



Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Moritz F. Adam, born 14 February 1997 in Oldenburg (Oldb.), Germany

Postdoc and Lecturer in Hebrew Bible and Ancient Judaism
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Education

- 2024 – 2028: University of Zurich: *Habilitation Project* in Hebrew Bible and Ancient Judaism as part of the SNSF project “Towards an Integrated Methodology of Dating Biblical Texts” (09/2024 – 08/2028)
- 2024: Promotion in the Fall Semester to Doctor of Theology, *summa cum laude*
- 2020 – 2024: University of Zurich: PhD at the Chair for Hebrew Bible and Ancient Judaism. Topic of Dissertation: “On Time and Tradition. Temporal Thinking in Ecclesiastes in the Context of Emerging Apocalypticism and the History of Ideas in the Hellenistic Period”
– awarded the university-wide research prize for early career scholars (FAN Award) 2025
- 2018 – 2020: University of Oxford, Keble College: M.Phil. Theology, *with Distinction*
- 2015 – 2018: University of Oxford, Mansfield College: M.A. Theology and Religion, *First Class*
- 2007 – 2015: Herbartgymnasium Oldenburg: Abitur
- 2021 – 2023: Certificate of Advanced Study in Higher Education Didactics, with a focus on “research-based learning”, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Zurich

Employment

- Fall 2025: Ernest S. Frerichs Professor, W.F. Albright Institute for Archaeological Research, Jerusalem, Israel
- Spring 2025: Lectureship, Chair for Hebrew Bible and Oriental Studies (vacancy replacement following the retirement of Prof. Th. Krüger), University of Zurich
- 2024 – 2028: Postdoctoral Researcher as Part of the SNSF Project “Towards an Integrated Methodology of Dating Biblical Texts”
- 2024: Research Project “A Global History of the Bible and Its Reception”, University of Zurich, Global Strategy and Partnerships Funding Scheme (06-08/2024)
- 2022 – 2023: *Assistant* at the Chair for Hebrew Bible, University of Basel
- 2022: Visiting Research Fellow, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (06-09/2022)
- 2020 – 2024: *Assistant* at the Chair for Hebrew Bible and Ancient Judaism, University of Zurich
- 2019 – 2020: *Assistant Editor*, Book List of the Society for Old Testament Study, Oxford, UK

Teaching

- Spring 2022: “Advanced Hebrew Reading Seminar: The Book of Ecclesiastes”, Faculty of Theology, University of Zurich
- Autumn 2022: “Hebrew Bible / Old Testament Research Seminar“, Faculty of Theology, University of Zurich

- “Introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls”, Faculty of Theology, University of Zurich
 “Introduction to the Hebrew Bible”, Faculty of Theology, University of Basel
- Spring 2023: “Apocalyptic Thinking in Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity“, Faculty of Theology, University of Zurich
- Summer 2023: Supervision of an Excursion to Jerusalem and the Dead Sea, Faculty of Theology, University of Zurich
- Autumn 2023: “The Wisdom Literature of the Hebrew Bible”, Faculty of Theology, University of Zurich
- Spring 2024: “The History of Literature and Religion of Second Temple Judaism“, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Zurich
- Autumn 2024: “The Bible and Literature – the Bible as Literature”, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Zurich
- Spring 2025: “The History of Ancient Israel” (Lectures), Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Zurich
 “The History of Armenia from the Kingdom of Urartu until the 20th Century”, with an excursion in the summer, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Zurich
- Summer 2025: Main Organizer of the International Summer School “500 Years of Theology in Zurich – 500th Anniversary of the Prophecy”, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Zurich
- Autumn 2025: Various Classes and Lectures as Part of the Ernest S. Frerichs Professorship, W.F. Albright Institute, Jerusalem
- forthcoming:
- Spring 2026: “The History of Ancient Israel” (Lectures), Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Zurich
 “The History of Apocalyptic Thought and Literature in Ancient Judaism, Early Christianity, and beyond”, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Zurich
 “The History and Archaeology of Israel in Antiquity” (block seminar, May 2026), German Theological Study Program, Jerusalem, Israel
- Autumn 2026: “Prophets and Prophecy in the Hebrew Bible” (Lectures), Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Zurich

