

Jewish and Christian Rituals of Purification in Antiquity

Uppsala University, October 21-23, 2015

Wednesday, Oct 21

18:00 Reception and tour: University Main Building (Biskopsgatan 3)

19:15 Dinner: Villa Anna (Odinslund 3)

Thursday, Oct 22

9.00–10.30 Uppsala University, Engelska parken Eng 4-2007

Jutta Jokiranta

"Evidence for Ritualization of Purification in the Dead Sea Scrolls"

Thomas Kazen

"Cause and Effect and Levels of Explanation for Ideas of Impurity: Why Structuralist and Symbolic Models Often Fail While Evolutionary and Cognitive Models Succeed"

10:30-11:00 Coffee

11.00-12.30 Uppsala University, Eng 4-2007

Cecilia Wassén

"Did Jesus Challenge Purity Laws by Eating with 'Sinners'?"

Morten Hørning Jensen

"Purity and Empire in Galilee and the Gospel of Mark"

12.30-13.45 lunch: Mickes kök (Norbyvägen 14, Evolutionsbiologiskt Centrum)

14.00-15:00 Tour of Carolina Rediviva library

15.15-16:00 Uppsala University, Eng 4-2007

Anders Runesson

“Beyond Ethics: Understanding Moral Purity in the World of Matthew’s Gospel”

16.15-18.00 Lecture hall, Eng 1-1062

Lecture by Yonatan Adler, “Purity in Judea and Galilee in the Late Second Temple Period: The Archaeological Evidence”

Jointly organized with the Hebrew Bible and New Testament research seminar, Uppsala University.

Reception Eng 1-1062

19:30 Dinner at Peppar Peppar (Suttungs gränd 3)

Friday, Oct 23

9.00-10.30 Uppsala University, Eng 4-2007

Rick Bonnie

“Stepped Pools in Galilee during the Late Second Temple period: Some reflections on their appearance, use and disappearance.”

Yonatan Adler

“The Decline of Jewish Ritual Purity Observance in Roman Palestine: An Archaeological Perspective on Chronology and Historical Context”

10.30-11.00 coffee

11.00-11.45 Uppsala University, Eng 4-2007

Rikard Roitto

”Why Did Christians Begin to Interpret Baptism as Purification From Sin?”

11.45-12.15

Final reflections, future meetings?

12.30 lunch

Participants

From Denmark:

Anne Katrine de Hemmer Gudme, University of Copenhagen
Morten Hørning Jensen, Lutheran School of Theology in Aarhus

From Finland:

Jutta Jokiranta, Helsinki University
Petri Luomanen, Helsinki University
Risto Uro, Helsinki University
Rick Bonnie, Helsinki University
Brett Maiden, Emory University, Helsinki University

From Israel:

Yonatan Adler, Ariel University

From Malta

Dennis Mizzi, University of Malta

From Norway

Anders Runesson, Oslo University

From Sweden:

Göran Eidevall, Uppsala University
Thomas Kazen, Stockholm School of Theology
Natalie Lantz, Uppsala University
Rikard Roitto, Stockholm School of Theology
Cecilia Wassén, Uppsala University

From the UK

Jessica Keady, Chester University

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