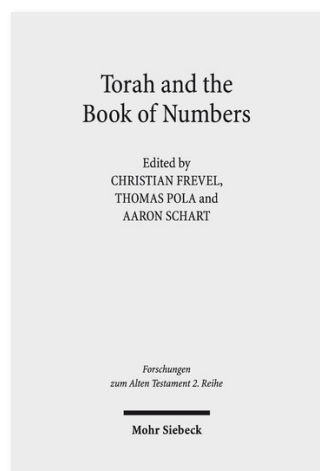


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The authors, among them outstanding researchers in the field, partially contributed to a symposium on the topic »Torah in the Book of Numbers« at the Ruhr-Universität Bochum, held on April 12–13, 2011.

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