Offices in University Administration

- 2024 – : Elected Member of the Ethics Commission of the University of Zurich
- 2022 – : Elected Member of the Senate of the University of Zurich
- 2022 – : Elected Member of the Departmental Assembly, Department of Theology, University of Zurich
- 2022 – 2023: Elected Member of the Faculty Assembly, Faculty of Theology, University of Basel

Publications

Monographs:

- Adam, Moritz F., *Time and Tradition. Temporal Thinking in Ecclesiastes in the Context of Emerging Apocalypticism and the History of Ideas in the Hellenistic Period* (Forschungen zum Alten Testament, 1st series (FAT 191), Mohr Siebeck, Tübingen 2025)
- Adam, Moritz F., *Geschichte Israels* (Theologischer Verlag, Zürich, *Manuscript accepted for publication, forthcoming Spring 2026*)

Edited Volumes:

- Adam, Moritz F., Daniel Maier und Jörg Frey (Hrsg.), *(Anti-)Apocalypticism throughout Antiquity* (Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament, 1st series, Mohr Siebeck, Tübingen, *forthcoming Spring 2026*)

Other ongoing editorial projects: Volume “Apocalyptic Time” (FAT I, Mohr Siebeck, Tübingen, *expected Spring 2027*); Volume “Genesis and Exodus” based on the conference on the occasion of the 60th birthday of Konrad Schmid (BZAW, De Gruyter, Berlin/Boston, *expected Spring 2027*); Special Issue of the journal *Zwingliana* with contributions from the Summer School on the 500th anniversary of the *Propheze*y in Zurich (with Prof. Dr. Tobias Jammerthal, *expected Fall 2026*). All volumes are already registered with the aforementioned publishers.

Articles:

- “Participation, Tradition, and Transformation. On the Ethics and Hermeneutics of Engaging in Jewish Wisdom Thinking and Practice”, in Hogeterp, Albert et al. (Hrsg.), *Spiritual Transformation in the New Testament and Related Texts* (Mohr Siebeck, Tübingen 2024), 25-40.
- “‘All Is Transient’: Qoheleth’s Polemic against Contemporary Notions of Paideia”, in: Gelardini, Gabriella (Hrsg.), in *Virtus et Humanitas. Virtues and Values in Greco-Roman, Jewish and Christian Paideia at the Turn of the Common Era* (Religions in the Graeco-Roman World, Brill, Leiden, 2025), 359-377. forthcoming (all accepted for publication after peer review):
- “Über Offenheit, Kollaboration und die Ausformulierung des Vorläufigen. Oder: Eine Apologie für das ‚Oxford Essay‘”, in *Forum Exegese und Hochschuldidaktik: Verstehen von Anfang an*, in print.
- “Apocalyptic Discourses in Hellenistic Judaism”, in Adam, Moritz F., Daniel Maier und Jörg Frey (eds.), *(Anti-)Apocalypticism throughout Antiquity* (WUNT I, Mohr Siebeck, Tübingen, *forthcoming*).
- “Metalepsis and the Retrospective Construction of a Genre: Taxonomies of Ancient Jewish and Early Christian Apocalypticism in Light of the Book of Revelation and Its Reception History”, in Doering, Lutz et al. (eds.), *The Apocalypse of John in the Context of Ancient Judaism* (Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, Göttingen, *forthcoming*).
- “Time and Space in the Book of Ecclesiastes”, in: Alexandra Grund-Wittenberg et al. (Hrsg.), *Chronoi – Topoi. Time Politics and the Interrelation of Time and Space in Second Temple Judaism* (De Gruyter, Berlin/Boston, *invited article, forthcoming*).
- “‘Sieh, der Mensch ist geworden wie unsereiner, dass er Gut und Böse erkennt.’ (Gen 3,22). Erkenntnismotive im Gen 2-3 und ihr Verhältnis zur biblischen Weisheit”, in: Moritz F. Adam et al. (Hrsg.), *Genesis und Exodus. Beiträge des Symposiums zum 60. Geburtstag von Konrad Schmid* (BZAW, De Gruyter, Berlin/Boston, *forthcoming*)

