



The Alan Crown Lecture

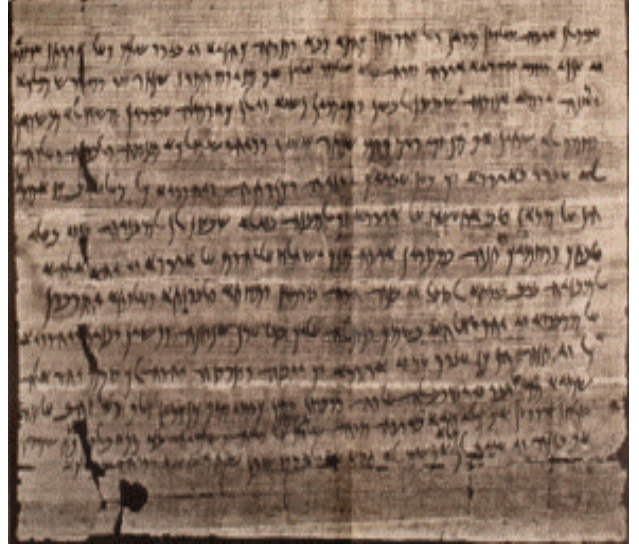
The First Diasporas: Egypt and Babylonia

with Professor Gary Rendsburg

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The First Diasporas: Egypt and Babylonia

With the destruction of the First Temple in 586 B.C.E., Jews left the land of Israel in large numbers. Over the course of the next two centuries, we find a considerable amount of archaeological evidence for Jewish life both in Egypt and Babylonia. The former includes most remarkably the outpost of Jewish soldiers and families at Elephantine, in the far south of Egypt, opposite Aswan, one of whose letters is to the right. The latter includes hundreds of cuneiform tablets attesting to Jewish businesses and mercantile interests. These people clearly took Jeremiah's charge (29:1-7) to heart and successfully reconstructed their lives in exile.



About the Alan Crown Lectures

This is the twelfth of an ongoing series of lectures named in honour of Emeritus Professor Alan Crown, a former head of department and prominent biblical researcher.

The Alan Crown lectures offer talks on topics aimed at a general audience which showcase the usefulness of academic work in Biblical Studies and Ancient Judaism, and which promote the Biblical Studies and Classical Hebrew courses in the Department of Hebrew, Biblical and Jewish Studies.

More information

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Register

Entry is free.

Refreshments from 4pm

When

Thursday 28 March 2019

4.15-5.45pm

(Talk starts 4.25 sharp)

Where

Mandelbaum House

385 Abercrombie Street

Darlington NSW 2008



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within The University of Sydney

