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Taking up a recent trend in studies on the book of Job, Tobias Häner centers his work on irony and ambiguity in the text to show that both rhetorical features appear throughout the book and point to the finiteness of human cognitive faculty.

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Carr, David M.

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This volume collects thirteen essays by David M. Carr which join the study of the formation of the Pentateuch with research on other topics, from material history to animal studies. It begins with a detailed history of the last half-century of scholarship on the formation of the Pentateuch along with more general essays on the rationale for such study and on other methodological issues in Pentateuchal research. Two subsequent sections collect essays on intertextuality and on the material history of the five-scroll Pentateuchal collection. The volume concludes with essays linking such research with other areas, e.g. the question of the »author« in literary studies and questions about relations between humans and other animals in animal studies. Each chapter is prefaced with an introduction providing background on the context and problems addressed in the essay.

## The Formation of Biblical Texts

### Chronicling the Legacy of Gary N. Knoppers

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Questions concerning the composition and formation of biblical texts have dominated many of the current discussions in biblical studies, especially relating to the relationship between the Pentateuch and the (so-called) Deuteronomistic History, how these texts may have functioned as a corpus (or related corpora), and interconnections among these texts and those of Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah. As appreciation has grown for the potential text production in Judah and Samaria during the Persian and Hellenistic periods, the discussion has expanded to incorporate explorations of the way that textual criticism – particularly as it relates to the relationships among the Samaritan Pentateuch, the Septuagint, Qumran corpus, and the Masoretic Text – and literary criticism intersect. In this volume, leading voices come together to tackle questions about the composition and formation of the Hebrew Bible and the future directions of such studies in honor of Gary N. Knoppers.

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Gertz, Jan Christian

## Studien zum Buch Genesis

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This volume includes studies by Jan Christian Gertz in which he addresses the history of the origin and interpretation of the Book of Genesis, the significance of the biblical Primeval History in the context of the literary and intellectual history of the ancient Near East, and the question of the relationship of Genesis to the subsequent Exodus narrative.

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Childs, Brevard S.

## Canon as Rule and Guide

### Collected Essays

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The fifty-two essays collected here span half a century of biblical scholarship. Together they provide a view into the history of Old Testament studies from the vantage of a scholar who worked to integrate his command of it with several cognate disciplines, including New Testament, Biblical Theology, and the history of interpretation. Canon is a rule and guide: this is a ubiquitous concern in the work of Brevard Childs. As he argues, scripture has been shaped with frameworks for interpretation, guidelines built into it through a complex editorial process that resulted in a multifaceted canon with two Testaments. Scripture is a canon and rule of faith that in turn shapes the church's confession and life of faith. This approach to scripture entails a holistic view that touches the Bible's composition and reception histories as well as its enduring claim on living communities of faith.

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Achenbach, Reinhard

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Reinhard Achenbach offers a collection of studies on the redactional composition of the Pentateuch, the history of institutions, on concepts of international law, and the rights of foreigners in the scribal tradition of Judah during the Second Temple Period in the Persian Empire (539–333 B.C.E.). He examines the changes in theological ideas, priestly institutions, sacral rules, and purity law in the tension between the pursuit for religious autonomy in the community and Jewish monotheism's claim of universal significance.

Gaß, Erasmus

## Gott, Gewalt und die Landnahme Israels

### Eine literarhistorische Analyse von Josua 9–12

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In this study, Erasmus Gaß analyzes the redaction history of the conquest narratives in Josh. 9–12. It is apparent that many redactors worked on this text, which is indicated not only by the idiolect but also by the references to Deut. and the text-critical deviations. The texts examined here show how Deuteronomist redactors in particular introduced their theological conceptions.

## Torah in Early Jewish Imaginations

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Torah is a topic of keen interest among scholars of the Bible and Second Temple Judaism. The Hellenistic age especially witnessed an undeniable textual pluriformity of not only the Pentateuch (Torah), but of a host of other works concerned with traditions of authoritative »teaching« or »instruction« (*torah*) that was related in complex ways to books that would become part of the Hebrew Bible. In the Second Temple period, the term *torah* was thus a robustly multivalent term, deployed in discourses emerging from different contexts, and toward a range of rhetorical ends. The essays in this volume employ a plethora of methodologies to offer innovative studies of a range of early Jewish literature – including texts from the Hebrew Bible, the so-called Apocrypha, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the Septuagint – that is concerned in different ways with Torah / *torah*.

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This volume celebrates the contribution of Baruch J. Schwartz to the field of biblical studies through essays that treat the major foci of his research. These include the Pentateuch and its composition; priesthood, cult, and Priestly texts; major religious ideas expressed in the Hebrew Bible; and the reception of biblical texts and ideas (especially those related to the Pentateuch). A special emphasis of the essays on Pentateuchal composition is the neo-documentarian approach that Schwartz has long championed and taught to his students.

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Ede, Franziska

## Vom Prophetenbuch zum Prophetenpescher

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In this study, Franziska Ede offers an exegesis of the prophetic book of Habakkuk and its reception in Qumran, that is the so-called Pesher Habakkuk (1QpHab.) The main interest lies in the hermeneutic self-conception of both the biblical and non-biblical authors. In this regard, the author illustrates how theological perspectives, which originate within the biblical book, are resumed and appropriated in Pesher Habakkuk.

## Book-Seams in the Hexateuch II

### The Book of Deuteronomy and its Literary Transitions

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Biblical books, which were transmitted on separate scrolls in antiquity, are not necessarily identical with books in the modern sense of a coherent and self-contained compositional unit. Especially the books of the Primary History constitute a larger master narrative. This raises the question of how the distribution of the text over different scrolls relates to its compositional history. Were the respective books conceived as physically separate parts of a multivolume composition (whether Pentateuch, Hexateuch, Deuteronomistic History or Enneateuch) from the outset, or are we dealing with a more complex development of originally independent compositional units that were only connected or separated by later redaction? The present volume addresses these issues with respect to the book transitions of Deuteronomy, whose relatively freestanding literary shape sets it apart among the books of the Hexateuch.