Lexicon Articles:

- “Paradise in Second Temple and Hellenistic Judaism”, in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, vol. 22 (De Gruyter, Berlin 2024).
 - “Peace and Peacemaking in Second Temple and Hellenistic Judaism”, in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, vol. 22 (De Gruyter, Berlin 2024).
- forthcoming (accepted for publication after peer review):
- “The Book of Proverbs in the New Testament”, in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, vol. 25 (De Gruyter, Berlin, *forthcoming*).

Reviews:

- Dell, K.; Kynes, W. (Hrsg.): Reading Proverbs Intertextually (T&T Clark, London 2019), in: *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 43.5 (SAGE Publishing, 2019).
- Cargill, R.: Melchizedek, King of Sodom. How Scribes Invented the Biblical Priest-King (Oxford University Press, New York 2019), in *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 44.5 (SAGE Publishing, 2020).
- Doedens, J.: The Sons of God in Genesis 6:1-4. Analysis and History of Exegesis (Brill, Leiden 2019), in *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 44.5 (SAGE Publishing, 2020).

- Michel, A.; Rüttgers, N.K. (eds.): Jeremia, Deuteronomismus und Priesterschrift. Beiträge zur Literatur- und Theologiegeschichte des Alten Testaments (EOS, Sankt Ottilien 2019), in *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 44.5 (SAGE Publishing, 2020).
- Takeuchi, K.: Death and Divine Judgment in Ecclesiastes (Eisenbrauns, University Park, PA 2019), in *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 44.5 (SAGE Publishing, 2020).
- Bundvad, M. et al.: Vision, Narrative, and Wisdom in the Aramaic Texts from Qumran. Essays from the Copenhagen Symposium 14-15 August 2017 (Brill, Leiden 2020), in *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 45.5 (SAGE Publishing, 2021).
- Drawnel, H.: The Aramaic Books of Enoch. 4Q201, 4Q202, 4Q204, 4Q205, 4Q206, 4Q207, 4Q212 (Oxford University Press, Oxford 2019), in *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 45.5 (SAGE Publishing, 2021).
- Sigvartsen, J.A.: Afterlife and Resurrection Beliefs in the Apocrypha and Apocalyptic Literature (T&T Clark, London 2019), in *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 45,5 (SAGE Publishing, 2021).
- Sigvartsen, J.A.: Afterlife and Resurrection Beliefs in the Pseudepigrapha, (T&T Clark, London 2019), in *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 45,5 (SAGE Publishing, 2021).
- Collins, John J. / Geysler-Fouché, Ananda: Emerging Sectarianism in the Dead Sea Scrolls: Continuity, Separation, and Conflict (STDJ 141, Brill, Leiden 2022), in *Dead Sea Discoveries* 32 (2025).
- Achenbach, R.: Die Komposition der Tora im Buch Exodus (FAT 180, Tübingen, Mohr Siebeck 2024), in *Theologische Literaturzeitung*, forthcoming.

Invited Lectures:

