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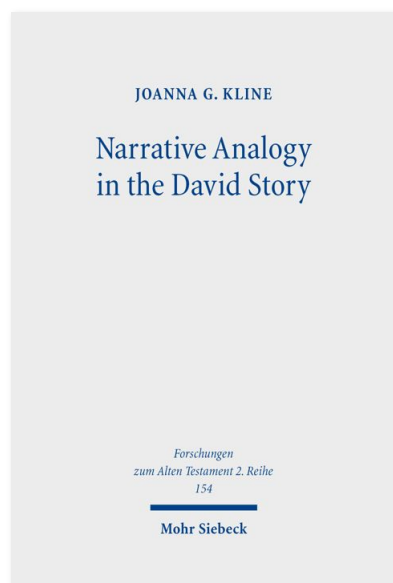
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Joanna G. Kline explores the use of narrative analogy in the biblical story of King David (1 Samuel 16-1 Kings 2) and the narratives about Jacob, Judah, and Joseph (Genesis 25-50). In her analysis, the author demonstrates that parallels in plot, structure, language, and motif function to develop characterization and to reinforce significant themes in these texts, including sibling rivalry and reconciliation, measure-for-measure punishment, and divine providence. By examining the genetic relationship between Samuel and Genesis, she provides evidence of mutual influence and shows that the analogical links between David and Jacob, Judah, and Joseph were strengthened as these texts were composed and transmitted over time.

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