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Is the Hebrew Bible purely a product of Jerusalem or were there various social groups who each played a role in its development during the Second Temple period? This is the guiding question of the present volume, which fills a crucial gap in recent research by combining current literary-historical, redactional and text-historical analysis of the Hebrew Bible with the latest results pertaining to the pluriform social and religious shape of early Judaism. For the first time, the thirteen articles in this volume address the phenomenon of religious plurality by bringing together archaeological, (religious-) historical, and literary-critical approaches. The articles by internationally renowned scholars cover the panorama of currently known social groups of Yahwistic character and the impact of this phenomenon on the making of the Hebrew Bible – from the Persian period to the time of Qumran.

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Behrens, Achim

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### Untersuchungen zum Wort Gottes und zum Gottesbild im Alten Testament

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The Hebrew Bible/Old Testament is read in religious practice as the »Word of God.« Achim Behrens asks to what extent the writings of this collection have understood themselves in this way and what images of God are evoked in the process. Different aspects are thereby linked by an intertextual canonical network to a coherent theological history of reflection.

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Ebach, Ruth

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In antiquity, prophecy functioned as a means of (political) decision-making, which is why the trustworthiness of prophetic words had to be verified. Ruth Ebach examines the criteria in the Old Testament used in dealing with prophetic words as they are to be found in literary prophecy and in legal texts and shows that the interpretation of experienced and remembered history is influenced by prophetic words, and how this is done.

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Hutzli, Jürg

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In this study, Jürg Hutzli analyses all Priestly texts in Genesis-Exodus. He evaluates crucial questions concerning P, namely inner stratification, literary profile, historical setting, and relationship to the non-P »environment« separately for each Priestly unit or section. An important result of the author's study is the conclusion that the Priestly texts form a stratum that is more composite and less homogeneous than previously thought. Single units like Gen. 1, the Priestly flood story, and the Priestly Abraham narrative have their own distinct theologies that do not fit that of the comprehensive Priestly composition in every respect. Furthermore, as recent studies point out, the literary profile of P is not the same in every section (either a source or a redaction). The author evaluates these observations diachronically for an inner differentiation of the Priestly strand.

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## Von der Weisheit Gottes und der Menschen

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In this collection of essays, Markus Witte offers a survey of genres in the wisdom literature of the Old Testament as well as exegetical and thematic case studies of the books of Job, Ben Sira, Wisdom of Solomon, and the Psalms of Solomon. The author focusses especially on reflections on the justice and power of God, on human knowledge, and on good and evil. He thereby demonstrates the contribution of early Jewish wisdom to the Hellenistic culture of knowledge and to biblical theology.

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Brodersen, Alma

## The Beginning of the Biblical Canon and Ben Sira

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The Book of Ben Sira, written in Hebrew in the early second century BCE, is often regarded as containing the earliest references to the canon of the Hebrew Bible / Old Testament. In contrast, Alma Brodersen examines methodological and historical issues regarding the beginning of the biblical canon and Ben Sira, and demonstrates that the book itself – as distinct from the later Prologue to its Greek translation – does not actually refer to texts as canonical. In addition, a systematic analysis of key passages in Ben Sira 38–39 and 44–50 in Hebrew and Greek uncovers similarities with other ancient texts which are not canonical today but preserved in the Dead Sea Scrolls. Far from proving the existence of the biblical canon in his day, Ben Sira's book indicates instead the importance of oral teaching and the relevance of a wide range of traditions.

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Urmas Nömmik studies the beginnings of the patriarchal narratives specifically in the context of the royal courts of ancient Israel and Judah. A redaction-critical approach combined with motif criticism allows an insight into connections between the oldest texts in Genesis and the ancient Near Eastern royal traditions.

## Historical Settings, Intertextuality, and Biblical Theology

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The contributors to this volume address three central approaches in biblical interpretation: historical settings, intertextuality, and biblical theology. The first section traces and reassesses the multifaceted aspects relevant to the historical settings of the ancient texts, writers, and worlds. The second section describes the comparative analysis of biblical literature, with inner-biblical or non-biblical texts, not only to improve textual meanings but also to deepen the relationship between biblical texts and their contexts. The final section highlights theological approaches to the Hebrew Bible, addressing the themes of Jewish theology, justice, theophany, loss, and trauma, while confronting significant ethical and theological challenges.

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Jeon, Jaeyoung

## From the Reed Sea to Kadesh

### A Redactional and Socio-Historical Study of the Pentateuchal Wilderness Narrative

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In this book, Jaeyoung Jeon traces the development of the pentateuchal wilderness story in Exodus and Numbers from its pre-monarchic origin to the formation of the final form. He argues that old memories of YHWH from the southern desert area and the move of the Transjordanian settlers to the west were merged with the memory of Egyptian oppression and that they formed together an early tradition of exodus-wilderness in the Northern Kingdom. Although the tradition further developed in Judah after the fall of Israel, the author argues that the major parts of the narrative story were creatively reinterpreted, reformulated, and composed during the Persian period in the socio-historical contexts of the return from the exile and restoration. He suggests that diverse scribal circles representing different social, political, and religious positions in Yehud and the diaspora participated in its literary formation, resulting in the wilderness narrative as a collection of scribal debates.

## Authorship and the Hebrew Bible

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Does »authorship« still have a place in the study of the Hebrew Bible? Historical criticism has long sought to uncover the human authors behind the biblical texts. But how might the »death of the author,« so forcefully declared by Roland Barthes over fifty years ago, change the contours of this search? This volume brings together leading experts in the Hebrew Bible, the Dead Sea Scrolls, cuneiform texts and cognate literature to reimagine the literary and discursive functions of »authorship« in ancient Israel. Bridging the gap between theoretical reflection and exegetical practice, the volume explores key features of biblical texts, from anonymity to divine speech, scribal editing to textual fluidity, to reveal the complex and varied author functions that shaped biblical literature.

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## The Lure of Transcendence and the Audacity of Prayer

### Selected Essays

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The discourse of prayer responds to the abiding lure of transcendence. From Gilgamesh to the primordial human beings in Eden to Odysseus, the quest for ultimate truths has summoned forth all manner of human effort – courageous, desperate, pious, impious, successful, failed, invited, forbidden – and like all such lures, one can never be certain whether the glimmer of transcendence is that of a bright and shining star that illuminates the shadows or only a shiny object that seduces one into an inescapable darkness (a fishing lure, for example). In this study, Samuel E. Balentine demonstrates how prayer's invocation of God transgresses the limits of human beings. The author shows how inviting, let alone commanding God to speak may be the »acme of bardic pretention,« but in the ancient world such transgression characterizes the audacity of prayer.