- “Reflections upon History in Ecclesiastes and its Context in the Hellenistic Period”, Society for Old Testament Studies, Sheffield, UK 2023
- “Erfahrung, Offenbarung, und Zeitkonzeptionen im antiken Judentum. Über das Verhältnis zwischen weisheitlichem Denken in der Hebräischen Bibel und in den Schriftrollen vom Toten Meer”, Swiss Society of Old Testament Studies, Chur, Switzerland 2023
- “On the Misconstruction of a Genre. Problematising Friedrich Lücke, the History of the Study of Apocalypticism, and Scholarly Assumptions on the Relationship between Second Temple Judaism and Early Christianity”, European Association of Biblical Studies, Syracuse, Italy 2023
- “The Origins of Statehood in Israel and the Eastern Mediterranean”, Department of History, University of Zurich, Switzerland 2025
- “Mythos and History between Herodotus, Thucydides, and the Hebrew Bible”, University of Copenhagen, Denmark 2025
- “Flights of the Mind: Dreams, Visions, Journeys, and Authority Construction between Classical and Jewish Literature”, W.F. Albright Institute for Archaeological Research, Jerusalem, Israel 2025
- “Historische und soziale Pluralität in Israel: Qumran und die Schriftrollen vom Toten Meer”, German Theological Study Program, Jerusalem, Israel 2025

forthcoming:

- “Crises, Myths, Knowledge, and Authority – Apocalyptic Hermeneutics between Jewish and Greek Literature”, Conference “Apocalypticism and Rhetorics of Crisis”, Zürich, Switzerland 2026
- “Traversal between Heaven and Earth, Intellectual Journeys between Judaism and Hellenistic Egypt: Place and Space in Ezekiel the Tragedian”, University of Tübingen, Germany 2026
- “Autorschaft und Autoritätskonstruktionen in jüdischer und griechischer Literatur der hellenistischen Zeit”, University of Oldenburg, Germany 2026

Conference Papers:

- “‘All is transience, says Qoheleth’ (Eccl 1:2): Reading the Book of Ecclesiastes as Beyond Absolute Moral Categories”, British Association for Jewish Studies, Oxford, UK 2019

- “‘The tree was to be desired to give insight’ (Gen 3:6): Perspectives on Ideas of Knowledge in the Paradise Narrative and the Influence of Wisdom Thought on them”, Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA 2019
- “Perspectives on God in the Book of Job”, Oxford-Groningen-Leuven Network for Research on the Dead Sea Scrolls, Oxford, UK 2020 (*accepted paper*, conference cancelled(Covid-19))
- “Theology between Determinism and Human Ignorance in the Book of Ecclesiastes”, European Association for Biblical Studies, Wuppertal, Germany / online 2021
- “On Dreams and Angels: A Discussion of References to Motifs of Jewish Apocalypticism in the Book of Qoheleth”, Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, TX 2021
- “Old Testament Theology as a Jewish, Christian, or Critical Exercise: Perspectives in History and Method”, Tagung ‘Old Testament Theology. Current Concepts, Issues, and Methods’, Protestant Faculty of Theology, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic 2022
- “‘All Is Transient’: Qoheleth’s Polemic against Contemporary Notions of Paideia”, 13th Enoch Seminar Nangeroni Meeting, Bodø, Norway 2022
- “Jüdische Apokalyptik in Qumran? Überlegungen zu prototype theory und dem Problem der Konstruktion von Genres”, Colloquium Biblicum Lovaniense, Leuven, Belgium 2022
- “Hermeneutics and Internal Dialogue: Qoheleth, Bakhtin, and the Rhetoric of Critical Wisdom“, 24th Congress of the International Organization for the Study of the Old Testament, Zurich, Switzerland 2022
- “Rhetoric and Discourse in Qoheleth and 4QInstruction”, 18th World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Israel 2022
- “‘... and there is nothing new under the sun’ (Eccl 1:9): Time as a Global Category in the Book of Ecclesiastes”, Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, CO 2022
- “‘Old Testament Theology’, Considered Retrospectively in Light of Post-biblical Evidence”, Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, CO 2022
- “The Word of God amongst the Poetic Speeches of the Book of Job. On Job 38-42 and Theological Hermeneutics”, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic 2023
- “Apocalyptic Discourses in Hellenistic Judaism”, Conference “(Anti-)Apocalypticism throughout Antiquity”, Monte Verità, Ascona, Switzerland 2023
- “‘Who is like the wise man? And who knows the interpretation of a thing?’ The Dead Sea Scrolls as a Hermeneutical Prism for the Study of the Book of Ecclesiastes”, Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, TX 2023
- “(Anti-)Apocalypticism throughout Antiquity as an Interpretative Key for Modern End Time Narratives and the Reception History of Apocalyptic Thinking”, Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, TX 2023
- “(Anti-)Apocalypticism beyond Antiquity, and its Origins in the Reception of the Book of Revelation”, Conference “Probleme der Johannesapokalypse und Aspekte ihrer Rezeption”, Zurich, Switzerland 2024
- “Literature, Ethics, and Normativity in Reading Biblical Texts. Deconstructing Gender in Ancient Judaism”, Conference “Ethics in the Old Testament”, Tutzing, Germany 2024
- “Israel in the Dead Sea Scrolls”, Zurich-St Andrews Conference “Who is Israel in Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity?”, St Andrews, Scotland 2024
- “Hermeneutics, Rhetoric, and the Agency of the Intended Reader: Spiritual Transformation in Proverbs, Job, and the Song of Songs”, IIA “The Bible and Its World”, World Union of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Israel 2024
- “Paraphrase as Interpretation: Gregory Thaumaturgos and the Early Reception History of Ecclesiastes as a Case Study”, Conference “Exegesis and Reception”, Tartu, Estonia 2024
- “Time, History, and Rhetoric. Innovations to Temporal Thinking in the Hellenistic Period and Their Impact on Apocalyptic Thinking in Antiquity and Beyond”, Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA 2024
- “‘For what is hidden is not your concern’ (Sir 3:22): (Anti-)Apocalypticism between Ecclesiastes and Ben Sira”, Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA 2024

