

QUMRAN 80

Dynamics of Textual Transmission

From the Second Temple to Ancient Versions and Medieval Tradition

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WEDNESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER

14:30 Opening Remarks, Welcome and Introduction — *Davide D'Amico, Frédérique M. Rey*

Session 1: Pluriformity, Standardization, and Modern Scholarship

15:00 Many Texts, One Scripture: Qumran and the Dynamics of Biblical Standardization — *Corrado Martone*

15:40 The Impact of the Loss of Judean Desert Scrolls on Modern Textual Procedures — *Emanuel Tov*

16:20 *Break*

16:40 Why Canonize the MT-text type? Thoughts on the Rational for Choosing a *scriptio defectiva* Text — *Christian Stadel*

17:20 Textual Criticism, Textual Pluriformity: Is There a Way Forward? — *Sidnie White Crawford (online)*

THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER

Session 2: Textual Criticism and Scribal Practices

09:00 Diversity and Homogeneity of the Biblical Text in the Qumran Library. A Joint Analysis of 2 Kgs 6-8 MT LXX BL 6Q4 Using Textual and Literary Criticism — *Pablo Torijano & Andrés Piquer Otero*

09:40 False Friends or Distant Relatives? Special Readings in the b-group of the Pentateuch in the DSS and the Question of the Antiochene Text — *Kirsten Schäfers*

10:20 *Break*

10:40 Variants of the Greek Text of Sirach and the Hebrew Manuscripts — *Frédérique M. Rey*

11:20 Dividing Time and Text: Chapter Structures and Scribal Practices in the Transmission of the Book of Jubilees — *Daniele Minisini*

Session 3: Rewriting and Transmission of Scripture in the Second Temple Period

14:00 Beyond Diachronicity: Reconsidering Rewriting in Late Second Temple Texts — *Atar Livneh*

14:40 Dynamics of textual transmission in Genesis Apocryphon 21.23-22.34 — *Daniel Machiela*

15:20 *Break*

15:40 The *Millu'im* in the Temple Scroll and the Composition of the Tabernacle Narrative — *Noelle Johnson*

FRIDAY, 6 NOVEMBER

Session 4: Echoes of Qumran: From the New Testament to the Middle Ages

09:00 The Tent of David and the Davidic Messiah: Amos 9:11 between Qumran, Acts, and b. Sanhedrin — *Giulio Mariotti*

09:40 What the Medieval Masorah Does Not Preserve: Rethinking Paratextual Continuity from Qumran to the Masoretic Tradition — *Elvira Martín Contreras*

10:20 *Break*

10:40 Ben Sira in Medieval Hebrew Texts, the Curious Case of Sir 21:22-23 — *Eric Reymond*

11:20 A Chosen Place for the Sacred Tithes: The Second Temple Context of a Medieval "European" Targum — *Shlomi Efrati*