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## Resilienznarrative im Alten Testament

### Herausgegeben von Judith Gärtner und Barbara Schmitz

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The concept of resilience has received increasing attention in recent years as a category of interpretation of biblical tradition. The articles collected in this volume take this question further with different methodological approaches – narratological, literary-historical, cultural-anthropological as well as reception-historical – and establish a fruitful dialogue about the potential of resilience for a closer understanding of Old Testament traditions.

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### Studies on the History, Religion and Literature of the Judeans in Persian Period Egypt

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The Persian period has long been considered a »dark era« in Israel's history. For this reason, research has mainly focused on how it is depicted in the Hebrew Bible. A spectacular discovery of archaeological relics and epigraphic sources was hence hardly noticed: the military colony located on the island of Elephantine in the Nile, on the border between Egypt and present-day Sudan. The basic approach of this volume, which documents a three-year Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft project, is to break with a research tradition focusing on the Judeans (Jews) mentioned in the Aramaic papyri from Elephantine and instead investigate the military colony in a broader historical context also documented by Demotic and Egyptian-hieratic evidence found at Elephantine. The studies presented focus on three main subject areas: society and administration, religion, and literature. They show that historically the island of Elephantine hosted a multicultural society with several interactions between the Egyptians and the other inhabitants, and that it was also an important administrative centre for the Persian authorities.

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In this wide-ranging collection, Michael Fishbane investigates the complex and diverse relationships between the 'biblical text' and 'exegetical culture.' The author demonstrates the multiple literary dimensions and interpretative strategies that came to form the Hebrew Bible in the context of the ancient Near East, the Dead Sea Scrolls in the context of an emergent biblical-Jewish culture, and the classical rabbinic Midrash in the context of an emergent rabbinic civilization in late antiquity. Within each study, and in the collection as a whole, the author shows a broad range of creative methods, always with a scholarly concern to illuminate the religious ideas of Scripture as it was perceived through diverse hermeneutical lenses and exegetical methodologies. The studies range from the purely literary to the highly analytic, from myth to law, and from studies of symbols to the study of exegetical methods.

Albertz, Rainer

## Die Josephsgeschichte im Pentateuch

Ein Beitrag zur Überwindung einer anhaltenden Forschungskontroverse

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Rainer Albertz subjects the composition and redaction history of the story of Joseph (Gen 37–50) to a consistent examination. The aim is to determine the subject matter and the dating of the story more precisely and methodically than has controversially been done so far. At the same time, this opens up new insights into the history of the Pentateuch.

Bührer, Walter

## Schriftgelehrtes Murren

**Schriftgelehrte Fortschreibungs- und Auslegungsprozesse in den Murrerzählungen in Exodus und Numeri**

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The murmuring narratives of the books of Exodus and Numbers depict Israel in the desert as constantly complaining. By taking these ten narratives, Walter Bührer shows that and how Israel's murmuring is more and more negatively interpreted – both in canonical terms as well as regarding the formation of the texts, which become increasingly interwoven.

## The Formation of the Hebrew Psalter

**The Book of Psalms Between Ancient Versions, Material Transmission and Canonical Exegesis**

**Edited by Gianni Barbiero, Marco Pavan, and Johannes Schnocks**

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This volume, which is based on the papers given at a panel at the 2019 SBL International Meeting in Rome, represents current discourses in Psalms research. The past decades have been marked by the paradigm shift from form criticism to different exegetical approaches which consider the Book of Psalms as the literary context of the individual Psalms. More recently, it has been pointed out that the complex evidence given by the manuscripts from antiquity to the Middle Ages does not support the notion of a fixed canonical text as presupposed by some approaches. The present volume combines contributions about such basic considerations with studies of individual groups of Psalms. With different methodological and hermeneutical approaches, they open up perspectives on the interrelation between the origin, composition and reception of the Psalms.

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## The History of Isaiah

### The Formation of the Book and its Presentation of the Past

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The book of Isaiah is a product of history. The nature of that history and what it means that Isaiah is a product of it are hardly matters of consensus in the field. Nonetheless, Isaianic scholarship has put its collective finger on the crux of the methodological problem. At the heart of an historical understanding of this prophetic book lies a consideration of the word »history« in two distinct but related applications. First, what historical processes led to the book's final form? How did Isaiah become a book? And second, what kind of historical representation does the book offer to the reader? How does Isaiah present the past? For most scholars, answering either question involves asking the other. To understand better the history of Isaiah, this volume of essays devotes itself to these two lines of inquiry and their relationship.

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The most important objects in the Hebrew Bible are a wooden box, styled in English »the ark« or »the ark of the covenant«, and two statues of winged creatures, »the cherubim«, that surmount it. Raanan Eichler attempts to understand these objects using the full gamut of data and tools available to the modern scholar. The study features an abundance of visual comparative material, much of it in colour, with a particularly close examination of the finds from the tomb of Pharaoh Tutankhamun. The author proposes solutions to a number of unsolved puzzles, such as the question of what cherubim looked like, and offers a new explanation of the nature of the ark and the cherubim, rejecting the prevailing scholarly view of them as having constituted an »empty throne« and footstool for the God of Israel. Rather, he argues, they constituted an empty frame, a unique cultic focus that surpassed all known systems in the ancient Near East in the extent of the efforts it represented to prevent an anthropomorphic conception of the deity in a cultic context.

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Gaß, Erasmus

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In this study, Erasmus Gaß analyzes the difficult growth of the appendices to the priestly part of Joshua. It seems that many hands were working on Jos 20–22, which is also indicated by the surpluses and deviations of the LXX. In this appendix, priestly and Deuteronomistic editors have tried to record their theological conceptions.



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Feldman, Liane M.

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Krause, Joachim J.

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Fischer, Georg

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Research on the Book of Jeremiah has gained momentum in the past forty years and led to new results. The differences between the MT and the LXX have received more attention than ever. The extent of Deuteronomistic thinking and of redactions marks the debate on the composition of the book. It has become evident that the Book of Jeremiah intensively picks up earlier sources and offers a synthesis of them, comparable to a mosaic. It concentrates on the downfall of Jerusalem, conceives anew the prophet's role in the figure of Jeremiah and portrays the biblical God in a unique way. This collection of studies by Georg Fischer from the past ten years imparts insights into the recent discussions about the Book of Jeremiah.

