

57th International Jewish-Christian Bible Week

3 to 10 August 2025

9 to 16 Av 5785

The Book of Daniel, chapters 7 to 12

"Consider the word and understand the vision."

Dan. 9:23



THE BIBLE WEEK

For more than fifty years Jews and Christians from Germany, England and the Netherlands, from the USA, Israel and other countries, scholars and interested lay people, have come together at the Jewish-Christian Bible Week to study biblical texts against a background of the two traditions. Until 2003 it took place at the Hedwig Dransfeld Haus, Bendorf on Rhine, and since then in Haus Ohrbeck near Osnabrück.

BIBLE WEEK 2025

At the centre of this year's Bible Week is the Book of Daniel, chapters 7 to 12. All who are interested in the Bible and in Jewish-Christian dialogue are warmly invited to participate in this special encounter with texts and people – longstanding participants and new ones alike.



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The study groups in the morning address the issues raised by the texts, so that we can learn together. Jewish and Christian resource persons help with the text study, discussion and exchange of experience. All groups engage with the Hebrew and the Aramaic text, but each has a different emphasis.

Ia In-depth study of the Hebrew text

The groups work in a very concentrated way with the Hebrew text. They are for people who possess a good level of Hebrew.

Ib In-depth study of the Hebrew text – canonical approach

The groups work in a very concentrated way with the Hebrew text and explore its meaning with special reference to the composition and dramatic development of the book. These groups are for people who possess a good level of Hebrew.

II Jewish-Christian Bible study

The groups study the biblical text from the perspectives of Jewish and Christian traditions. Various translations are used alongside the Hebrew text. Hebrew language skills are not required.

III The biblical text and the contemporary world

The groups study the biblical text with special reference to today's world. Various translations are used alongside the Hebrew text. Hebrew language skills are not required.

IV Bible text: interpretation and artistic response

The group studies the biblical text from Jewish and Christian perspectives. Various translations are used alongside the Hebrew text. Participants interpret the text using a variety of materials, guided by an art facilitator. All levels of experience welcome!

This group will be held if there is a sufficient number of participants.

KEYNOTE LECTURES

Two lectures offer respectively a Jewish or Christian perspective, while the third may provide insight from literature, art, psychology etc. They will be given in English or German, with a written translation in the other language made available at the time.

ADDITIONAL FEATURES

- 'Speakers' Corner' – sessions offered by participants on topics broadly related to the Bible or Jewish-Christian dialogue
- 'The Fringe' – creative activities offered 'on the fringe'
- Art stream: a chance for sustained art activity throughout the week
- concert
- afternoon excursion
- mutual invitation to attend all services
- personal encounters and free time

LANGUAGES

German and English. Translation is available throughout the conference.

FAMILIES

Families are welcome, and a children's programme is available (minimum age 3 years).

MEALS

All meals are vegetarian, although fish may be served. Please make special dietary requirements known to us on the application form.

SUPPORT

The Bible Week is grateful for the continued support of:

- German Federal Ministry of the Interior
- Diocese of Osnabrück
- Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover



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CONFERENCE FEE

Participation with accomodation

accommodation, meals, programme £ 565 / € 650

Students up to 28 years £ 280 / € 325

Supplement for single room
with private bathroom £ 95 / € 105

Children £ 125 / € 150

Participation without accomodation

meals and programme £ 420 / € 490

Students up to 28 years £ 210 / € 245

Nobody should be unable to participate for financial reasons. Please do not hesitate to contact us in such a case. We welcome donations to enable others to attend.

Cancellation fee

after 6 July 2025: 40 %

after 20 July 2025: 75 %

DATE

Sunday, 3 August 2025, 18:00 to

Sunday, 10 August 2025, 13:00

APPLICATIONS, PARTICIPATION, WAITING-LIST

Interest in the Bible Week is so great that we cannot offer places to all applicants. The Bible Week thrives on the diversity of its participants and therefore we strive to achieve a corresponding range of participants. We recommend that applications should be submitted by the end of April. Confirmations of acceptance and offers of places on the waiting-list are sent out at the beginning of June. If you need to make travel arrangements earlier, please contact us.

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