

The Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel invites you to the
Third Lecture in the 2018-2019 research lecture series
“Time's Up: Eschatology Then and Now.”

Reason vs. Revelation: Darwinism and the 'Days of Noah'

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Thursday, 13 December 2018 at 8:00 P.M.

**At the STUDIUM THEOLOGICUM SALESIANUM,
Rh Shmuel Hanagid 26**

David R. Parsons is an author, attorney, journalist, ordained minister and Middle East specialist who has served for the past 21 years with the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem, currently as Vice President & Senior Spokesman. His new book *Floodgates* (2018) presents a contemporary eschatology based on an intensive reading of the Bible, intertestamental writings and rabbinic literature, but also paying attention to modern science.

He points out that Jesus and New Testament authors warn of a coming time which will be like the days of Noah, when people were obviously engaging in violence and sexual impropriety until the flood came and washed them all away. Since about 1900, he suggests, the world has been going in such a direction. But if the looming disaster is “like” the days of Noah, it need not be an exact repetition of a flood of water. Rather, contemporary warnings about the dangerous consequences of “global warming” echo biblical warnings of a consuming fire: Sodom and Gomorrah on a large scale. As the author looks into the modern conflict of reason versus revelation, his approach evokes Thomas Aquinas’ assertion (*Harmony of Reason and Revelation*) that the natural man, though full of reason, stands in bleak contrast to the sea of divine knowledge that the faithful spirit-man holds the key to unlock.

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Please join us for light refreshments from 7:30 P.M.

The next lectures in the series will be 24/01/2019; 28/02; 28/03; 02/05; Retreat: 31/05.