

Registration

Participation fee (in addition to accommodation fees) € 35 p. p. by August 1, 2026 (thereafter € 55).
Students free by August 1, 2026 (thereafter € 25).

Online Registration:
<https://veranstaltungen.wort-und-wissen.org/ft-arch/>

on-site participation

Registration deadline: October 2, 2026 (thereafter upon request, an extra fee will be charged)

Virtual participation (via Zoom)

Registration deadline: October 14, 2026
Transfer € 30 (students free),
Payment via PayPal: sg@wort-und-wissen.de
Keyword: "Archaeology Conference 2026, Zoom participation"

Conference of Biblical Archaeology in Schwäbisch Gmünd-Wetzgau from October 16–18, 2026

Registration for on-site participation

Prices include towels, bed linen, swimming pool.

Degree, name, surname: _____

_____ Year of birth: _____

Adress: _____

Zip Code: _____ City, Country: _____

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- Employed/housewife/retired
- Student
- virtual participation
- On-site participation
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Accommodation at Schönblick (full board from Friday-Sunday):

- Single room: € 237.50
 - Double room (p. p.): € 199.50
 - Multi-bed room (p. p.): € 155.50
- (Special dietary requirements € 7.50 extra per day)

Students (with attestation) receive a 20% discount

Cancellation fee: € 20, after October 9th: € 160

Upon registration, payment for the conference (accommodation + conference fee) can be made in advance by bank transfer (after receiving the invoice) or later on site in cash.

Lecturers

Guest speakers

John Bimson holds a PhD from Sheffield University. His thesis was published as "Exodus and Conquest." He lectured in Old Testament and Environmental Theology at Trinity College Bristol until his retirement. He excavated at Khirbet Nisya and in Jerusalem and authored several publications.



Michael Hasel is Professor of Near Eastern Studies and Director of the Archaeological Institute at Southern Adventist University. He authored numerous publications on Egyptology and Levantine archaeology. Hasel has co-directed several excavations, including

Khirbet Qeiyafa and Lachish.

Lorenzo Nigro is a professor of Near Eastern archaeology at Sapienza University in Rome. He directs the excavation at Jericho and is the director of the Sapienza Museum of Near Eastern, Egyptian and Mediterranean Archaeology.



Further speakers

Prof. Dr. Benjamin Kilchör (STH, Basel), **Hanna Klenk MA** (ABA), **Dr. Andreas Späth** (ABA), **PD Dr. Pieter van der Veen** (ABA, Uni Mainz), **Bryan Windle MA** (Associates for Biblical Research), **Prof. Dr. Uwe Zerbst** (ABA), and others.

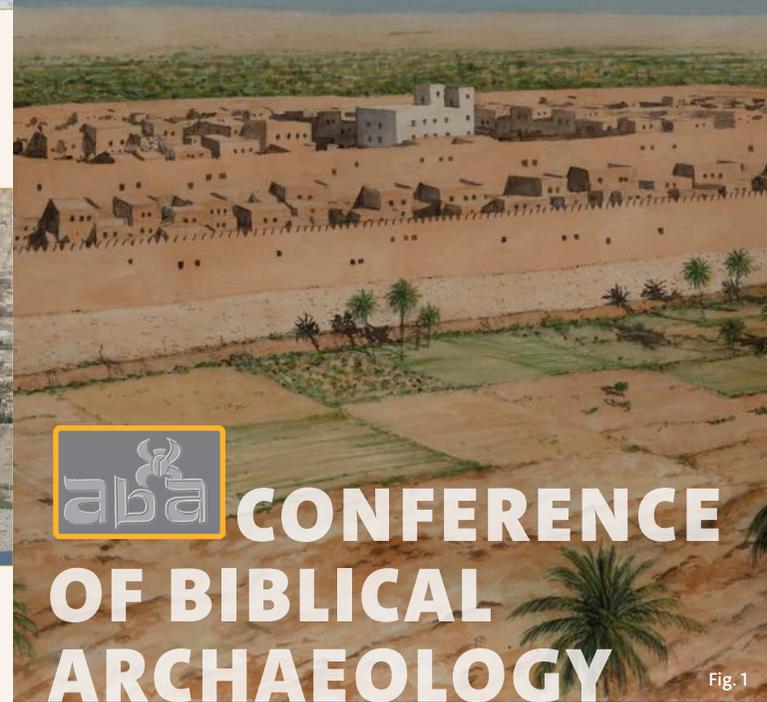


Conference facilities

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Fig. 1 (Cover). Ancient Jericho
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Windows to the Past