Cocco, Francesco

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How were legal issues featuring women treated and resolved in the Book of Numbers? Francesco Cocco studies a trio of texts and finds the prominent place afforded to women quite peculiar and, it seems, at odds with the notions of autonomy, freedom, self-determination, or whatever other synonym can be married conceptually to the idea of women in leading roles. This in-depth investigation goes beyond appearances however to reveal a broader, perhaps even unexpected, understanding of these three literary traditions – traditions which are the product of the skillful amalgamation of narrative and legislative material so characteristic of the Torah in general and the Book of Numbers in particular.

Frevel, Christian

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### Studies in the Book of Numbers

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Classical Pentateuch research mainly dealt with the books of Genesis, Exodus and Deuteronomy and it is only in recent decades that the literary and theological meanings of Moses' fourth book has been rediscovered. In this volume, Christian Frevel lets the interplay between narrative and legislative material – which is often not understood – emerge into new light, examining the texts of the Book of Numbers as inner-biblical interpretations and tradition-bound innovations. Cloaked in the Israelites' 40-year long sojourn in the desert, the Book of Numbers presents a tightly-woven fabric of texts which reflect the social and cultic orders, discuss questions of leadership and explore the meaning of the Promised Land to Israel's existence. The Book of Numbers is characterized in its entirety by transformations: for example, the exodus generation becomes the desert generation and leadership is transferred from Moses to Joshua, from Aaron to Eleazar. Important innovations such as the hierarchical organization of the cult, including the role of the Levites or the hereditary law concerning daughters, are cultivated within these transformations. The people's time in the desert (re)form their social frameworks and renders them sustainable for the existence in the Promised Land. Important themes such as community and cult organization, the enduring election of the Israelites, the meaning of the Promised Land for the collective identity, questions of hierarchical leadership and democratic participation, of collective guilt and individual liability, along with many other aspects, are dealt with in the texts. Without the literary traditions of the Book of Numbers, which were mostly set down around the 5th-4th centuries BCE, the formation of the Pentateuch as Torah would not have been conceivable. The studies of this volume reveal the thematic diversity of the book against a backdrop of its literary creation within the Penta- and Hexateuch.

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Erhard Blum zum siebzigsten Geburtstag

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In this volume, C. L. Crouch and Jeremy M. Hutton offer a data-driven approach to translation practice in the Iron Age. The authors build on and reinforce Crouch's conclusions in her former work about Deuteronomy and the Akkadian treaty tradition, employing Hutton's »Optimal Translation« theory to analyze the Akkadian-Aramaic bilingual inscription from Tell Fekheriyeh. The authors argue that the inscription exhibits an isomorphic style of translation and only the occasional use of dynamic replacement sets. They apply these findings to other proposed instances of Iron Age translation from Akkadian into dialects of Northwest Semitic, including the relationship between Deuteronomy and the Succession Treaty of Esarhaddon and the relationship between the treaty of Aššur-nerari V with Matī'ilu and the Sefire treaties. The authors then argue that the lexical and syntactic changes in these cases diverge so significantly from the model established by Tell Fekheriyeh as to exclude the possibility that these treaties constitute translational relationships.

Rhyder, Julia

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Jeremias, Jörg

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Jörg Jeremias has strongly influenced research on the Book of the Twelve in recent decades. His commentaries on Hosea (1983) and Amos (1995) as well as his contributions on the »Beginnings of the Dodekapropheten« (1996) have set standards in the field. The essays compiled in the present volume supplement and deepen Jeremias' commentaries on Joel, Obadiah, Jonah, and Micah (2007), and on Nahum (2019). By combining exegetical perspectives on the individual books with insights gained into the genesis of the Dodekapropheten as a whole, the collection is an excellent source of methodological impulses for research on the Book of the Twelve.

Gaß, Erasmus

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Up to now, there have been very few literary-historical analyses of the texts dealing with the distribution of land in Joshua 13–19, although it is precisely this passage which is particularly enlightening in regard to the redaction history of the Book of Joshua and to a possible Hexateuch, since there are links in the redaction pointing to the Book of Numbers. Erasmus Gaß explores a basic priestly text, approaching this from the perspective of a literary criticism which is based on linguistic and text-critical observations rather than historical or topographical anomalies. This text honors the promise of the land given in the Pentateuch and is limited to seven tribes in Cisjordan. Moreover, he shows that the passage dealing with the distribution of land differs linguistically from the first part of the Book of Joshua and it was redacted together with the Book of Numbers before it was included in the Book of Joshua.

Robker, Jonathan Miles

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The figure Balaam has interested exegetes and scribes for millennia. Jonathan Miles Robker examines the different versions of the literary character Balaam as attested in biblical and epigraphic literature. By contrasting the distinct information about Balaam presented in the various sources (the plaster inscription from De'ir Alla, Numbers 22–24; 31; Deuteronomy 23; Joshua 13; 24; Judges 11; Micah 6; and Nehemiah 13), the author seeks to trace the development of characterizations of Balaam from the oldest available material to the youngest in the Hebrew Bible. In this way, Jonathan Miles Robker advances discourse about the literary and tradition-historical development of the texts that became the Hebrew Bible. Beyond the text of the Hebrew Bible, he also traces the continued development of Balaam's characterization through the texts of Qumran and the New Testament. To this end, the author contributes discussions of the history of religion in Antiquity.

Newsom, Carol A.

## Rhetoric and Hermeneutics

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This collection of essays by Carol A. Newsom explores the indispensable role that rhetoric and hermeneutics play in the production and reception of biblical and Second Temple literature. Some of the essays are methodological and programmatic, while others provide extended case studies. Because rhetoric is, as Kenneth Burke put it, »a strategy for encompassing a situation,« the analysis of rhetoric illumines the ways in which texts engage particular historical moments, shape and reshape communities, and even construct new models of self and agency. The essays in this book not only explore how ancient texts hermeneutically engage existing traditions but also how they themselves have become the objects of hermeneutical transformation in contexts ranging from ancient sectarian Judaism to the politics of post-World War I and II Germany and America to modern film criticism and feminist re-reading.

Knoppers, Gary N.

