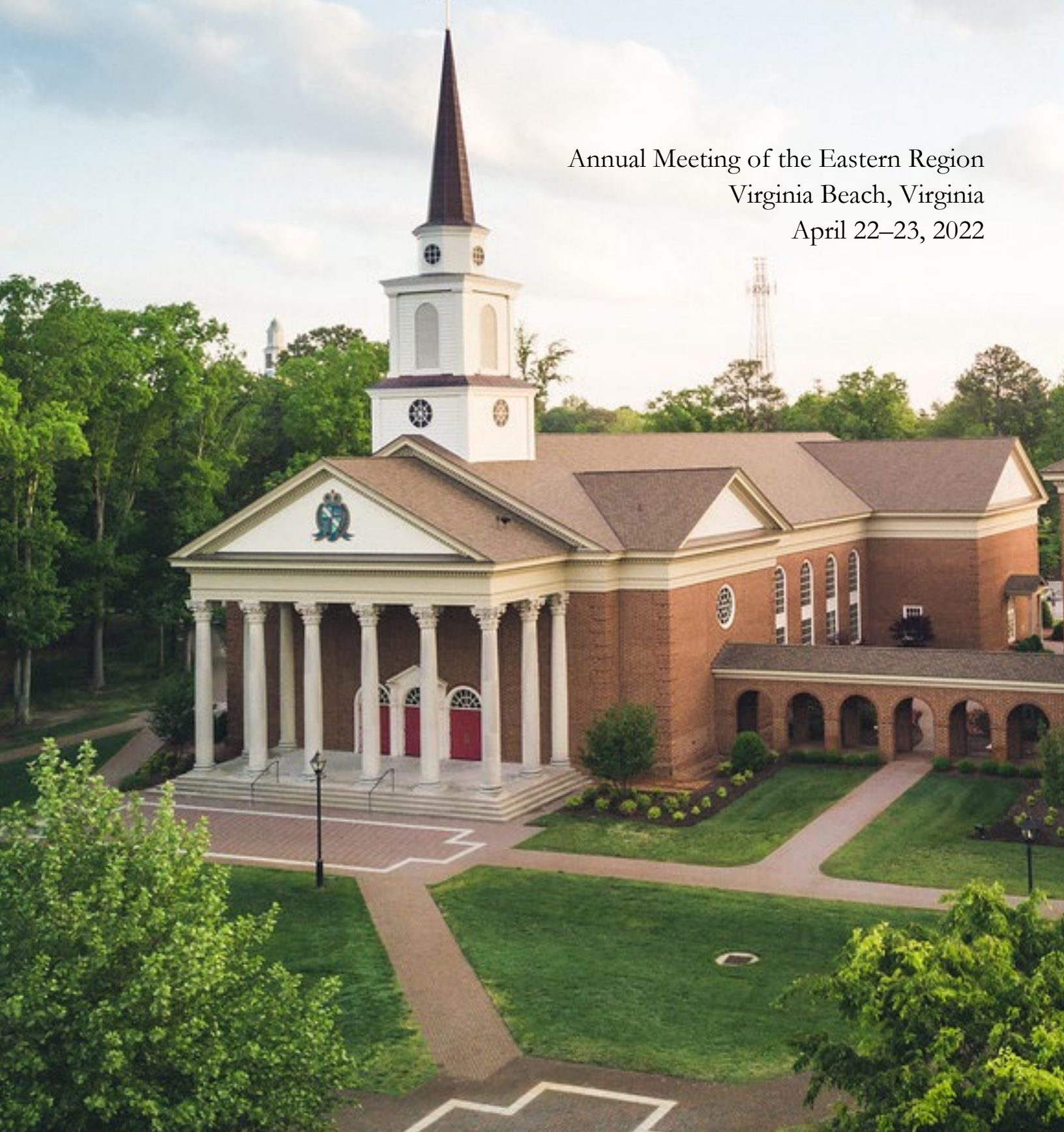


Evangelical Theological Society

Biblical Chronology and Interpretive Worldview

Annual Meeting of the Eastern Region
Virginia Beach, Virginia
April 22–23, 2022



Letter to the Conference Attendees

Welcome to the annual spring meeting of the ETS Eastern region. The theme of this year's conference is Biblical Chronology and Interpretive Worldview. We look forward to hearing the presenters, including the keynote speaker, Dr. Michael Grisanti of The Master's Seminary. Dr. Grisanti will address the relationship between biblical worldview and ancient chronology. We anticipate a reception on Friday evening with hors d'oeuvres and music by the Regent University Chamber Choir.

