

After the 1995 Symposium on Ben Sira in Salzburg (Austria) and the 1996 First International Conference on Ben Sira in Soesterberg (Netherlands), all who are interested in the Book of Ben Sira (Ecclesiasticus) are invited to a conference entitled:

"What Kind of God? Ben Sira's Portrayal of the Deity"

Sunday 1st July 2001

16-18.30h Arrivals

16.30-17h Tea

18.45h Evening Meal

20h Welcome

Opening lecture by Prof. Dr. Núria Caldach-Benages
(Gregoriana, Rome): "God as Creator"

Monday, 2nd July 2001

8h Opportunity for Holy Mass

8.30h Breakfast

9.30-10.30h Prof. Dr. Alexander A. Di Lella (Catholic University of America,
Washington DC): "God and Wisdom in the Theology of Ben Sira"

10.30-11h Coffee

11-12h Dr. C.T.R. Hayward (University of Durham):
"El Elyon and the Divine Names in Ben Sira"

12-12.30h *1st Short Paper*: Dr. Loren Stuckenbruck (University of Durham):
"2Q18 – The Ben Sira Fragments from Qumran Cave 2"

12.30h Lunch

14h Tour of City and Cathedral

16.30-17h Tea

17-18.30h *2nd Short Paper*: Dr. Lutz Schrader (University of Salzburg): "Die
eschatologischen Aussagen (Tod, Auferstehung, Jenseits und
Ewiges Leben) in der altsyrischen Fassung des Sirachbuches"

3rd Short Paper: Dr. Teresa Brown (Church Divinity School of
the Pacific, Berkeley, California): "Ben Sira and God in Israel's
History (Sir 44-50)"

4th Short Paper: Eve-Marie Becker (University of Erlangen): "Die
Übersetzung des Sirachbuches im Rahmen des LXX-Projektes"

18.45h Evening Meal

20h Prof. Dr. Oda Wischmeyer (University of Erlangen):
"Gott – Leben und Tod"

Tuesday, 3rd July 2001

- 8h Opportunity for Holy Mass
- 8.30h Breakfast
- 9.30-10.30h Prof. Dr. Maurice Gilbert (Institut Biblique Pontifical Jerusalem):
"God-Sin and Mercy in Sir 15:11-18:14"
- 10.30-11h Coffee
- 11-12h Univ.-Prof. Dr. Friedrich V. Reiterer (University of Salzburg):
"Gott und Opfer"
- 12-12.30h *5th Short Paper*: Dr. Otto Mulder (University of Utrecht):
"Two approaches: Simon the Highpriest and JHWH, God of Israel / God of all in Sir 50"
- 12.30h Lunch
- 15-16h Dr. James Aitken (University of Cambridge):
"Divine Providence in Ben Sira"
- 16-16.30h *6th Short Paper*: Dr. David Levene (University of Leeds):
Theology and Non-Theology in the Rabbinic Ben Sira"
- 16.30-17h Tea
- 17-18h Dr. Jan Liesen (Major Seminary Kerkrade): "God and Praise"
- 18-18.30h *7th Short Paper*:
- 18.45h Conference Banquet
- 20.15h Tour of Big Library, followed by Social Gathering

Wednesday, 4th July 2001

- 8h Opportunity for Holy Mass
- 8.30h Breakfast
- 9.30-10.30h Prof. Dr. Pancratius C. Beentjes (University of Utrecht):
"Some Observations on Theodicy in the Book of Ben Sira"
- 10.30-11h Coffee
- 11-12h Prof. DDr. Otto Kaiser (University of Marburg):
"Gott und Ben Sira im Neuen Testament"
- 12-12.30h Dr. Jeremy Corley (Ushaw College, Durham) and Dr. Renate Egger-Wenzel (University of Salzburg): Final discussion and concluding remarks
- 12.30h Lunch
- Departures

INFORMATION FOR SPEAKERS:

As you see, there is space for seven short papers, of which three have been allocated and four have not been arranged. Therefore, when you register, we ask you to inform us if you could present a short paper of 30 minutes in English or German on your current Ben Sira research (perhaps in connection with a project or dissertation). Please submit the topic of your proposed paper with your registration.

We ask all speakers to bring to the conference their lectures or short papers in printed form and on disk (Windows Office possible up to 2000; please convert Mac files), to enable the planned publication to be executed as quickly as possible. Please send us by 31/05/2001 a summary (ca. 100 words) of your lecture or short paper.

REGISTRATION AND METHODS OF PAYMENT

Confirmed bookings are requested before 1st April 2001, with the payment of £40 Sterling or 65 Euros as the conference fee, to the following address:

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- British Isles: Please post your payment-cheque (made payable to "Ushaw College") with your registration to Ushaw College (see address above). On the back of the cheque please write: "Ben Sira Conference 2001"
- USA: Please contact Dr. Jeremy Corley to arrange payment in US dollars.

Further information on Ushaw College is available in the enclosed leaflet "Ushaw College", or at the following internet address: <http://www.dur.ac.uk/Ushaw>

Accommodation will be in single rooms without shower or WC. On request, a few double rooms with shower and WC may be available; please apply for these early. For accommodation and all meals, the sum of £100 Sterling (or £50 for students) will be payable on arrival. Please note that travel costs are not included.

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TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

The nearest airports are Newcastle or Teesside, both of which are about 45 minutes drive away. Alternatively you can fly to London and then take a train from London Kings Cross to Durham (3 hours train journey). The London underground (Piccadilly line) connects London Heathrow airport with London Kings Cross station (allow one hour).

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