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Did the Trumpets Blast?
Reconsidering the Exodus from Egypt and the Conquest of Canaan

October 16–18, 2026

Christliches Gästezentrum Württemberg (Schönblick) Schwäbisch Gmünd-Wetzgau

Both on-site + Online via Zoom **LIVE**

Friday October 16

- until 6 pm (CET) arrival and registration
- 6.00 pm Supper
- Friday Evening**
- 8.00 pm Welcome
- 8.15 pm *Introduction, w. Engl. Subtitles* (P. van der Veen / U. Zerbst)



Fig. 2. Walls of Jericho © ABA

Saturday October 17

- 8.00 am Devotion on Joshua 1:9 (T. Tribelhorn)*
- 8.30 am Breakfast

Topic: When did the Conquest Take Place?

- 9.15 am *Early Israel's Arrival in Canaan: How and When?* (J. Bimson)*
- 11.00 am *The Merneptah Stela: A Decisive Source* (M. Hasel)*
- 12.30 am Lunch

Saturday Afternoon Program A (In German)

- 2.00 pm *Entdeckungen aus der Biblischen Archäologie* (A. Späth / U. Wendel)
- 3.00 pm Coffee break
- 3.30 pm *Leben und Sterben im alten Ägypten – eine Bilderreise* (H. Klenk)
- 4.45 pm *Israels Auszug aus Ägypten – exemplarische Spuren* (A. Späth)

Program B (in English)

- 2.00 pm *Jericho City V and the Historicity of the Conquest* (B. Windle)
- 3.00 pm Coffee break

Topic: Biblical Historiography and Archaeology

- 3.30 pm *The Bible and Archaeology: A Plea for a Hermeneutic Circle* (B. Kilchör)
- 4.00 pm *Jericho and the Biblical Bias* (L. Nigro)
- 4.30 pm *Conquest or Settlement – or Both?* (J. Bimson)
- 5.00 pm Plenary discussion

Saturday Evening

- 6.00 pm Supper
- 8.00 pm Information on ABA

Topic: Excavations at Jericho

- 8.15 h *Results of the Ital.-Palestinian Excavations at Tell el-Sultan/Jericho (1997–2026)* (L. Nigro)*

Sunday October 18

- 8.00 am Devotion in German (H. Mahnke)
- 8.30 am Breakfast

Topic: When Did the Exodus Take Place?

- 9.30 am *The 15th Century Case: Biblical and Archaeological Evidence* (M. Hasel)*
- 11.00 am Closing Discussion
- 11.30 am End of Conference
- 12.00 am Lunch

*With translation into German



Fig. 3. Tomb from Jericho © P. van der Veen, British Museum.



Fig. 4. The 10th Plague © Tadema, Alamy



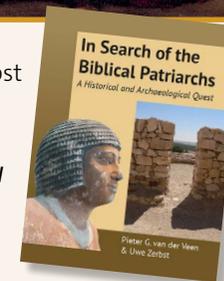
English publications by the ABA

For sale during the conference or via:

www.wort-und-wissen.org

P. G. van der Veen & U. Zerbst

In Search of the Biblical Patriarchs
A Historical and Archaeological Quest
(2022). 36 \$



T. Tribelhorn
The Jericho Effect
The true story of a professor's battle with doubt and his quest for faith-building evidence
(2020). 16 \$



The Exodus and Conquest

The Israelite tribes' conquest of Canaan that followed their escape from Egypt remains a highly debated topic. Was it a historical event? And if so, when did it take place? Or as some have assumed, were the early Israelites former Canaanites, perhaps supplemented by refugees from the Nile Valley?

To answer these questions and more, we have invited expert speakers with extensive experience in the archaeology surrounding the conquest and the exodus. While John Bimson will address the chronology and interpretation of the archaeological evidence, Michael Hasel will present evidence from the reign of Pharaoh Merneptah that the people of Israel had arrived in Canaan well before that time. Lorenzo Nigro will discuss the current excavations at Tell es-Sultan, the site of ancient Jericho.