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DISADVANTAGED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021, 6:30–9:30 P.M.  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021, 9:00 A.M.–NOON

JSB AUDITORIUM, 206 MARB, 207 MARB, AND 221 MARB  
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Friday, October 22, 2021				
Time	JSB Auditorium			
6:30 P.M.	<b>Keynote Address</b> (prerecorded): <i>"A Kingdom of Priests, and an Holy Nation": The Work of Covenant Women and Men in Building Zion</i> — <b>Sharon Eubank</b> , First Counselor, Relief Society General Presidency			
Time	JSB Auditorium	206 MARB	207 MARB	221 MARB
7:30 P.M.	<i>The Poor and the Needy in the Book of Isaiah</i> <b>Dana M. Pike</b> Professor Emeritus, Ancient Scripture BYU	<i>Models of Motherhood: Expansive Mothering in the Old Testament</i> <b>Avram R. Shannon</b> Ancient Scripture, BYU <b>Thora Florence Shannon</b> Independent Scholar	<i>Helping Those in Need: How the Old Testament has Encouraged the Welfare Program and Humanitarian Aid</i> <b>Jared W. Ludlow</b> Ancient Scripture BYU	<i>Justice and Righteousness: Jeremiah against King and People</i> <b>David A. LeFevre</b> Independent Scholar
8:30 P.M.	<i>Sidney B. Sperry: Seeking to Know the Word</i> <b>V. Wallace McCarlie Jr.</b> Associate Professor, ECU <b>Andrew C. Skinner</b> Professor Emeritus, Ancient Scripture, BYU	<i>Recognizing Responsibility and Standing with Victims: Studying Women of the Old Testament</i> <b>Amy Easton-Flake</b> Ancient Scripture BYU	<i>"The Lord Hath Founded Zion, and the Poor of His People Shall Trust in It": Covenant Economics, Atonement, and the Meaning of Zion</i> <b>Matthew L. Bowen</b> Religious Education BYU–Hawaii	<i>Covenants, Kinship, and Caring for the Destitute in the Book of Amos</i> <b>Joshua M. Matson</b> Seminaries & Institutes
Saturday, October 23, 2021				
Time	JSB Auditorium	206 MARB	207 MARB	221 MARB
9:00 A.M.	<i>"Open Thou Mine Eyes": Blindness and the Blind in the Old Testament</i> <b>Richard O. Cowan</b> Professor Emeritus, Church History & Doctrine BYU	<i>"Go Ye and Learn What That Meaneth": Mercy and Law in the Old Testament's Prophetic Literature and in the Gospels</i> <b>Daniel O. McClellan</b> Sacred Materials Translation The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	<i>"Behold These Thy Brethren!": Deeply Seeing All of Our Brothers and Sisters</i> <b>Joshua M. Sears</b> Ancient Scripture BYU	<i>Disability and Social Justice in Ancient Israelite Culture</i> <b>David M. Calabro</b> Hill Museum and Manuscript Library Saint John's University
10:00 A.M.	<i>The Cry of the Widow, the Fatherless, and the Stranger: The Covenant Obligation to Help the Poor and Oppressed</i> <b>David Rolph Seely</b> Ancient Scripture, BYU <b>Jo Ann H. Seely</b> Adjunct, Ancient Scripture, BYU	<i>Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz: Borders, Relationships, Law, and Heseḏ</i> <b>Gaye Strathearn</b> Ancient Scripture, BYU <b>Angela Cothran</b> First-Year Law Student, BYU	<i>Remembering Redemption, Avoiding Idolatry: A Covenant Perspective on Caring for the Poor</i> <b>Jennifer C. Lane</b> Maxwell Institute BYU	<i>The Experience of Israelite Refugees: Lessons Gleaned from the Archaeology of Eighth-Century-BC Judah</i> <b>George A. Pierce</b> Ancient Scripture BYU
11:00 A.M.	<i>Their Story Is Our Story Because We Were Strangers: The Relevance of Exodus 22:21 and Leviticus 19:33–34 in Refugee Awareness Work</i> <b>Elizabeta Jevtic-Somlai</b> <b>Robin Peterson</b> Their Story is Our Story	<i>The Wrestles of the Mothers of the House of Israel: Ancient and Modern Parallels</i> <b>Casey Paul Griffiths</b> Church History & Doctrine BYU	<i>Empathy Elected or Compassion Compelled</i> <b>Jared M. Halverson</b> Seminaries & Institutes	<i>The Gēr in the Pentateuch and the Book of Mormon: Refugee Treatment under the Mosaic Law</i> <b>Krystal V. L. Pierce</b> Ancient Scripture BYU