THE SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE
AND EXEGESIS
NINETYTH MEETING

Union Theological Seminary
Broadway at 120th Street, New York City
Tuesday-Thursday, December 28-30, 1954

Program

Tuesday, December 28
10:00 a.m. Meeting of the Council of the Society Room 211
2:00 p.m. The Ninth Annual Meeting of the American Textual Criticism Seminar Room 205
A Survey of Recent Research in the Ancient Versions of the New Testament
B. M. Metzger (Princeton Theological Seminary)
Recent Investigations in the Lectionary Text
A. P. Wikgren (University of Chicago), H. M. Buck (Wellesley College), D. C. Pellett (Butler University)

I. Tuesday, December 28—8:00 p.m.
JOINT MEETING with the
American Schools of Oriental Research
and the
National Association of Biblical Instructors

Chairman: C. H. Kraeling (Oriental Institute, University of Chicago), President, ASOR
Report of the SBLE Representatives on the ASOR Board of Trustees
The Work of the Baghdad School, 1953-54 (illustrated) V. E. Crawford (Yale University)
The Search for Ancient Gilgal (illustrated) J. A. Muilenberg (Union Theological Seminary)
Current Dead Sea Scroll Studies at Jerusalem (illustrated) F. M. Cross, Jr. (McCormick Theological Seminary)

II. Wednesday, December 29—9:00 a.m.
BUSINESS
PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: Thy Kingdom Come
M. Burrows (Yale University)
1. Man and His God: A Sumerian Variation on the “Job” Motif
S. N. Kramer (University of Pennsylvania)
2. The Excavations at Qumran and the History of the Essene Community
C. T. Fritsch (Princeton Theological Seminary)
3. Canon and Apocrypha
A. P. Wikgren (University of Chicago)
4. The Protestant Meeting House and the Synagogue in the 16th-18th Centuries in Europe and America (illustrated)
R. Wischnitzer (New York City)
III. Wednesday, December 29—2:00 p.m.

OLD TESTAMENT SECTION

5. Divine Discipline (musar) in Isaiah 53:5  
   J. A. Sanders (Colgate-Rochester Divinity School)
6. The Righteous Servant in Second Isaiah’s Songs  
   H. G. May (Oberlin Graduate School of Theology)
7. Ezekiel and the Holiness Code  
   L. P. Smith (Wellesley College)
8. Psalm 45  
   T. A. Gaster (Columbia University)
9. The Status of El in the Ugaritic Texts  
   M. H. Pope (Yale University)
10. Did Rabbinism Hinder Moral Progress? An Examination of the Novel Biblical Exegesis of Elijah Gaon of Vilna  
    H. J. Wilner (Bluefield, W. Va.)
11. The Interpretation of God’s Blessing to Noah and Noah’s Blessing to His Sons in Jewish and Early Christian Sources  
    J. P. Lewis (Harding College)
12. Studies on Hebrew Oaths  
    M. R. Lehmann (Lawrence, L. I., N. Y.)

NEW TESTAMENT SECTION

13. Jewish Rapport in 1 John  
    E. S. Tanner (College of Wooster)
    R. M. Grant (University of Chicago)
15. Litotés in the Words of Jesus  
    S. V. McCasland (University of Virginia)
16. The Various Markan Accounts of Jesus’ Teaching  
    M. Smith (Brown University)
17. The Synoptic Attitudes Toward the Twelve  
    L. P. Perigo (Scranton College)
18. Christological Perspectives and the Imperial Cult  
    J. S. Kennard, Jr. (Benedict College)
19. The “Whys?” of Our Spiritual Heritage  
    W. E. Elliott (Morton, Ill.)

TEXTOAL AND LINGUISTIC SECTION

    M. M. Parvis (University of Chicago)
21. A Hitherto Unpublished Fragment of the Epistle to the Ephesians  
    W. H. P. Hatch (Hartford Theological Seminary)
22. In Support of the Changes from “Consecrate” to “Sanctify” in the Revised Standard Version (1952)  
    G. A. Turner (Asbury Theological Seminary)
23. Some Interpretations by the Greek Translator of the Hebrew Text of Job  
    D. H. Gard (Princeton Theological Seminary)
24. Some Notes on liiq and Its Derivatives  
    H. N. Richardson (Syracuse University)
25. Aramaic Inscriptions of the 5th Century B. C. E. from a North-Arab Shrine in Egypt  
    I. Rabinowitz (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion)
26. The Oldest Biblical Fragments from Qumran (illustrated)  
    F. M. Cross, Jr. (McCormick Theological Seminary)

