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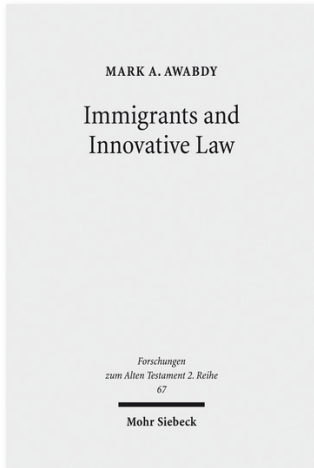
Deuteronomy's Theological and Social Vision for the גר

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Mark A. Awabdy provides a nuanced and extensive understanding of the noun גר (*gēr*, engl. immigrant) in the book of Deuteronomy (D). He argues that a precise reconstruction of the historical referents of D's *gēr* is impossible and has led scholars to misread or overlook literary, theological, and sociological determinants. By analyzing D's *gēr* texts and contexts, evidence emerges for: the non-Israelite and non-Judahite origins of D's *gēr*; the distinction between the *gēr* in D's prologue-epilogue and legal core; and the different meanings and origins of D's "*gēr* -in-Egypt« and "*ebed* -in-Egypt« formulae. Awabdy further contends that D's revision of Exodus' Decalogue and Covenant Code and independence from H reveal D's tendencies to accommodate the *gēr* and interface the *gēr* with YHWH's redemption of Israel. He concludes by defining how D integrates the *gēr* into the community of YHWH's people.

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