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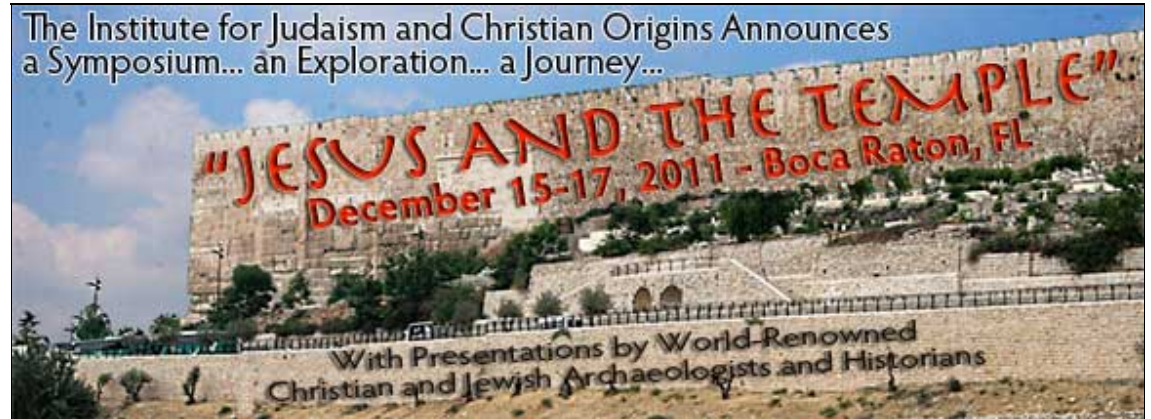
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HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF SECOND TEMPLE JUDAISM AND  
CHRISTIANITY AT  
"JESUS AND THE TEMPLE", DECEMBER 15-17, 2011, BOCA  
RATON, FL**

## FOCUS OF THE SYMPOSIUM

**Our Leading Question:** How significantly and in what ways did the Temple and its services help define the social and spiritual life of early Jews, including Jesus and his earliest followers?

**Purpose:** Our purpose is to correct the popular impression that Jesus despised the Temple and its spiritual leadership because he attacked the money changers and was apparently condemned by the leading high priests. (The historicity of each event will be discussed). We are not claiming a conclusion; we are asking questions which are focused on pre-70 Jews, Jesus, his followers, and the Temple and to seek a new consensus on the grid questions, which will be discussed in our last session.

## PRESENTATIONS PREPARED FOR DIVERSE AUDIENCE BACKGROUND

All presentations, lectures and Q&A are geared to lay-people, ministers and Rabbis, students, teachers, academics and everyone with an interest in Biblical History and Archaeology.

**SCHEDULE - ADMISSION TO ALL LECTURE SESSIONS IS FREE  
AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Brief schedule below. [Click this link for complete schedule.](#)

| Date/Day                | Time             | Activity                                                                                                     | Location     |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| December 15<br>Thursday | As you plan it   | Arrival and Dinner on your own                                                                               | Your choice  |
|                         | 7:30pm           | Welcome - J.H. Charlesworth<br>Lecture - L. Ritmeyer<br>Response - D. Bahat                                  | Lecture Hall |
|                         |                  |                                                                                                              |              |
| December 16<br>Friday   | 9:00am           | Welcome - J. Hoffmann<br>Sessions begin                                                                      | TBA          |
|                         | Noon (approx.)   | Lunch - On your own                                                                                          | Your choice  |
|                         | 5:00pm (approx.) | Sessions end                                                                                                 | TBA          |
|                         | After close      | Dinner - On your own                                                                                         | Your choice  |
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| December 17<br>Saturday | 9:00am           | Sessions begin                                                                                               | TBA          |
|                         | Mid-Afternoon    | Sessions end                                                                                                 | TBA          |
|                         | Afternoon        | Time on your own to enjoy your new and old<br>IJCO<br>friends at Boca, enjoy the community or return<br>home | Your choice  |

## SPEAKER/PRESENTERS AND BRIEF BIO



### Harold W. Attridge

Dean of the Yale Divinity School since 2002. His educational background includes a A.B. from Boston College, a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Cambridge, and a Ph.D. from Harvard. He was a fellow of the Jesus Seminar. (From Wikipedia.org)



### Mordechai Aviam

Was for 11 years the District Archaeologist of the Western Galilee for the Israel Antiquities Authority. He is an adjunct professor in residence at the Center for Judaic Studies in the University of Rochester and Director of the Institute for Galilean Archaeology of the University of Rochester. He also teaches at the Ort Braude College at Karmiel. (From Amazon.com)



### Dan Bahat

One of Israel's leading archaeologists and a senior lecturer at the Land of Israel Studies at Bar-Ilan University. He is an expert on the Temple Mount, Herod's Palace, and the 1,600- foot tunnel that runs under the western retaining wall of the Temple Mount. (From Rimal Publications)



### **James H. Charlesworth**

The George L. Collord Professor of New Testament Language and Literature and director of the Dead Sea Scrolls Project at Princeton Theological Seminary. He is noted for his research in Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha of the Hebrew and Christian Bibles, the Dead Sea Scrolls, Josephus, the Historical Jesus, and the Gospel of John. He is a Founder and Veteran of the Enoch seminar and a member of the Advisory Board of the Journal Henoch. He is the President of the IJCO and the FJCO and has been honored by over 20 countries.



### **Leen Ritmeyer**

A Dutch-born archaeological architect who currently lives and works in Wales, having spent 22 years in Jerusalem from 1967-1989. He holds the M.A. in Conservation Studies from the Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies, University of York, England, and the Ph.D. from the University of Manchester, England. (From Wikipedia.org) This architectural rendering of the Herodian Temple Mount is Ritmeyer's well-known and widely circulated color drawing of Herod's Temple Mount, along with associated structures and features, as seen from the southwest. This reconstruction is based directly on his own work at the Temple Mount. (From BiblicalArchaeology.org)



### **Lawrence H. Schiffman**

Vice-Provost of Undergraduate Education at Yeshiva University and Professor of Jewish Studies. He had been the Chair of New York University's Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies and serves as the Ethel and Irvin A. Edelman Professor in Hebrew and Judaic Studies at New York University (NYU). He is a specialist in the Dead Sea Scrolls, Judaism in Late Antiquity, the history of Jewish law, and Talmudic literature. He received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies at Brandeis University. (From Wikipedia.org)



### **Loren Stuckenbruck**

Chairman of the Biblical Department at Princeton Theological Seminary and Richard Dearborn Professor of New Testament Studies. Professor, author and editor of books, conference contributions and other publications, Stuckenbruck is one of the world's leading authorities on the Books of Enoch. Major branches of research and teaching are New Testament Research and Second Temple Jewish studies.

## **SESSION TOPICS FOR PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION (UNDER DEVELOPMENT)**

- "Imagining the Temple Early Jews and Jesus Knew"
- "The Architecture of Jerusalem and Worship in the Temple"
- "Worship, Festivals, and the Central Power of the Temple"
- "Temple Symbolism and the Lives of Galilean Jews"
- "The Heavenly Jerusalem and Temple in the Jewish Apocalypses"
- "The Importance of the Temple for Early Jews"

- "Jesus, the Temple leadership, and the Temple"
- "Did Jesus' Followers Worship in the Temple?"

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