In January 2022 the long-time treasurer-secretary of the ETS Eastern region, Dr. Gregg Strawbridge, died unexpectedly at age 57. The ETS officers wish to express our deepest condolences to the family. We appreciate Dr. Strawbridge's service to the society, which included providing audio recordings of the presentations through his company, WordMp3.

I would especially like to thank Regent University for hosting this year's meeting. It has been a pleasure working with the leaders at their School of Divinity in the planning of the conference.

In Christ,

Mark A. Hassler
President of the ETS Eastern Region
Professor of Old Testament, Virginia Beach Theological Seminary

General Conference Information

Location: the conference will be held at Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia. All the sessions will take place in Robertson Hall, while the reception on Friday evening will be held in the Library Atrium.

Registration: you can register for the conference online (<https://www.wordmp3.com/etse>) or in-person at the registration desk at the start of the conference (12:00–1:00).

Recordings: audio recordings of the plenary sessions will be available.

Student paper competition: the winners of the competition will be announced at the business meeting. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place.

Amenities:

On-campus coffee shop—Cafe Moka (open Friday, April 22, 8:00–8:00; closed Saturday)
On-campus cafeteria—The Ordinary (open Friday, April 22, 11:00–4:00; closed Saturday)
On-campus restaurant—Swan Terrace Grill at The Founders Inn
On-campus hotel—The Founders Inn (757.424.5511; [link](#))
Other hotels—see the list on the Regent University website ([link](#))

Our Plenary Speaker

Michael Grisanti (PhD, Dallas Theological Seminary) is Distinguished Research Professor of Old Testament at The Master's Seminary, Old Testament department chair, and director of TMS Israel studies. His numerous publications include *Deuteronomy* in the *The Expositor's Bible Commentary* (revised edition, Zondervan 2012) and *The World and the Word: An Introduction to the Old Testament* (Broadman & Holman 2011). Grisanti has written articles for *Bibliotheca Sacra*, *The Master's Seminary Journal*, and the *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*.



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Friday, April 22

12:00–1:00	Registration desk, book table, and refreshments
1:00–1:10	Welcome and announcements
1:10–2:10	Plenary Session I
2:20–3:00	Parallel Sessions A
3:10–3:50	Parallel Sessions B
4:00–5:15	Reception with hors d'oeuvres, Regent University Chamber Choir (Library Atrium)

Saturday, April 23

8:30–9:00	Business meeting
9:00–9:15	Book table, refreshments
9:20–10:00	Parallel Sessions C
10:10–10:50	Parallel Sessions D
11:00–12:00	Plenary Session II

Overview of the Plenary Sessions

Plenary Session I: Interpretive Worldview and the Chronology of the Patriarchs

Plenary Session II: Interpretive Worldview and the Date of the Exodus

In preparation for a new volume on the history of ancient Israel (Zondervan), Dr. Michael Grisanti has been researching the topic of biblical chronology, especially the chronology of the patriarchs and the exodus. Grisanti embraces a late third-millennium date for the patriarchs and a fifteenth-century date for the exodus. In his presentations he will seek to irenically and even-handedly approach these issues and the arguments raised by the main evangelical sides, giving less attention to the non-evangelical views. The point of both sessions would not serve primarily as support for Grisanti's views. He will give attention to larger interpretive worldview issues that play a significant role in how scholars reach their own conclusions. Besides providing an update on recent scholarly conversations, Grisanti desires to emphasize that some of the arguments for each side of the conversation do not have the same interpretive value apart from the larger interpretive worldview. This factor should motivate scholars to carefully consider their own interpretive worldview but also to engage their conversation partners on a given view with greater awareness of the broader issues.

