



The Twelve Tribes of Israel

Jewish-Christian Interpretations between Ruptures and Continuities (1st-5th centuries)

International Colloquium

 **9-10 November 2023**

 **Pontifical Theological Faculty of Sicily "San Giovanni Evangelista" - Palermo**

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 **Thursday 9 November**  **Aula Magna**

15:30 Welcome and opening of the conference

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SESSION 1. ISRAEL AND THE TWELVE TRIBES

Chair: Michele Cutino – Faculté de Théologie catholique, Université de Strasbourg

16:00 Noam **MIZRAHI** – Department of Bible, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Dynamics of tribale Affiliation and genealogical Construction in Ancient Israel

16:30 Pierre **KEITH** – Faculté de Théologie catholique, Université de Strasbourg

La notion de "peuple" dans le Pentateuque

17:00 Discussion and break

SESSION 2. THE TWELVE TRIBES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Chair : Arianna Rotondo – Dipartimento di Scienze umanistiche, Università di Catania

17:30 Nathalie **SIFFER** – Faculté de Théologie catholique, Université de Strasbourg

La question des douze tribus et du véritable Israël dans le livre des Actes: entre continuité et rupture

18:00 Kaitlyn **HAWN** – Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford

Of the Tribe of Asher: Evidence of the Twelve Tribes of Israel in Luke-Acts

18:30 Denis **FRICKER** – Faculté de Théologie catholique, Université de Strasbourg

Les douze tribus dans le contexte littéraire et théologique de la lettre de Jacques

19:00 Discussion

Visit to **Palermo Cathedral**

Dinner

 **Friday 10 novembre**  **Aula Magna**

SESSION 3. THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL BETWEEN ALLEGORY AND CONTROVERSY IN THE CHRISTIAN LITERATURE OF THE FIRST THREE CENTURIES

Chair: Christophe Guignard – Faculté de Théologie catholique, Université de Strasbourg

9:00 Markus **BOCKMUELH** – Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford

Silence and Eloquence on the Tribe of Ephraim in the First Three Christian Centuries

9:30 Cecilia **ANTONELLI** – Institut Romand de Sciences Bibliques, Université de Lausanne

L'eredità giudaica nell'eresiologia di Egesippo. Alla radice dell'errore cristiano, la competizione per il primato tra i regni, le tribù e le fazioni d'Israele

10:00 Alfio **CRISTAUDO** – Studio Teologico "San Paolo", Catania – ISSPT**

Tribù di Giuda e polemica anti giudaica in Giustino apologista

10:30 Discussion and break

Chair : Vittorio Rizzone, Abate di San Martino delle Scale – Fatesi*, Palermo

11:00 Carla **NOCE** – Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici, Università Roma Tre

La tribù di Levi in alcune tradizioni esegetiche antiche

11:30 Christophe **GUIGNARD** – Faculté de Théologie catholique, Université de Strasbourg

La genealogia di Maria e le tribù di Israele

12:30 Claudio **ZAMAGNI** – Dipartimento Storia Antropologia Religioni Arte e Spettacolo, Università La Sapienza, Roma

Origene e la tribù di Maria

13:00 Discussion and lunch

SESSION 4. THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL IN 4th-5th CENTURY LATIN AND GREEK EXEGESIS

Chair: Diego Ciccarelli, o.f.m. conv. – Officina di Studi Medievali, Palermo

14:30 Francesco **ALEO** – Studio Teologico "San Paolo", Catania – ISSPT**

Le dodici tribù d'Israele. Il teologumeno di profezia e compimento nell'esegesi patristica dei secc. III-V

14:55 Emanuele **DI SANTO** – Studio Teologico "San Tommaso", Messina – ISSPT**

Le dodici tribù e l'eredità giudaica in Ambrosiaster e Girolamo

15:20 Calogero **CERAMI** – Fatesi*, Palermo – ISSPT**

Le benedizioni di Giacobbe. Rufino d'Aquileia e le sue fonti greche

15:45 Discussion and break

16:00 Marcello **GRIFÒ** – ISSPT** – Fatesi*, Palermo

Le tribù d'Israele nell'omiletica di Giovanni Crisostomo. Un approccio storico-biblico problematico

16:25 Vincenzo **LOMBINO** – Fatesi*, Palermo – ISSPT**

Le gemme del pettorale di Aronne in Epifanio di Salamina. Farmacopea o teologia patristica delle dodici tribù d'Israele?

16:50 Discussion

SESSION 5. OUVERTURES

17:00 Michele **CUTINO** – Faculté de Théologie catholique, Université de Strasbourg

«Della stirpe d'Israele, della tribù di Beniamino» (Phil 3, 5): Paolo tredicesimo apostolo nella letteratura cristiana antica

17:30 Discussion

17:50 Conclusion and greetings

Visit to the **Palatine Chapel**

Introduction and guide by Prof. Francesca Paola **MASSARA** – Fatesi*, Palermo

Dinner

Among the main themes of the Pentateuch is the manner in which people are formed. The lexicographical list with which it is indicated in the narratives, *'am Ysra'el, bene Ysra'el, bet Ysra'el, keneset Ysra'el*, suggests that at its origin lies the memory of a patriarch, Israel (Jacob), and the need for an aggregation of his descendants (*'am, bene*) for cultic purposes (*bet Ysra'el, keneset Ysra'el*). According to a contemporary exegetical school, people have been formed from the alliance of 12 tribes, which confederated between the end of the period of the Judges and the beginning of the introduction of the monarchy and for contingent cultic and military reasons. The number 12 is in any case conventional and is found in the designation of other groupings in the Bible, Asia Minor, Greece and Italy. Despite the exile experience, the biblical memory of Israel as a people composed of 12 tribes was not abandoned (*Ez 47-48*).

In the New Testament narrative, the 12 tribes of Israel acquire theological, ecclesiological and eschatological value, also tracing a trail of reflection for the early Church. The theme of the 12 tribes also traverses the theological-literary production of the Fathers, often like a karst river, which contemporary research has not always exploited well.

The Colloquium intends to retrace some central points of the conception of the 12 tribes of Israel, in the interpretations of contemporary Jewish reflection, modern Western biblical exegesis and the historical-theological developments of the Church Fathers.

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