

Friday 6th June 2014

12:30-01:50	Lunch
01:50-02:00	Welcome/Introductory Remarks: Matthew Goff and Loren Stuckenbruck
	Panel 1: Enochic and Ancient Near Eastern Traditions
02:00-02:40	Matthew Goff (Florida State University): The Sons of the Watchers in the <i>Book of the Watchers</i> and the Qumran <i>Book of Giants</i> : Contexts and Prospects
02:40-03:20	Walther Sallaberger (Ludwig- Maximilians-Universität München): Gilgamesh the Giant: Remarks from an Assyriologist's Perspective
03:20-03:30	Coffee Break
	Panel 2: Comparisons and Contexts. Giants in Greek Tradition and the Jewish Diaspora
03:30-04:10	Michael Tuval (Ludwig-Maximilians- Universität München): The Giants in Jewish Literature in Greek
04:10-05:00	Samantha Newington (University of Aberdeen): Greek Titans, Biblical Giants
05:00-06:00	Free Time
06:00	Dinner and Reception

Saturday 7th June 2014

	Panel 1: The Manichaean <i>Book of Giants</i>: Relationships
09:30-10:00	Jens Wilkens (Georg-August- Universität Göttingen): Remarks on the Manichaean <i>Book of Giants</i> : Once Again on Mahaway's Mission to Enoch
10:10-10:50	Enrico Morano (independent scholar, Turin/Berlin): Some new Middle Iranian fragments related to Mani's <i>Book of Giants</i> and the problem of the influence of the Jewish Enochic literature
10:50-11:10	Coffee Break
	Panel 2: The Manichaean <i>Book on Giants</i>: Philology and Traditions
11:10-11:50	Desmond Durkin-Meisterernst (Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften): Why is the <i>Book of Giants</i> attested in Turfan in Middle Persian?
11:50-12:30	Gábor Kósa (Eötvös Loránd University): Possible Traces of the Manichaean <i>Book of Giants</i> traditions in the recently identified Chinese Manichaica (the Xiapu manuscripts and the Cosmology painting)
12:30-02:00	Lunch
02:00-03:30	Free Time
	Workshop: The Qumran and Manichaean Giant Books
03:30-05:00	Open Discussion of Primary Texts (Circulated in Advance)
05:00-06:00	Free Time
06:00	Dinner and Reception

Sunday 8th June 2014

	Panel 1: The Qumran <i>Book of Giants</i>: Material Considerations
09:30-10:10	Annette Steudel (Georg-August- Universität Göttingen): Material Aspects of the <i>Giants</i> Manuscripts from Qumran
10:10-10:50	Loren Stuckenbruck (Ludwig- Maximilians-Universität München): Reconstructing the <i>Book of Giants</i> on the Basis of 4Q530
10:50-11:10	Coffee Break
	Panel 2: The Qumran <i>Book of Giants</i>: Material Considerations
11:10-11:50	Joe Angel (Yeshiva University): The 'Wild Man' and 'Tree Stump' Traditions in Daniel 4 and the Qumran <i>Book of Giants</i>
11:50-12:30	Amanda Davis Bledsoe (Ludwig- Maximilians-Universität München): Throne Theophanies and Righteous(?) Seers: Daniel, the <i>Book of Giants</i> , and <i>1 Enoch</i> Reconsidered
12:30-02:00	Lunch
	Panel 3: Giants in Biblical and Comparative Contexts
02:00-02:40	Ida Fröhlich (Pázmány Péter Catholic University): Giants and Demons
02:40-03:20	Brian Doak (George Fox University): The Giant in a Thousand Years: Tracing narratives of Gigantism in the Hebrew Bible and Beyond
03:20-04:00	Concluding Reflections/Open Discussion

The Enochic *Book of the Watchers* reformulates an enigmatic story in Genesis 6 to produce its own account of what happened before the flood: angels descended to the earth and had sex with women. They give birth to strange giants, who commit disturbing crimes against the human race such as murder and cannibalism. While this tale has been the subject of much scholarly analysis over the last generation, surprisingly little attention has been given to a huge part of the story: the giants. While there has been a lot of attention devoted to the *Book of the Watchers*, much less has been paid to the *Book of Giants* from Qumran. In this conference, the first assemblage ever of scholars that is devoted to the giants of Enochic tradition, the participants will address basic issues with regard to this topic, such as the delineation of the range of giants traditions attested in ancient Judaism and the cultural contexts in which they circulated. Comparative material from ancient Greece and the ancient Near East will also be examined. Particular emphasis will be devoted to the Manichaean *Book of Giants*, fragments of which were found in Turfan (western China). This work does not simply utilize Enochic traditions but also attests numerous traditions found in the Qumran *Book of Giants*. Qumran and Turfan constitute two key sources of ancient texts that shed light on the fascinating topic of giants in ancient Judaism.

Das *Buch der Wächter* aus 1. *Henoch* erzählt die rätselhafte Geschichte aus Genesis 6 neu, um eine eigene Version der Geschehnisse vor der Sintflut zu entwickeln: Engel stiegen auf die Erde herab, weil sie die Frauen der Menschen begehrt. Sie zeugten mit ihnen sonderbare Riesen, die schreckliche Verbrechen gegen die Menschheit begingen wie Mord und Kannibalismus. Die Geschichte selbst war Gegenstand umfassender wissenschaftlicher Forschung, die Riesen allerdings blieben weitgehend unbeachtet. Während das *Buch der Wächter* viel Aufmerksamkeit erfuhr, blieb das *Buch der Riesen* aus Qumran eher unbeachtet. In dieser inter-

nationalen Tagung sollen nun zum ersten Mal die Riesen aus der henochischen Tradition in den Fokus gerückt werden. Dabei soll ihre Entwicklung aus der antiken jüdischen Tradition aufgezeigt werden, Beachtung soll auch der Vergleich mit anderen Traditionen finden, wie etwa aus der Antike Griechenlands und des Nahen Ostens. Ein besonderer Schwerpunkt wird dabei auf dem manichäischen *Buch der Riesen* liegen, Fragmenten, die in Turfan, im Westen Chinas, gefunden wurden. Diese Fragmente zeugen nicht nur von Traditionen aus 1. *Henoch*, sondern auch aus dem qumranischen *Buch der Riesen*. In Qumran und Turfan wurden zwei der wichtigsten Quellen gefunden, die Aufschluss über das faszinierende Thema der Riesen im antiken Judentum geben.

Location

Studienhaus-Stiftung
Schönwag 4
D – 82405 Wessobrunn
<http://www.studienhaus-stiftung.de/index.html>

Organisation

Prof. Matthew Goff PhD, Humboldtstipendiat
Prof. Loren Stuckenbruck PhD.

Contact

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität
Evangelisch-theologische Fakultät
Lehrstuhl für Neues Testament mit dem Schwerpunkt
antikes Judentum
Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1
80539 München
Tel.: +49(0)89/2180-3630
Mail: nt2-sekretariat@evtheol.uni-muenchen.de



International
Conference
6th-8th June 2014

Tales of Giants from Qumran and Turfan: Ancient Contexts, Traditions and Influences



Francisco de Goya, Saturno devorando a su hijo (1819-1823)