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"Nur der Rest wird gerettet werden" (Röm 9,27) – Der Messias ausgehend von Giorgio Agambens Pauluskommentar „Die Zeit, die bleibt“

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Abstract (English)

Based on Giorgio Agambens „Die Zeit, die bleibt – Ein Kommentar zum Römerbrief“ the aim of this diploma thesis is to extract the several categories of “the” messianic, as it is approached by Agamben in order to restore the messianity of Pauline epistles. The term “messianic” is therefore seeded widely, as it is not only reduced to a concrete figure but also refers to a certain approach to the “reading” of time, history, texts, et. al. There is also a subversive element in the messianic issue, being an invalidating of present conditions, which are not simply eliminated or inverted. It is a matter of keeping the difference between a subject to itself open, a resistance against being determined in any kind of allness. The goal of the thesis is to follow these messianic categories, especially towards two important works of Walter Benjamin (“Über den Begriff der Geschichte“ and „Das Politisch-Theologische Fragment“).