- “Mythos and Minimalism: Human and Divine Deeds and their Literary Representation between Greek Historiography and Biblical History”, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic 2025
- “Zum Verhältnis von Kirchengeschichte und Exegese zwischen der Schweiz, England und Schottland”, Conference “500 Jahre Theologie in Zürich – 500 Jahre Prophezei”, Zurich, Switzerland 2025
- “‘I, Qoheleth, was King over Israel in Jerusalem’: Ambiguity, Authorial Fiction, and the Blurring of Historical Referentiality in the Book of Ecclesiastes”, Society of Biblical Literature, International Meeting, Uppsala, Sweden 2025
- “‘What Kind of Place Have We Found’ (Ezekiel the Tragedian, Exagoge, ll. 243f.): Place and Space in Hellenistic Jewish Literature”, 19th World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Israel 2025
- “‘Sieh, der Mensch ist geworden wie unsereiner, dass er Gut und Böse erkennt.’ (Gen 3,22). Erkenntnismotive im Gen 2-3 und ihr Verhältnis zur biblischen Weisheit”, Symposium “Genesis und Exodus” on the Occasion of the 60th Birthday of Konrad Schmid, Zurich, Switzerland 2025
- “Time, History, and Literature: The Emergence of Apocalyptic Thinking as a Cause for and Result of New Temporalities in Hellenistic Judaism”, Konferenz “Apocalyptic Time”, Boston, MA 2025

forthcoming:

- “History and *Lieux de Memoire* in Second Temple Judaism between the Wisdom Tradition and Emerging Apocalypticism”, Global Network for Theology and Religion, Curitiba, Brazil 2026
- “The Reception History of Jewish Apocalypticism in Christian Thought and Literature in the 1st and 2nd Centuries CE”, Zurich-St Andrews Conference “Apocalypticism”, St Andrews, Scotland 2026
- “Total Histories and Realms of Memory – On New Temporalities in the Hellenistic Period and the Entanglement of Ancient Jewish Apocalypticism”, International Society for the Study of Time, Cagliari, Italy, 2026