IV. Wednesday, December 29—8:00 p.m.

PANEL DISCUSSION: The Dead Sea Scrolls and the New Testament

M. Burrows (Yale University), S. E. Johnson (Church Divinity School of the Pacific), W. L. Reed (Texas Christian University), W. Brownlee (Duke University)

V. Thursday, December 30—9:00 a.m.

OLD TESTAMENT SECTION

27. The Specific in the Ethical Command of Yahweh  
    E. Perry (Northwestern University)
28. Deuteronomy: A Psychological and Philosophical Approach  
    R. M. Pounder (Scotstown, Quebec)
29. (By title) Divine Passion in Hosea  
    J. L. McKenzie (West Baden College)
30. Is Micah a Ninth Century Prophecy?  
    N. W. Dudley (St. Ignatius, Mont.)
31. The Mythological Context of Habakkuk 3  
    W. A. Irwin (Southern Methodist University)
33. On the Background and Sources of the Book of Proverbs 
34. The Relation of Helios and Quadriga to the Rest of the Beth Alpha Mosaic 

**NEW TESTAMENT SECTION**

35. The Outline of Mark 
36. The Conflict Stories in the Marcan Outline 
37. Concerning the Separation of Christianity from Judaism 
38. The Apocalypse of Elijah and the Book of Revelation 
39. Paul's Thorn in the Flesh 
40. A. Suggestion Concerning the Meaning of I Corinthians 15:4b 
41. The Principle of Religious Knowledge in Paul 
42. The World-View of the Author of Hebrews 

**TEXTRUAL AND LINGUISTIC SECTION**

43. Masculine Nouns with Feminine Attributes 
44. The Romance of Koheleth the Canaanite 
45. Was Koheleth a Phoenician? 
46. The Etymology of matta'ot (Psalm 58:7) 
47. Textual Inversion 
48. Mark 6 and 11 in P45 and in the Caesarean Text 
49. The Holy Week Lections in the Greek Gospel Lectionary 

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**VI. Thursday, December 30—2:00 p.m.**

**OLD TESTAMENT SECTION**

50. Critical Analysis of the Priestly Creation Story 
51. The Two Strata of the Eden Story 
52. Hebrew Metrics Again 
53. The Precursors of the New Covenant of Jeremiah 
54. Amos and Chokhmah 
55. The Origin of Solomon's Reputation for Wisdom 
56. (By title) Israel: Past, Present and Future 

**NEW TESTAMENT SECTION**

57. The Councils in the Book of Acts 
58. An Alternative to the Anthropological Interpretations of Romans 7 
59. Love as the Fulfilment of the Law in Paul 
60. Faith in the Writing of History 
61. Gospel and Myth 
62. An Interpretation of John 21:15-17 
63. The Divinity of Jesus Christ in John's Gospel 
64. (By title) The Struggle with the Principalities and Powers and Its Bearing on Social Ethics
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Papers read at the annual meetings of the Society, national or sectional, may be submitted for publication in the Journal. The Editor, Robert C. Dentan (General Theological Seminary, 175 Ninth Ave., New York 11, N. Y.) will be glad to receive papers by hand or by mail.

Nominations for membership in the Society should be sent to the Secretary (Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.) in advance of the meeting.


All members are requested on arrival at Union Theological Seminary to register their attendance with Mrs. Robert Beach, who is registrar for the meeting and is in charge of room assignments. Entrance on Sunday and after 6 p.m. on week days is 606 West 122nd Street.

The Forty-fifth Annual Meeting of the National Association of Biblical Instructors will be held on Monday and Tuesday, December 27 and 28, beginning at 2 p.m. Monday in Room 214, Auburn Hall. Programs of the meeting may be secured from Prof. Lionel A. Whiston, Jr., Catawba College, Salisbury, N. C., Treasurer, NABI.

The National Association of Professors of Hebrew will meet at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 28, in Room A19. The program includes addresses by Professor Robert H. Pfeiffer on "Hebrew Teaching in Early America" and by Dr. Raphael Patai on "The Anthropology of Israel: An Outline".

The Corporation of the American Schools of Oriental Research will meet at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 28, in Room 305.

The luncheon of the Alumni and Friends of the American Schools of Oriental Research will be held at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, December 29, at the Men's Faculty Club of Columbia University, 400 West 117th Street. Reservations at $2.00 per plate should be sent well in advance to Father Frank North, c/o Prof. James A. Mullenberg, Union Theological Seminary, Broadway at 120th Street, New York 27, N. Y.

(This is your program for the meeting. Please bring it with you.)