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EGYPT AND THE BIBLE

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EASTERN REGION  
LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA  
APRIL 10-11, 2026



# WELCOME

Welcome to the annual spring conference of the Eastern Region of the Evangelical Theological Society. This year's conference theme, *Egypt and the Bible*, aims to highlight the significance of Egypt in shaping the ancient Near Eastern context of the Bible. Recognizing and understanding this significance aids in proper biblical interpretation. To assist us in attaining this aim, we are honored to have as our keynote speaker Dr. James K. Hoffmeier, Emeritus Professor of Old Testament and Near Eastern Archaeology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He has spent many years researching and writing on the intersection of Egypt and the Bible. Two of his plenary papers focus on the subject of his most recent work, *Israel In and Out of Egypt: The Archaeological and Historical Backgrounds to the Exodus* (Hendrickson, 2026). His third paper will discuss a potential Egyptian background to the Bronze Serpent episode in Numbers 21, followed by a question and answer session.



Many thanks to my fellow Eastern Region officers for all their help in putting together this year's conference. I would also like to thank my wife, Michelle, for her support and administrative skills without which I could not fulfill my role. Next, thanks are due to Levi Higgins, my TA who has assisted me in organizing the event. Finally, I deeply appreciate Lancaster Bible College for hosting this year's meeting. The faculty, staff, and students have labored to make this conference a success.

May you find the conference to be both academically and spiritually edifying.

Tony L. Shetter, Ph.D.  
President of the ETS Eastern Region



## ETS ANNUAL MEETING EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY FUTURE THEMES / VENUES



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Washington Hilton  
1919 Connecticut Ave, N.W.,  
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Boston Marriott Copley Place  
110 Huntington Ave., Boston MA 02116



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### **One Bible, Two Testaments**

San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter and Riverwalk  
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## PARALLEL SESSIONS D

SATURDAY, 10:10 A.M. - 10:50 A.M.

- **Chris Davis (*Liberty University*)**
  - "A Diachronic Conceptual Approach to 'Egypt' in Revelation 11:8" **CFAC 132**
- **Corey Rugh (*Liberty University, PhD Student*)**
  - "The Narrative Coherence of LXX Esther B and E: A Synchronic Approach" **CFAC 133**
- **Brent Sandy (*Wheaton College, retired*)**
  - "The Orality of Divine Revelation: Toward a Biblical Theology of Inspiration" **SAC 101**
- **Stephen Cooksey (*Liberty University, PhD Student*)**
  - "The Contradictory Chronicler? The Nature of a True Davidic King in 2 Chronicles" **SAC 103**
- **Parker Mansfield (*Center Church, EPC*)**
  - "Competing Contexts: A Case for Appreciative Moderation in the Appropriation of Extra-Biblical Sources in Evangelical Exegesis" **SAC 104**
- **Joel Thomas (*Lancaster Bible College*)**
  - "Linguistics and Biblical Theology? Yes or No?" **SAC 106**
- **Mary Antal (*Liberty University, PhD Student*)**
  - "John the Baptist, Judas Iscariot, and the Tree Pollens Found on the Shroud of Turin" **SAC 111**
- **Nick Smartt (*New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Student*)**
  - "The Synoptic Problem through the Eyes of 'The Correctors': A Response to Lunn's Matthean Priority Utilizing Editorial Textual Criticism and Bayesian Statistics" **SAC 112**

## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE ETS EASTERN REGION



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## OUR PLENARY SPEAKER

James K. Hoffmeier is Emeritus Professor of Old Testament and Near Eastern Archaeology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Illinois. Born and raised in Egypt, Hoffmeier’s passion for Biblical Archaeology and Old Testament studies began in his youth growing up in Egypt, which led him to major in Near Eastern Archaeology at Wheaton College (IL). Graduate school took him to the University of Toronto where he earned his MA and PhD in Ancient Near Eastern Religions, majoring in Egyptian and minoring in Old Testament. While a graduate student he worked on the Akhenaten Temple Project’s excavations at East Karnak. From 1980-1999 he was on the faculty of Wheaton College, while from 1999-2019 Hoffmeier taught at Trinity. He directed the North Sinai Archaeological Project from 1994-2008 which included excavations at Tell el-Borg and paleo-environmental research of northwestern Sinai. Two volumes of final reports of the work, Tell el-Borg I & II, were published in 2014 and 2019. He was recently engaged in archaeological fieldwork in the Taharka/Tirhaka pyramid complex in Nuri, Sudan.



### Plenary Sessions (TLC 401):

- **Friday 1:10–2:10**
  - “Israel in Egypt: Evidence for the Hebrew Sojourn in Egypt”
- **Friday 4:00–5:00**
  - “Israel out of Egypt: Evidence for the Hebrew Exodus from Egypt”
- **Saturday 11:00–12:15**
  - “Possible Clues from Egyptian Sources to Understand the Function of the Bronze Serpent Episode in Numbers 21:6-9”
  - Q&A Session