Lectures in the Field of Public Scholarship

- Lecture “Religion and Politics in Germany and the United Kingdom”, Seminar for Scholarship Recipients of the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation, Oxford, UK 2021
- Lecture “Zeitvorstellungen im antiken Judentum”, Open Day, Zurich Center for the Study of Antiquity, Zurich, Switzerland 2022
- Lecture “Die Bibel und Literatur”, Casino-Gesellschaft von 1785, Oldenburg, Germany 2025
- Lecture “Die Schriftfunde vom Toten Meer und ihr Beitrag zum Verständnis des Antiken Judentums”, Propstei, German Protestant Congregation in Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel 2025
- Lecture “The History of the Albright Institute and the Archaeological Exploration of the Holy Land Since the 19th Century”, Jerusalem, Israel 2025

forthcoming:

- Lecture “Zwischen Athen und Jerusalem – Israel und der östliche Mittelmeerraum als Schauplatz von Kulturbegegnungen in der Antike”, Oldenburg, Germany 2026

Grants, Prizes, and Further Academic Activities

- 2026: Organization of an International Conference on the Topic of “Culture in Translation – History, Literature, and the Transcultural Movement of Ideas”, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2026: Essay Prize, Society for Old Testament Study, UK
- 2026 –: Member of the Editorial Board of the Series “Contributions to Biblical Exegesis and Theology”, Peeters Publishers, Leuven
- 2025 –: Regular Teaching for the German Theological Study Program, Jerusalem, Israel
- 2025 –: Reviewer for the Journal *Communio Viatorum*
- 2025: Organization of an International Conference on the Topic of “Apocalyptic Time”, Swissnex, Boston, MA
- 2025: Organization of a Symposium on the Occasion of the 60th Birthday of Konrad Schmid, entitled “Genesis and Exodus”, Zurich, Switzerland

- 2025: Member of the Steering Committee “Apocalypse Now: Apocalypticism and Its Reception throughout History” Section, Society of Biblical Literature
- 2025: Program Unit Chair “Apocalyptic Thinking in Antiquity”, IOSOT Congress, Berlin
- 2025: Organization of an International Summer School “500 Years of Theology in Zurich – 500th Anniversary Prophezey”, University of Zurich
- 2025: Research Prize for Early Career Scholars, University of Zurich (FAN Award)
- 2021 – 2023: Organization of an International Conference on the Topic of“(Anti-)Apocalypticism throughout Antiquity”, as part of the Congressi Stefano Franscini events series, Monte Verità, Switzerland
- 2022 – : External Examiner, German Academic Scholarship Foundation
- 2022: Grant from the Israel Council for Higher Education for a Visiting Research Fellowship at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (06-09/2022)
- 2021 – 2023: Doctoral Scholarship, German Academic Scholarship Foundation
- 2021: Chair, European Association of Biblical Studies Graduate Symposium
- 2021 – 2023.2025: Grant for the Peer-Mentoring Group “The Bible and Antiquity”, Graduate Campus, University of Zurich
- 2020: Research Grant, University of Zurich
- 2018: College Prize for the Final Honour School in Theology and Religion, Mansfield College, University of Oxford
- 2015 – 2020: Academic Scholarship, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Germany

Membership in Academic Societies

- 2025 – : Wissenschaftliche Gesellschaft für Theologie
- 2022 – : World Union of Jewish Studies
- 2022 – : Schweizerische Gesellschaft für orientalische Altertumswissenschaft
- 2020 – : European Association of Biblical Studies
- 2019 – : Society for Old Testament Study, United Kingdom
- 2018 – : Society of Biblical Literature

Languages

English, German, Latin, Biblical Hebrew, Ancient Greek, Biblical Aramaic, basic competencies in Classical Ethiopic (Gə‘əz)

Key Research Areas

- Wisdom Literature, especially the Book of Ecclesiastes, and Wisdom in the Dead Sea Scrolls
- Jewish Apocalypticism in the Hebrew Bible, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and Early Christianity
- History of Ancient Israel from the Late Bronze Age to the Bar Kokhba-Revolt, with particular Attention to Entanglements with the Ancient Near East and Greece
- The History of Ideas in the Hellenistic Period
- Questions of Genre in Ancient Literature
- Literary-theoretical Approaches to Ancient Jewish Literature
- The History of Religion of Judaism and Christianity