Parallel Sessions A

Thomas Keiser (Regent University)

The Law as God's Second Choice: A Close Reading of Exodus 19
Room 103

Timothy Decker (Covenant Baptist Theological Seminary)

Paul's Masterful Construction of Poetry in Rom. 3:10–19 as Proof for Early Christian Comprehension of Biblical Hebrew
Room 105

Cameron Wooten (Church at the Mill School of Ministry)

The Lord's "Servant": How a Biblical-Chronological Examination of Nebuchadnezzar's Life Points to His Salvation
Room 107

Jim Melnick (Capital Seminary and Graduate School)

The Copernican Revolution, New England Puritans, and Early Harvard
Room 112

Paul Palma (Regent University)

Reconstructing the Corinthian Correspondence: Paul's Ephesus Ministry and Response to a Community in Disarray
Room 116

Parallel Sessions B

Corne J. Bekker and Carrie Wood (Regent University)
King of Land and Time: Temporal and Spatial Deixis in Matthew 2
Room 103

Robert Smith (Mid-Atlantic Christian University)
The Panorama of Biblical History: An Approach to Teaching Biblical Chronology through a Sequence of Period Student Presentations
Room 105

Daniel L. McConaughy (California State University–Northridge)
The Syriac and Greek Texts of Luke 1:78 and the Interpretation of Certain Old Testament Messianic Prophecies: Evidence from the Peshitta Old Testament and the LXX
Room 107

Rodrigo Sanchez (Southern Baptist Theological Seminary)
Wirkungsgeschichte in the Economy of Grace: Towards a Virtuous Reception of Scripture in the Letter of James
Room 112

Greg Kame (Regent University)
The Mystery in Biblical Interpretation: Why Do Godly Scholars Understand the Bible Differently?
Room 113

John-Paul Lotz (Regent University)
Ignatius, Polycarp, and the Gospel of John
Room 116

Parallel Sessions C

Henry B. Smith Jr. (Associates for Biblical Research)
Primeval Chronology Revisited: A Closer Look at Genesis 5 and 11
Room 103

Ronnie Campbell (Liberty University)
On Theological Method and the Concept of God
Room 105

Lance Bacon (Regent University)
Paul's Use of the Interpretive Method in Developing a Christian Sexual Ethic
Room 107

Michael Blythe
A Social-Scientific Reading of Zechariah's Status Reversal in Luke 1:5–25
Room 112

Dan Sloan (Liberty University)
Isaiah's Incomparability: Appeal for Yahweh's Superiority
Room 116

Parallel Sessions D

David Wallace (Regent University)
Calvin's Interpretive Approach in light of Paul's Chronological Midrash (Romans 9)
Room 103

Mark A. Hassler (Virginia Beach Theological Seminary)
The Messiah Stands on Water (Daniel 8:16 and 12:6–7)
Room 105

Robert F. Schwarzwalder Jr. (Regent University)
For a Real, Not a Sham Christianity: Francis Grimke, the Gospel, and Justice
Room 107

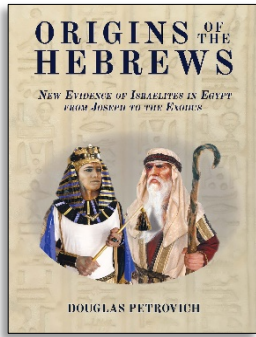
Victor Jacobs (Lancaster Bible College)
Towards a Granular Reading of Yaakov's Letter: Some Initial Proposals
Room 112

Kyle Smith (Grand Canyon University)
The Anthropology of the Imagination in Thomas Aquinas
Room 113

Frans Pienaar (Regent University)
Salt and Light: Reading Matthew 5:13–16 within the Context of the Matthean Community (student paper)
Room 116

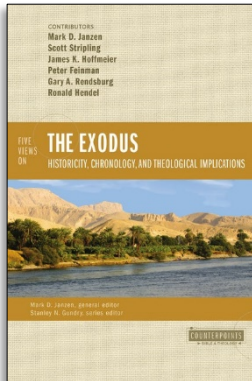
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