



University of  
St Andrews

# Comparative Approaches To Apocalyptic Literature in Judaism, Islam & Christianity c. 600-c. 900

June 5-6 2023

Monday 5 June 2023

9:30-10 Registration and Coffee

## 10-1 Session One:

David Cook (Rice University), "Apocalypse in the History of Damascus: Ibn `Asakir (d. 1176) and the Syrian Muslim Apocalyptic Heritage"

Gaelle Bosseman (Université de Namur), "Characteristics and Reception of Apocalyptic Literature in the Latin West (7th-9th c.): Between Inheritances and Mutations"

Helen Spurling (University of Southampton), "Beyond Ishmael: The Sons of Qedar in Jewish Apocalyptic Traditions"

1-2 Lunch

## 2-3:30 Session Two

Tim Greenwood (University of St Andrews), "Seventh-Century Armenian Apocalyptic Traditions in Comparative Perspective"

Andras Kraft (Universität Wien), "Pseudo-Methodios in Sicilian Garb: Revisiting Ninth-Century Byzantine Apocalypticism"

3:30-4 Coffee

**4-5 Plenary Session** (led by Helen Spurling and James T Palmer with Alex Woolf, University of St Andrews): "How Do We Compare Apocalypses? Cultures, Contexts, and Methods"

5-6 Drinks Reception

7 Workshop Dinner for Speakers and Guests

Tuesday 6 June 2023

9-9:30 Coffee

## 9:30-11 Session Three:

Veronika Wieser (Universität Tübingen), "Mapping Gog and Magog in the Medieval World: New Approaches to Ethnic, Religious and Political Discourses in Apocalyptic Thought"

Constanza Cordoni (Universität Wien), "Spatial Aspects of Apocalypticism in Jewish Traditions"

11-11:30 Coffee

## 11:30-1 Session Four:

Sebastian Bitsch (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen), "Traces of the Magi. Reflections of Zoroastrian Eschatological Motifs in the Qur'ān"

James T Palmer (University of St Andrews), "The Political Resonances of Apocalyptic Literature in the Seventh and Eighth Centuries: Frameworks and Perspectives"

1-2 Lunch

**2-3 Plenary Session:** "Themes, Directions, and Future Plans"

The workshop will takeplace both in-person in the Dept of Medieval History, St Andrews, and online.

To register visit out Eventbrite site: [tinyurl.com/shvxerww](https://tinyurl.com/shvxerww)

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