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Focusing on Judean-Samaritan interactions in Persian, Hellenistic, and Roman times, Gary N. Knoppers explores both commonalities and differences, rivalries and relationships, as these communities engaged one another in greater depth and complexity than scholars have previously thought. Some essays elucidate archaeological and epigraphic discoveries (Jerusalem, Mt. Gerizim excavations and inscriptions), while others illumine Jewish (Ezra, Chronicles, Josephus, Pseudo-Philo) and Samaritan (Samaritan 10th commandment, the *Chronicon Samaritanum*) literary texts. How Judeans and Samaritans responded to competing claims to Israel's past by reinterpreting shared scriptures is a unifying theme in these eleven studies.

Blenkinsopp, Joseph

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This collection of twenty essays by Joseph Blenkinsopp on different aspects of the book of Isaiah is the product of three decades of close study of the most seminal and challenging texts of the Hebrew Bible. Five of the twenty are published here for the first time. Some deal with major themes in Isaiah, for example, universalism, the Hebrew God as creator in dialogue with Babylonian and Zoroastrian theologies of creation, theology and politics, and the Suffering Servant of the Lord God, which is of such great influence on the presentation of the life and death of Jesus in the New Testament. Others consist in close readings of specific texts in the book *Aufsätze zum Buch Jesaja*.

## Tradition(en) im alten Israel

### Konstruktion, Transmission und Transformation

Hrsg. v. Ruth Ebach u. Martin Leuenberger

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The Old Testament is a work shaped by traditions, which at the same time lives through a multifarious use of traditions. These were not imparted in unaltered form, but were rather re-formed, corrected and refashioned to provide a theological interpretation fitting to each period. Just how this was done is shown in the present volume, based on the great Old Testament traditions, especially the Psalms and books of the prophets.

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Sanders, James A.

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James A. Sanders has been at the forefront of the study of canon formation, history of interpretation, and textual criticism, specializing in the Dead Sea Scrolls and the use of the Old Testament in the New. Like no one else, he is able to bring together exegetical detail with hermeneutical and theological insight. He moves deftly from exegetical, critical detail to hermeneutical options and overarching theological implications. In this important collection of essays we have the mature fruit of decades of research, including careful engagement with ancient texts and fair-minded ecumenical discourse with the greatest minds in the field. These studies laid the foundation on which today's scholarly discussion is focused.

Poulsen, Frederik

## The Black Hole in Isaiah

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Frederik Poulsen investigates exile as a literary and theological theme in the book of Isaiah. While other biblical writings explicitly depict the destruction of Jerusalem and the inhabitants' deportation to Babylon in the early sixth century BCE, Isaiah is apparently silent. At the center of the book where readers would expect to find an account of these traumatic and defining events, there is just a strange gap. The author argues that the curious break between chapters 39 and 40 indicates an anti-climax – a destroyed and forsaken Jerusalem – and that several passages stress its importance by either pointing forward to it or looking back at it. Frederik Poulsen demonstrates that the exile in Isaiah hides itself as a »black hole« at the center of the book and thereby has a decisive influence on the literary structure, poetic imagery, and theological message of this prophetic scroll.

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The ancestral narratives of Genesis have a decidedly political character. The narrative presentations of ancestors and their kin reflect the relationships of the later people of Israel with their neighboring peoples. In light of the findings of recent Pentateuch research, this volume addresses important aspects of the political meaning of these narratives. The collection of nineteen contributions from internationally renowned experts explores, for example, the political intention of various narrative units or literary layers. The political significance of the ancestresses is also discussed, and the political receptions of ancestral narratives in early Jewish literature and in Islam traced.

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In this work, Karel van der Toorn explores the social setting, the intellectual milieu, and the historical context of the beliefs and practices reflected in the Hebrew Bible. While fully recognizing the unique character of early Israelite religion, the author challenges the notion of its incomparability. Beliefs are anchored in culture. Rituals have societal significance. God has a history. By shifting the focus to the context, the essays gathered here yield a deeper understanding of Israelite religion and the origins of the Bible.

Kurtz, Paul Michael

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In this work, Paul Michael Kurtz examines the historiography of ancient Israel in the German Empire through the prism of religion, as a structuring framework not only for writings on the past but also for the writers of that past themselves. The author investigates what biblical scholars, theologians, orientalist, philologists, and ancient historians considered »religion« and »history« to be, how they understood these conceptual categories, and why they studied them in the manner they did. Focusing on Julius Wellhausen and Hermann Gunkel, his inquiry scrutinizes to what extent, in an age of allegedly neutral historical science, the very enterprise of reconstructing the ancient past was shaped by liberal Protestant structures shared by dominant historians from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Ederer, Matthias

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Within the Torah's cultic texts, the instructions to carry out communal ritual acts are of major importance. Matthias Ederer's minute examination of these 'Tamid' texts shows that though they appear to be set out as *regulations*, they barely address the »how« and »what« of performance and instead develop detailed theological interpretations. All that the regular cultic acts dealt with in the Torah have in common is that they outline and commemorate – by initiating a periodical interaction between Israel and YHWH and vice versa – what Israel is, or ought to be, before YHWH. The texts are shaped as a »reservoir« of a theologically founded identity of Israel, which is presented in a regular rhythm at the centre of Israel, the Temple, and thus creates a specific time of Israel.

## Book-Seams in the Hexateuch I

### The Literary Transitions Between the Books of Genesis/Exodus and Joshua/Judges

Ed. by Christoph Berner and Harald Samuel with the assistance of Stephen Germany



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Biblical books, which were transmitted on separate scrolls in antiquity, are not necessarily identical with books in the modern sense of a coherent and self-contained compositional unit. The books of the Primary History especially constitute a larger master narrative. This raises the question of how the distribution of the text to different scrolls relates to its compositional history. Were the respective books conceived as physically separate parts of a multivolume composition (whether Pentateuch, Hexateuch, Deuteronomistic History or Enneateuch) from the outset, or are we dealing with a more complex development of originally independent compositional units that were only connected or separated by later redaction? The present volume addresses these issues with respect to the transitions between the books of Genesis/Exodus and Joshua/Judges, which have obviously developed in dependency upon each other.

