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The David Patterson Lectures
Week 7

Professor Oded Lipschits
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'New Light on Jerusalem and its Surroundings during the Reign of King Manasseh'

Oded Lipschits is Professor of Jewish History in the Department of Archaeology and Ancient Near Eastern Cultures at Tel Aviv University and serves as the Director of the Sonia and Marco Nadler Institute of Archaeology at the university. He is also the incumbent of the Austria Chair of the Archeology of the Land of Israel in the Biblical Period and the head of the international M.A. and Ph.D. program in Ancient Israel Studies. Professor Lipschits directed the excavations at Ramat Raḥel between 2005 and 2010). Since 2012 he has been the Director of the Lautenschläger Azekah Expedition, and in recent years he has also been directing excavations in the new temple of the biblical period discovered in Moza, only a few kilometers from Jerusalem. Prof. Lipschits is the 2022 Laureate of the EMET Prize ('the Israeli Nobel Prize') in the field of Archaeology.

Abstract: New discoveries and new finds from excavations in and around Jerusalem shed new light on the reign of King Manasseh, who ruled for the longest period of time of all the kings of Judah. In this lecture I will argue that during the reign of Manasseh an unprecedented prosperity occurred in the area around Jerusalem, as well as in the city itself, and will try to explain the reasons for this prosperity. In light of this I will ask why, then, none of this is described in the Book of Kings, where King Manasseh is defined as the greatest sinner of all the kings of Judah, and as the one who caused the destruction of Jerusalem.

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Thursday, 2 March 2023
6-7pm (UK time)

This lecture will be a hybrid session which will be accessible both online (see below) and in person in the Catherine Lewis Lecture Room (refreshments to follow)

No need to register if attending in person.

In order to participate in this lecture online, please register at this link:
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