

4:10 – 4:30 Business Meeting

5:00 – 6:00 Dinner



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REGIONAL MEETING PROGRAM

1:00-1:30 ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION

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1:30-1:40 WELCOME ADDISON ACADEMIC CENTER

Stephen L. Cook, *Virginia Theological Seminary*
and Joseph C. Atkinson, *The Catholic Biblical Association of America*

1:40-2:20 FIRST PRESENTATION

Alexandria Morrison, *Lee University*

“Creation as the Terms of Human Curse and Divine Response: Job 3:1-10 and Job 38:1-11 in Dialogue”

When read and interpreted in isolation from the rest of the text, the divine speeches at the end of the book of Job (chs. 38-41) appear to portray a malevolent deity who is ready to lord his power and majesty over Job by inundating Job with more than seventy unanswerable, rhetorical questions, specifically pertaining to various cosmological phenomena. When brought into dialogue with the body of the text (chs. 3-37), however, the divine speeches take on a decidedly responsive tone. This is particularly the case when Job’s creation curse in 3:1-10 is read in dialogue with the beginning of the divine speeches in 38:1-11. This paper proposes that Yahweh’s use of creation language in 38:1-11 is for the express purpose of pointedly responding to Job’s use of creation language in 3:1-10. This paper will conclude that by matching Job’s use of creation language and concepts, Yahweh offers creation as a sa(l)ve for Job’s trauma. This thesis will be brought to fruition through the use of a rhetorical/literary hermeneutic.

2:20-3:00 SECOND PRESENTATION

Andrew Shivone, *John Paul II Institute*

“Temple Liturgy in 1 Corinthians”

The prominence of temple themes in Christian worship has become a significant focus in recent years in Catholic liturgical and biblical scholarship. This paper extends that research by looking into the possible Temple links present in the earliest description of ritualized Christian worship that we possess: 1 Corinthians. Where most scholars have focused mostly on the “meal” nature of worship in 1 Corinthians, this paper argues that St. Paul is also relying heavily on Temple imagery to promote his argument about the unique character of Christian worship.

3:00 –3:30 COFFEE BREAK

3:30 – 4:10 THIRD PRESENTATION

Joseph E. Jensen, *Georgetown University,*
Trinity Washington University, CBA

“The Abundance of Grain, Wine, and Oil in the Gospel Narratives”

In the Torah an abundance of grain, wine, and oil is a sign of fulfillment of God's covenant with Israel (for example, Deut 7:12-14 and 11 :13-15). In Deut 12:17-18 and 14:23 feasting on some of the grain, wine and oil is done "in the presence of the LORD your God." Joel 2:18-27 points to a time when God's people will feast on the grain, the wine, and the oil, and so come to “know that I am in the midst of Israel”. In this paper I will focus on the six gospel multiplication of the loaves and fish accounts, the emphasis on the quality of the oil in the four gospel anointing accounts, and the role of abundant and quality wine in John’s Gospel as allusions suggesting both covenant fulfillment and divine presence.