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Second Temple Jewish history and literature, Enoch Literature, Apocalyptic Literature, Infancy Gospel Thomas, Gospels



EDUCATION

2015 - 2020	PhD postgraduate programme in Biblical Studies at Charles University, Protestant Theological Faculty, Department of New Testament (dissertation thesis: A Vision of the Wisdom of the Prophet Enoch: On the Function of the Parables of Enoch, supervisor: Prof. Dr. Petr Pokorný)
2013 - 2015	M.A. in Protestant theology at Charles University, Protestant Theological Faculty

GRANTS

2026	co-investigator of the project <i>Apocalyptic Readings and Crises: Rethinking Today's Challenges Through Ancient</i>
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	Texts (ARC) (together with: Prof. Dr. Luc Bulundwe, Université de Genève, Prof. Dr. Daniel C. Maier, Københavns Universitet); funded by SEED4EU+
2025 - now	principal investigator of the project <i>Exploring Textual Fluidity in Parabiblical Literature</i> (together with: Prof. Dr. Tobias Nicklas, Universität Regensburg); Weave (LA) Research Project, DFG-GAČR 25-16690L.
2020 - 2024	participation in the project <i>Theological Anthropology in Ecumenical Perspective</i> (principal investigator: prof. Ivana Noble); Charles University Research Centre program No. 204052
2020 - 2022	participation in the project <i>Textuality in the Second Temple Judaism: Composition, Function, and Transmission of Texts</i> (principal investigator: dr. Jan Rückl), PRIMUS/20/HUM/10
2019 - 2021	participation in the project <i>The Transmission and Transformation of Ideas in Hellenism, Early Judaism, and Early Christianity</i> ; funded by the Czech Science Foundation (principal investigator: doc. Jiří Hoblík), GAČR 19-02741S
2017	participation in the project <i>Donatio Universitatis Carolinae – Biblical Roots of Christian Culture</i> ; (principal investigator: Prof. Petr Pokorný), Donatio 280101
2016 - 2018	principal investigator of the project <i>Social Reality of the Parables of Enoch</i> granted from the Grant Agency of Charles University, project no. 728516

MEMBERSHIPS IN ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS

- Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas (since 2024)
- The Eastern European Liaison Committee of the Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas (elected as member of the committee, 2025–2030)
- Society of Biblical Literature (since 2016)
- European Association of Biblical Studies (since 2017) - elected member of the Committee (2021–2024)

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Publishing and other professional activities registered in [database OBD](#)

- *The Visions of Enoch the Prophet: On the Function of the Book of Parables*, Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature Studies 62 (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2026)
- with T. Nicklas, L. Vuong, P. Dragutinovic (eds.), *The World of the New Testament: Encountering Texts in Context* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2026).
- "The Death of Eleazar Avaran in 1 Maccabees and Josephus' Jewish War," in *Josephus and the Maccabees*, eds. Viktor Kókai-Nagy and Ádám Vér (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2026), 165-186.
- "Elijah in the Lives of the Prophets," in *From Prophet to Miracle-Working Saint: Dynamic Approaches to Elijah in Ancient and Medieval Cultures*, eds. Vlad Bedros, Barbara Crostini, Andrei Dumitrescu, and Chana Shacham-Rosby (Paderborn: Brill-Schöningh, 2026), 51–69.
- with Tobias Nicklas and Jan Bremmer (eds.), *The Infancy Gospel of Thomas*, Studies on Early Christian Apocrypha 23 (Leuven: Peeters, 2025).
- *The Second Teacher's Story in the Infancy Gospel of Thomas: A Contribution to the Recent Discussion on the Developmental Interpretation*, *New Testament Studies* 69/3 (2023), 345–354.
- Resurrection in Early Judaism within the Context of Existing Beliefs about the Afterlife, in: Pavol Bargár (ed.), *Bible, Christianity, and Culture. Essays in Honor of Professor Petr Pokorný*, Prague: Karolinum, 2023, 31–64.
- with Filip Čapek (eds.), *Kolektivní paměť v bibli a křesťanství. Od teoretických otázek k praktickým aplikacím* [*Collective Memory in the Bible and Christianity. From Theoretical Issues to Practical Applications*], Prague: Karolinum, 2023, 340pp.
- *Reputational Construct of Jesus in Celsus' Aléthes Logos*, *Eirene. Studia Graeca et Latina* 58 (2022), 421–453.
- Remembering martyrs in 2 and 4 Maccabees, in: Thomas R. Hatina – Jiří Lukeš (eds.), *Social Memory Theory and Conceptions of Afterlife in Jewish and Christian Antiquity* (Studies in Cultural Contexts of the Bible 8) Paderborn: Brill Schöningh, 2023, 98–119.

- The Elephant Mosaic Panel in the Huqoq Synagogue: A Reappraisal of the Maccabean Interpretation, in: Radka Fialová – Jiří Hoblík – Petr Kitzler (eds.), *Hellenism, Early Judaism, and Early Christianity. Transmission and Transformation of Ideas* (Arbeiten zur Kirchengeschichte 155) Berlin – Boston: De Gruyter, 2023, 179–204.
- *Vidění proroka Henocha. O funkci Podobensvích Henochových* [The Vision of the Prophet Enoch. On the Function of the Parables of Enoch], Praha: Karolinum, 2022, 234pp.
- On the Origin of the Archdemon Beelzebul/Beelzebub, *Biblica* 102/1 (2021), s. 68–77.
- Two Faces of Manasseh: The Reception of Manasseh in Early Jewish Literature, in Filip Čapek – Oded Lipschits (eds.), *The Last Century in the History of Judah: The Seventh Century BCE in Archaeological, Historical, and Biblical Perspectives*, Atlanta: SBL Press, 2019, s. 239–260.
- The Daughters of men in the Book of Watchers, *Communio Viatorum* 60/3 (2018), s. 252–275.