that your annual travel insurance is applicable) to cover the possibility of you having to cancel your booking. You are advised to make a copy of your completed Booking Form for your own records.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF FUTURE MEETINGS and Call for Papers

Summer Meeting, 20th – 23rd July 2015, at New College, Edinburgh.

Winter Meeting, 4th-6th January 2016, at Collingwood College, Durham

Members wishing to read a paper or conduct a workshop or other session at a future Meeting of the Society should write to the Secretary, giving a title and brief summary of the proposed paper or session. Proposals will be considered by the Programme Sub-Committee, which meets at both the Summer and the Winter meetings, and should be received at least four weeks before the Meeting. For academic papers, offers of shorter presentations (25 minutes) are particularly welcome, but occasionally longer Papers may be agreed.

The Society for Old Testament Study NINETY-EIGHTH YEAR

NINETIETH WINTER MEETING

FITZWILLIAM COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

5TH – 7TH JANUARY 2014

President: Professor Hans Barstad

Members wishing to attend the Meeting should send the enclosed Booking Form to the *Hospitality Secretary*, Mr James Patrick, Mansfield College, Mansfield Road, Oxford OX1 3TF (email sotshospitality@gmail.com) so as to arrive by **12th November 2014** (for the discount price) or at the latest by **5th December 2014**.

Correspondence concerning the affairs of the Society should be sent to the *Secretary*, Dr Hilary Marlow, Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge, West Road, Cambridge CB3 9BS (tel. 01223 741284, e-mail hm309@cam.ac.uk). Applications for a Conference Grant to assist in meeting the costs of attending the Meeting must reach the current Secretary by 12th November. Signed proposals for new members must reach her by 5th December, preferably electronically. Application forms for grants and membership are available on the SOTS website, www.sots.ac.uk.

Changes of address should be sent to the *Membership Secretary*, Mrs Vivienne Rowett, 3 Newhouse Close, Wardle, Rochdale, Lancs OL12 9LW (e-mail vivrowett@aol.com).