This symposium explores the latest inner-biblical revisions affecting the conception of the history of the early monarchy in Israel.

The focus will be on the books of Samuel and 1 Chronicles. Can 1 Chr be understood as a “relecture” of 1/2 Sam? If so, did its existence as a parallel account of 1/2 Sam give rise to literary feedback into its source? And, finally, how can these presumable “post-chronistic” traces be identified?

During the meeting general questions of the relationship between 1/2 Sam and 1 Chr are addressed as well as methodological issues which are challenged by a number of case studies.

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The cover image shows the end of II Sam in the “Hebrew Bible” of the Bibliotheca Electoralis (ca. 13./14th century; Thüringer Universitäts- & Landesbibliothek Jena)
Monday, August 27

3.30 pm | Opening |
“Rereading the Relecture?” |
Uwe Becker / Hannes Bezzel – Jena

I SAMUEL AND CHRONICLES – GENERAL ASPECTS

4.00 pm | The Core Source(s) of the Parallel Texts between Samuel-Kings an Chronicles |
Isaac Kalimi – Chicago/USA

5.00 pm | Early and Late in Samuel: Some Questions |
Graeme Auld – Edinburgh/UK

6.00 pm | Chronicles and Samuel: Two Aspects of One Mnemonic System |
Ehud Ben Zvi – Edmonton/Canada

7.00 pm | Welcome Address by the Dean of the Theological Department of the Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena |

Tuesday, August 28

9.00 am | Samuel, Chronicles and “Postchronistic“ Revisions: Methods and Issues |
Christophe Nihan – Lausanne/Switzerland

II SAMUEL AND CHRONICLES – CASE STUDIES

10.00 am | Von Eli zu Zadok |
Georg Hentschel – Erfurt

11.00 am | Postchronistic Traces in the Narratives about the Ark |
Peter Porzig – Göttingen

12.00 pm | Lunch Break

14.00 pm | Excursion to Erfurt „(Re)Constructing History Built of Stone: Erfurt’s Old Synagogue and the Dominican Church as Documents of the 1348 Pogrom“ |

Wednesday, August 29

9.00 am | Wiping out the Memory of Baal: Post-Chronistic Changes in the Proto-Masoretic Text of Samuel |
Reinhard Müller – Munich

10.00 am | Reworking the Image of King Saul in Sam from Chr |
Hannes Bezzel – Jena

11.00 am | The Inauguration of the Monarchy in I Sam 8-12: Latest Editorial Stages |
Uwe Becker – Jena

12.00 pm | Lunch Break

2.00 pm | Hidden Polemics Against Saul in I-II Sam. Considerations Concerning the Literary Character, the Ideology and the Date of Origin of I Sam 22,6-23 and II Sam 21,1-14 |
Jürg Hutzli – Lausanne/Switzerland

3.00 pm | II Sam 21,1-17 and II Sam 23,1-7 as Possible Post-Chr Additions to the Samuel Scroll |
Cynthia Edenburg – Ramat Gan/Israel

4.00 pm | Coffee Break

4.30 pm | About Some Post-Chronistic Textual Reshaping of the David Story in II Samuel |
Philippe Hugo – Fribourg/Switzerland

5.30 pm | Späte Bearbeitungen in der Davidüberlieferung |
Thilo Rudnig – Göttingen

6.30 pm | Final Discussion |
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