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The question of where God abides found various answers in the Old Testament, and it was not until relatively late that this was localized to the heavens. Where and when did this idea first occur and in which religio-historical context? How does God's dwelling in heaven relate to other ideas, such as his throne in the temple? And what were the reasons for this change in thinking? Christoph Koch analyses conceptions of Old Testament temple theology from the Assyrian and Babylonian eras and identifies a profound change during the exile in Babylon. However, this is not to be understood as either just a reaction to the temple's destruction, nor as a unilinear progression from temple to heaven, for instance. Rather, there is a great continuity between the younger and older versions, and the explication of the heavenly abode is to be seen together with shifts in how the world was perceived in the ancient Orient.

Sanders, James A.

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In this important collection of essays James A. Sanders offers his most significant work on the text and canon of the Hebrew Bible, along with his seminal studies of the Qumran Scrolls. He has been at the forefront of the study of canon formation, history of interpretation, and textual criticism, with specialty in the Dead Sea Scrolls and the use of the Old Testament in the New. These studies document the variety of textual traditions, as well as the diversity and unsettled, incipient state of the collection of sacred literature that was regarded as authoritative or canonical in the late Second Temple period. They laid the foundation on which today's scholarly discussion is focused.

Albertz, Rainer

## Pentateuchstudien

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Twenty-one studies dedicated to the composition and redaction of the Pentateuch and the Hexateuch, written over ten years as part of the Münster Old Testament scholar Rainer Albertz's work on his Exodus Commentary, are gathered in this volume. Five of them were previously unpublished, while a further eight were revised and translated for their first appearance in German. The problem-orientated approach taken reveals a model for the emergence of the Pentateuch that could replace the classical three-source theory. A concluding overview makes it easier to gauge the model's effectiveness by assigning the texts dealt with to the identifiable tradition- and redaction-historical development stages of the Pentateuch.

Hamilton, Mark W.

## A Kingdom for a Stage

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The political rhetoric of ancient Israel took several literary, architectural, and graphic forms. Much of the relevant material concerns kingship, but other loci of authority and submission also drew significant attention. Mark W. Hamilton illustrates how these »texts« interacted with other political rhetorics, especially those of the great Mesopotamian empires. By paying close attention to the argumentation of the Israelite literature as well as their function as epideictic oratory building solidarity with hearers he reveals the complexity of Israelite intellectual activity both during and after the period of the monarchy. By doing this he shows that this body of thought lies at the heart of Western political thought even today.

Germany, Stephen

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In this study, Stephen Germany investigates the literary development of the non-priestly narratives in Exod 1–18; 19–24; 32–34; Num 10–16; 20–24; and Josh 1–12. Through a new comparison of the various literary strata in these narratives to priestly texts, the author concludes that a significant portion of the non-priestly narratives in Exodus-Joshua belong to a post-priestly stage of composition. The reconstruction of the remaining pre-priestly narrative in these books supports the theory of an exodus-conquest narrative as one of the literary precursors to the Pentateuch and book of Joshua, challenging both the Documentary Hypothesis and the Deuteronomistic History hypothesis in their various forms.



Dimant, Deborah

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Schüle, Andreas

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The Primeval History (Genesis 1–11) is one of the most complex theological compositions of the Old Testament/the Hebrew Bible. Woven into its multi-layered text one finds reflections on an array of fundamental questions: How did the world come into being? Who is its creator? What role does humankind play in the larger scheme of creation? Why is the world that God made not a perfect one? And finally, is it possible to lead a meaningful and even happy life despite the unpredictabilities of existence? The essays by Andreas Schüle assembled in this volume address these and related questions through close readings of Genesis 1–11 and by relating them to kindred textual traditions throughout the Old Testament/the Hebrew Bible.

## Ezekiel

### Current Debates and Future Directions

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Ezekiel studies are flourishing. The 27 essays collected in this volume were first presented at two symposia on the theme »Ezekiel in International Perspective« at the Society of Biblical Literature conferences in St Andrews and Vienna. The principal aim was to widen contact, cultivate understanding, and foster collaboration between international colleagues who, though working on the same ancient text, possess diverse points of view and operate from different methodological frames. The meetings allowed moments of introspection, providing the freedom and opportunity to reflect on questions of appropriate evidence, suitable methodology, and argumentative plausibility by juxtaposing papers from diverse perspectives. The resulting collection is a portrait of the discipline in the present and a prospectus for future research.

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### **Bridging the Academic Cultures of Europe, Israel, and North America**

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The Pentateuch lies at the heart of the Western humanities. Yet despite nearly two centuries of scholarship, its historical origins and its literary history are still a subject of intense discussion. Critical scholarship has isolated multiple layers of tradition, inconsistent laws, and narratives that could only have originated from separate communities within ancient Israel, and were joined together at a relatively late stage by a process of splicing and editing. Recent developments in academic biblical studies, however, jeopardize the revolutionary progress that has been accomplished over the last two centuries. The past forty years of scholarship have witnessed not simply a proliferation of intellectual models, but the fragmentation of discourse within the three main research centers of Europe, Israel, and North America. Even when they employ the same terminology (redactor, author, source, exegesis), scholars often mean quite different things. Concepts taken for granted by one group of scholars (such as the existence of the Elohist source) are dismissed out of hand by other scholarly communities. In effect, independent and sometimes competing scholarly discourses have emerged in Europe, Israel, and North America. Each centers on the Pentateuch, each operates with its own set of working assumptions, and each is confident of its own claims. This volume seeks to stimulate international discussion about the Pentateuch in order to help the discipline move toward a set of shared assumptions and a common discourse. With the wide range of perspectives examined, this publication is an invaluable resource for subsequent research.

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Hensel, Benedikt

## Juda und Samaria

### Zum Verhältnis zweier nach-exilischer Jahwismen

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Benedikt Hensel presents in this volume new insights on the emergence of the Old Testament and Judaism. Starting with the Mt. Gerizim Yahwists, who were later identified as »Samaritans«, the author investigates their relationship to their Judean counterparts in the post-exile period (600–100 BCE) by using all the currently available Samaritan archaeological, iconographic, numismatic and epigraphical sources. He also simultaneously evaluates the literary testimonies of the Old Testament and later Jewish traditions, esp. Ezra-Nehemiah, the books of the Chronicles and 2 Kings 17. The religious-sociological and -political developments hereby demonstrated lead to the conclusion that there were two Yahwistic communities in Judah and Samaria existing side-by-side and in communication with one another in post-exile Palestine.

