

Mass Deportations: To and From the Levant during the Age of Empires

January 8–9, 2020
Tel Aviv University, Gilman Building

Wednesday | January 8

9:30 Introductory Remarks

Ido Koch | Tel Aviv University

Part 1: Imperial Perspectives

9:45 Continuity and Change: Assyrian and Babylonian
Deportation Practices

Karen Radner | Ludwig Maximilian
University of Munich

10:30 Between Monumental Landscape and Borderland:
Using Occupied Populations to Manage the
Land under the Babylonian and Achaemenid Empires

Shai Gordin | Ariel University

11:15 Architecture and Images: Contextualizing
Sennacherib's Deportations from the West

Laura Battini | CNRS, UMR 7192 – Collège de France

12:00 Lunch Break

Part 2: Deportees in Mesopotamia

14:00 Socio-economic and Cultural Issues in the
History of the Israelites and Judean Exiles in
Mesopotamia

Ran Zadok | Tel Aviv University

14:45 A Sketch of the Life of the Golah in the Countryside

Angelika Berlejung | University of Leipzig

15:30 Coffee Break

15:45 Messaging Brothers in Distant Lands: Examining
Biblical Texts in Light of Judean, Samaritan and
Diaspora Target Audiences

Cynthia Edenburg | The Open University of Israel

16:30 Isaiah 40-66: Evidence for Integration into
Babylonian Society of Judahite Exiles?

Shawn Zelig Aster | Bar Ilan University

17:15 Coffee Break

17:30 Ezekiel among the Exiles: Judean and
Mesopotamian Nature Imagery (Literary and
Iconographic) Utilized by a Dislocated, Peripheral,
Judean Prophet

Dalit Rom-Shiloni | Tel Aviv University

18:15 Did the Book of Ezekiel Emerge from a Refugee
Camp? An Investigation

Casey A. Strine | University of Sheffield

Thursday | January 9

Part 3: Deportees in the Levant

9:00 The Intellectual Background of Assyrian Officials
and Assyrian Deportees in the Levant

Eckart Frahm | Yale University

9:45 In Search of Deportees in the Southern Levant

Ido Koch | Tel Aviv University

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 In the Neighborhood of the Defeated: Everyday
life in Neo-Assyrian Dan

Yifat Thareani | Hebrew Union College
Jerusalem

11:45 The Assyrian Interests in the Western Part of the
Province of Samaria—A Case Study from Khallat
es-Sihrij and its Vicinity

Gilad Itach | Israel Antiquities Authority

12:30 Identifying Assyrian Deportees at Ashdod and
Ashdod-Yam?

Alexander Fantalkin | Tel Aviv University

13:15 Lunch break

14:45 The Impact of the Babylonian Deportations and of
the Persian Period "Return" on the Local Material
Culture in Judah

Oded Lipschits | Tel Aviv University

15:30 Memories of the Assyrian Exile in Persian-Period
Yehud

Yigal Levin | Bar Ilan University

16:15 Coffee break

16:30 Concluding Discussion

