

THE RECEPTION OF GOLDEN CALF TRADITIONS IN EARLY JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY, AND ISLAM



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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2012

1:30–2:00 **Introductory Remarks**

Session 1 **Pentateuchal and Narrative Traditions**

2:00 – 2:30 Robert A. Di Vito, Loyola University Chicago
The Golden Calf Episode in Exodus 32 and Deuteronomy 9: Some Methodological Considerations

2:30 – 3:00 Ralph W. Klein, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
The Golden Calf and the 'Sin' of Jeroboam

3:00–3:20 Discussion

3:20–3:35 Break

Session 2 **Poetic and Prophetic Traditions**

3:35–4:05 Richard Bautch, St. Edward's University
The Golden Calf in the Historical Recitals of Nehemiah 9 and Psalm 106

4:05–4:35 Pauline Viviano, Loyola University Chicago
Do Hosea and Jeremiah Know of a Golden Calf?

4:35–5:00 Discussion

Dinner

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Session 3 **Apocryphal and Pseudepigraphal Traditions**

9:00 – 9:30 Géza Xeravits, Sapientia College of Theology, Budapest
The Silence of the Calves: The Absence of the Golden Calf Tradition in Some Deuterocanonical Writings

9:30 – 10:00 John Endres, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley
Leaders Without Blemish: The Golden Calf Incident in Pseudo-Philo's LAB

10:00 – 10:30 Kelley Coblenz Bautch, St. Edward's University, and Daniel Assefa, Capuchin Institute of Philosophy and Theology, Addis Abeba
Did the Sheep Worship the Golden Calf? The Animal Apocalypse's Reading of Exodus 32

10:30 – 10:50 Discussion

10:50 – 11:05 Break

Session 4 New Testament Traditions

11:05 – 11:35 Joel Green, Fuller Theological Seminary
"They Made a Calf": Idolatry and Temple in Acts 7

11:35 – 12:05 Alec J. Lucas, Loyola University Chicago
Paul and the Calf: Texts, Tendencies, and Traditions

12:05 – 12:35 Eric F. Mason, Judson University
Traces of the Golden Calf in Epistle to the Hebrews

12:35 – 1:05 Edmondo Lupieri, Loyola University Chicago
The Sin of Israel? A Beast and A Woman in the Desert: A Typological Reflection

1:05 – 1:30 Discussion

Lunch

4:00 – 6:00 **Seventh Annual Cody Lecture**
John J. Collins, Yale University
What Have We Learned from the Dead Sea Scrolls?

Dinner

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2012

Session 5 **Philo and Josephus**

- 9:00 – 9:30 Thomas Tobin, Loyola University Chicago
Philo of Alexandria's Interpretation of the Episode of the Golden Calf
- 9:30 – 10:00 Gregory Sterling, Yale Divinity School
When Silence was Golden: The Absence of the Golden Calf in Josephus
- 10:00–10:20 Discussion
- 10:20–10:35 Break

Session 6 **Patristic, Rabbinic, and Islamic Traditions**

- 10:35–11:05 Clare Rothschild, Lewis University
Golden Calf and The Nascent Church in First Clement
- 11:05–11:35 Andrew Radde-Gallwitz, Loyola University Chicago
Justin Martyr and the Golden Calf: Law, Canon, and Covenant in Second-Century Christianity
- 11:35–12:05 Alex P. Jassen, University of Minnesota
Comparative Midrash and the Golden Calf in Rabbinic Literature
- 12:05–12:35 Michael E. Pregill, Elon University
The Living Calf of Sinai from Late Antiquity to Early Islam
- 12:35–1:05 Discussion
- 1:05–1:30 Concluding Reflections

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