This work was awarded the main prize of the Armin Schmitt Stiftung für biblische Textforschung 2018.

Altmann, Peter

## Economics in Persian-Period Biblical Texts

### Their Interactions with Economic Developments in the Persian Period and Earlier Biblical Traditions

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Large-scale economic change such as the rise of coinage occurred during the Persian-dominated centuries (6th–4th centuries BCE) in the Eastern Mediterranean and ancient Near East. How do the biblical texts of the time respond to such developments?

In this study, Peter Altmann lays out foundational economic conceptions from the ancient Near East and earlier biblical traditions in order to show how Persian-period biblical texts build on these traditions to address the challenges of their day. Economic issues are central to the way that Ezra and Nehemiah approach the topics of temple building and of Judean self-understanding. Economic terminology and considerations also appear in Second Isaiah and the »Holiness Code.« Following significant interaction with the material culture and extra-biblical texts, the author devotes special attention to the ascendancy of economics and its theological and identity implications as structuring metaphors for divine action and human community in the Persian period.

## Centres and Peripheries in the Early Second Temple Period

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»Centre and periphery« frameworks have been particularly helpful for research on systems whose dynamics are strongly influenced by a substantially unequal distribution of qualities. But what can these frameworks, in all their present diversity and in their various »re-conceptualizations,« contribute to the study of the early Second Temple period? The essays in this volume address this question through the prism of, for instance, the location of Jerusalem, diasporic communities, Torah, roles of temples and royal courts, Jerusalem/Gerizim, the Zion tradition, the universal kingdom of YHWH, the literary history of some texts, socio-linguistic choices, and gender.

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## The Fall of Jerusalem and the Rise of the Torah

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The destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians in 587 bce is arguably the most tremendous disaster in the Hebrew Bible. How this decisive date relates to the development of the Pentateuch, however, is highly controversial. Is the trauma of Jerusalem reflected in the five books of Moses? This question is addressed from multiple perspectives in this volume. Israel Finkelstein and Lester L. Grabbe discuss the archaeological and historical data. Experts in Pentateuchal criticism from diverse international backgrounds present a rich panorama of relevant themes, including biblical historiography, contacts with Mesopotamian culture before and during the Babylonian exile, and the issue of cultic discontinuity caused by the destruction and restoration of Jerusalem's temple.

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Jonker, Louis C.

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In this book, Louis C. Jonker considers more sophisticated and nuanced models for applying the heuristic lens of »identity« in the interpretation of the Hebrew Bible book of Chronicles. Not only does he investigate the potential and limitations of different sociological models for this purpose, but the author also provides a more nuanced analysis of the socio-historical context of origin of late Persian-period biblical literature by distinguishing between four levels of socio-historic existence in this period. It is shown that varying power relations were in operation on these different levels which contributed to a multi-levelled process of identity negotiation. Louis C. Jonker shows the value of the chosen methodological approach in his analysis of Chronicles, but also suggests that it holds potential for the investigation of other Hebrew Bible corpora.

Schmidt, Brian B.

## The Materiality of Power

### Explorations in the Social History of Ancient Israelite Magic

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Brian B. Schmidt presents five case studies in which architectural spaces, artifacts, epigraphs, images and biblical manuscripts corroborate the existence of a robust daimonic realm ruled by YHWH and Asherah in late pre-exilic Israel and an embryonic pandemonium foreshadowing later demonological constructs. The material and epigraphic data from Kuntilet Ajrud, Ketef Hinnom, and Khirbet el-Qom, along with the early manuscript evidence from Deut 32 and 1 Sam 28, indicate that this pandemonium wreaked havoc on the living and the dead. These same data also preserve a countervailing realm of apotropaism—a realm over which YHWH and Asherah, portrayed as Egypt's quintessential protective deities Bes and Beset, governed. Various other material media including amulets, inscribed blessings and decorated jars also conveyed this counteractive apotropaism. Yet, the data as a whole highlight Asherah's central role in this magical realm as YHWH's mediatrix. Alongside various protective spirits, Asherah executed divine protection for mortals, those alive and departed, from threatening demons.

Heckl, Raik

## Neuanfang und Kontinuität in Jerusalem

### Studien zu den hermeneutischen Strategien im Esra-Nehemia-Buch

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In this monograph, Raik Heckl deals with the hermeneutic strategies presented in the composition of the book of Ezra-Nehemiah. These shed light on the political and religious discourses of its time of origin, thus making it possible to understand why the book presents a re-contextualization of older texts. The book of Ezra-Nehemiah itself is a late postexilic ideological manifesto which presents the return from the Babylonian exile, the Jerusalem Temple and the Jerusalem interpretation of the Torah as the only foundations of postexilic Israel. Its background was the conflict with the community of the Samaritans. The new beginning is founded on an alleged unbroken continuity of the election of Jerusalem and the related interpretation of the Torah. It is directed against the temple on Mt. Garizim and its use of the Torah.

Dubovský, Peter

## The Building of the First Temple

### A Study in Redactional, Text-Critical and Historical Perspective

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In this monograph Peter Dubovský explores the biblical and extra-biblical material in order to determine whether the pre-exilic temple underwent any reconstructions. The study of ancient Near Eastern material provides a background to how and why temples changed. The author's work is dedicated to the study of notes and comments spread over various parts of the Bible. He argues that there is enough evidence to prove that the pre-exilic temple of Jerusalem underwent important changes. What then can we say about 1 Kings 6–8 that attribute the construction of the temple in its full glory to Solomon? Thumbing through the commentaries on 1 Kings is sufficient to persuade even the most casual reader that the text is full of problems. The syntax is often incomprehensible, the grammar is unclear, and above all the different manuscripts disagree on the description of the first temple. Peter Dubovský's basic presupposition is that since the temple represented the most important building/institution in ancient Israel, it was only natural that the texts describing the temple underwent several redactions and were often glossed. He synthesizes the results and proposes a chronological development of the temple of Jerusalem as well as a minimalist version and also ventures to offer a more nuanced model. This conclusion, on the one hand, should be ultimately confronted with the results of archaeological excavation once they become available; on the other hand, this study can point to some nuances that only a text can preserve and no archaeologist can ever unearth.