## PARALLEL SESSIONS C SATURDAY, 9:20 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

- **Daniel Sisler (*Gospel Life Baptist Church*)**
  - “Seams of Covenant Preservation” **CFAC 132**
- **Ryan McGaha (*Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, PhD Student*)**
  - “Scriptural Catechesis in Augustine” **CFAC 133**
- **Bruce Sabados (*Independent Researcher*)**
  - “Yahweh’s Healing Blow and the Conversion of an Egyptian Remnant” **SAC 101**
- **Angelo Valle (*Pastor Christ Reformed Church*)**
  - “Qualis Sanctus? Thomas Goodwin and the True, Real and Evangelical Holiness of Covenant Children” **SAC 103**
- **Ambrose Thomson (*McMaster Divinity College*)**
  - “Like Father Like Son: The Significance of Egypt’s Hamite Lineage in the Theology of Israel’s Enslavement and Deliverance” **SAC 104**
- **John Paul Arceno (*Union Community Bible Church*)**
  - “Beatific Vision and Technological Singularity” **SAC 106**
- **Michael Erickson (*Cross Roads Bible Institute*)**
  - “Joseph, Moses, & the Pharaohs of Egypt—God’s Sovereignty on Display” **SAC 111**
- **Randy Pelton (*Lancaster Bible College*)**
  - “The Meaning and, Yes, even, Method of Theological Interpretation” **SAC 112**

## PARALLEL SESSIONS B FRIDAY, 3:10 P.M. - 3:50 P.M.

- **Daniel Carver (Lancaster Bible College)**
  - "Nebuchadnezzar, Tyre, and Egypt: Another Look at Prophecy and Fulfillment in Ezekiel 26:1-14 and 29:18-21" **CFAC 133**
- **Jordan Jones (Regent University)**
  - "The Reed is Mightier than the Sword: Ecclesiastes and the Egyptian Sages on Wielding Wisdom" **SAC 101**
- **Chris Lenz (ECO Presbyterian)**
  - "Greater Riches than the Treasures of Egypt: Use of Interlaced Hyperbaton in an Inverted Comparative Statement in Hebrews 11:26" **SAC 103**
- **John Ronning (Retired)**
  - "The Golden Calf Incident: An Egyptian Interpretation, with Implications for Understanding Israel's Crossing of the Sea" **SAC 104**
- **Lance Cole (FBC Reidsville)**
  - "Comparing the Mourning Rituals of Egyptians and Hebrews in the Time of Pharaonic Rule" **SAC 106**
- **Dawn Sutherland (Liberty University)**
  - "From the Nile to the Sea of Reeds: Egyptian Water Symbolism and the Biblical Drama of Identity" **SAC 111**
- **Trevor Hodges (Regent University, PhD Student)**
  - "The Active Role of the Holy Spirit in Matthew: A Social-Rhetorical Study of Matthean Pneumatology and the Warning Against Blasphemy as a Communal Separation" **SAC 112**

## GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

- **Location:** the conference will be held at Lancaster Bible College 901 Eden Rd Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601. Sessions will take place at the Teague Learning Center (TLC), Charles Frey Academic Center (CFAC), and Sebastian Academic Center (SAC).
- **Registration:** you can register for the conference online or in-person at the registration desk at the start of the conference (12:00-1:00). Registrations are \$35 Regular, \$10 Student, \$10 Spouses.
- **Recordings:** audio recordings of the plenary and most parallel sessions will be available from WordMp3.com likely by June (we will send out a notice when they are available).
- **Student paper competition:** the winners of the competition will be announced at the business meeting. Prizes will be awarded for first, and second place.
- **Amenities:**
  - **Friday** - water, light snacks
  - **Saturday** - coffee, water, light snacks



# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## Friday, April 10, 2026

12:00–1:00	Registration Desk and Book Table (TLC 401)
1:00–1:10	Welcome and Announcements
1:10–2:10	Plenary Session 1 (TLC 401)
2:20–3:00	Parallel Sessions A
3:10–3:50	Parallel Sessions B
4:00–5:00	Plenary Session 2 (TLC 401)

## Saturday, April 11, 2026

8:30–9:00	Business Meeting (TLC 401)
9:00–9:15	Book table, refreshments (TLC 401)
9:20–10:00	Parallel Sessions C
10:10–10:50	Parallel Sessions D
11:00–12:15	Plenary Session – Panel Q&A (TLC 401)

### Book Table

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### ETS Doctrinal Basis

*The Bible alone, and the Bible in its entirety, is the Word of God written and is therefore inerrant in the autographs. God is a Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, each an uncreated person, one in essence, equal in power and glory.*

*"To foster conservative Biblical scholarship by providing a medium for the oral exchange and written expression of thought and research in the general field of the theological disciplines as centered in the Scriptures." (Constitution, Article II.)*

## PARALLEL SESSIONS A FRIDAY, 2:20 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

- **S. A. Fix (*Westminster Theological Seminary*)**
  - "Eschatological Anticipation of *Theotokos* in Leviticus 12: A Biblical-Theological Proposal" **CFAC 133**
- **Boniface Odong (*Regent University*)**
  - "Egypt Remembered but Silenced: Memory, Empire, and Rhetorical Absence in the New Testament" **SAC 101**
- **Denise Pass (*Lifepoint College*)**
  - "Out of Egypt: Canonical Mindset Formation and the Battle Cognitive Faithfulness" **SAC 103**
- **Michael Blythe (*Nations University*)**
  - "Liberation as Economic Pedagogy: Egypt's Exploitation and the Formation of Jubilee Ethics" **SAC 104**
- **Andy Chang (*Independent Scholar*)**
  - "Chaos at the Margins: Egypt as Monster and Mirror in the Hebrew Bible" **SAC 106**
- **Michael Stallard (*International Ministries*)**
  - "Egypt in Isaiah 11:11—A Study in Hermeneutics and Biblical Theology" **SAC 111**
- **Mark Farnham (*Lancaster Bible College*)**
  - "Nietzsche's Value for Apologetic" **SAC 112**