Kratz, Reinhard Gregor

## Mythos und Geschichte

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The third collection of Reinhard G. Kratz's Selected Essays is devoted to »myth« in the Hebrew Bible and contains material dealing with the tense relationship between biblical tradition and historical reality. While the first part (*Myth and History in Biblical Scholarship*) takes a research-history approach and introduces renowned scholars who have subjected the difference between tradition and history to a critical analysis, the two following parts offer examples from two areas of the Hebrew Bible. The second section is devoted to the *Myth of God's Kingship* and its transformation within the Psalms and the Dead Sea Scrolls. The *Myth of God's People* forms the third part. Here the essays concentrate on the background to the grasp of history and stories in the North-West Semitic inscriptions which illuminate the emergence of sacred history in the Hebrew Bible.

## The Post-Priestly Pentateuch

### New Perspectives on its Redactional Development and Theological Profiles

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Today agreement regarding the formation of the Pentateuch is no longer as widespread as it was when the documentary hypothesis was first proposed. Numerous scholars find that more recent periods of Israelite history – the exilic and post-exilic periods – are more likely to have been behind important sections of the Pentateuch. This has resulted in a major shift in scholarship: no longer is the remote past of Israelite history the only era, or even the primary era, during which the Pentateuch came into formation. Rather, the development of the Pentateuch continued down into the Persian and Hellenistic periods. During these centuries, the post-exilic community brought together the texts of their own cultural heritage and blended these ancient stories with ex novo additions that reflected their current historical situation. The result was the Pentateuch as we know it today. This volume focuses on these final redactions included in the biblical text after the Priestly materials. The purpose of these final additions was to complete that which was deemed necessary to recount, as well as to update, reorient, and, sometimes, to correct older materials containing ideas that were no longer compatible with the post-exilic time of the editors.

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Jeremias, Jörg

## Studien zur Theologie des Alten Testaments

Hrsg. v. Friedhelm Hartenstein u. Jutta Krispenz

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Witte, Markus

## Texte und Kontexte des Sirachbuchs

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The book of Ben Sira, written in Hebrew in Jerusalem in the early 2nd century BCE, translated to Greek in Alexandria in the late 2nd century BCE, gives a powerful synthesis and transformation of sapiential, cultic, juridical and historiographical-prophetic traditions of ancient Judaism. The great differences between the Hebrew, Greek, Syriac and Latin versions of the book of Ben Sira challenge the exegesis and the history of the biblical canon in a special way. In the essays of this volume, Markus Witte focuses on text-critical and literary-historical problems of the book of Ben Sira, portrays its different theologies and determines its position in the context of the early Jewish wisdom literature. Other early Jewish writings, especially the Wisdom of Solomon, are also considered concerning their own anthropological, ethical and theological conceptions.

Bezzel, Hannes

## Saul

Israels König in Tradition, Redaktion und früher Rezeption

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In this study, Hannes Bezzel examines King Saul and the diachronic genesis of this literary character. The starting point is the »early reception history« up to the end of the 1st century C.E., and more precisely, the Saul-images of Ben Sira's *laus patrum*, the Qumran document 4Q252, the *Liber Antiquitatum Biblicarum*, and of Josephus' *Antiquitates Judaicae*. Based on these studies, the author further pursues the phenomenon of »rewritten Bible /scripture«, first into the Books of Chronicles, then into the redaction history of the Books of Samuel. Here, his analysis finds an older Saul tradition in I Sam 9–10\*; 11\*; 14,47–51\*. Within the scope of an enhanced Samuel-Saul-circle (I Sam 1\*; 4\*; 9–10\*; 13–14\*; 29\*; 31\*) the topic of the Philistines was introduced by means of the literary figure Samuel. Only in a third step was this narrative circle connected with the David tradition in the context of a »History of David's Rise.«

Stipp, Hermann-Josef

## Studien zum Jeremiabuch

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The book of Jeremiah elicits lively debates among biblical scholars. It has been given to us in two different editions: alongside the Hebrew text we have the much shorter Greek translation (LXX). Moreover, the book abounds with traces of an extended redaction history, among them numerous passages in deuteronomistic diction. In the present volume, Hermann-Josef Stipp assembles sixteen papers dedicated to these problems. Enquiries into the textual transmission explore the import of the textual deviations between MT and LXX and study the translation technique of the LXX. Another point of emphasis is the deuteronomistic redaction of the book, especially the criteria of its identification, its method, its internal stratification, place of provenance, theological outlook and afterlife in the subsequent development of the book.

Blum, Erhard

## Grundfragen der historischen Exegese

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Klein, Anja

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Anja Klein presents a literary and theological analysis of the historical psalms Exod 15, Ps 78, 105, 106, 114, 135 and 136. Her study focuses on the redactional history of these texts and the demonstration of inner-biblical exegesis within their literary growth. It shows that the reception of biblical history starts with the Song of the Sea (Exod 15) in the narrative context and is then carried into the book of Psalms. It is here that the historical psalms continue the reception with different emphases, which results in an ongoing discourse on biblical history. This dynamic exegetical process can be described as biblical Judaism's search for identity in which the people assure themselves of their history with their God. The literary genre of the texts as prayers evokes a cultic context and allows for an individual appropriation of biblical history.



Bons, Eberhard

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Ever since the era of humanism, biblical exegetes have consistently drawn on the Greek Bible text of the Septuagint when the Hebrew texts proved to be difficult or even puzzling, and they attempted to improve these at least selectively with the help of the Greek text version. In the past 30 years, this text-critical research on the Bible text has increasingly moved away from the procedure. In fact the text of the Septuagint, in its entire diversity and development, is regarded as a witness to the textual history of the Old Testament which deserves its own consideration. The articles in this volume deal with this issue. Using selected examples, mainly from the Psalms and the Prophets, they show that the translators tried to preserve the meaning of their Hebrew source text while trying to focus on new content.

Teeter, David Andrew

## Scribal Laws

### Exegetical Variation in the Textual Transmission of Biblical Law in the Late Second Temple Period

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On the basis of a detailed analysis of extant texts and versions, David Andrew Teeter examines the nature and background of deliberate scribal changes in the text of biblical law during the late Second Temple period. What were the »laws« governing this mode of scribal production and how are the »laws« produced thereby to be understood? What are the underlying causes of textual difference, and what are the effects of the resulting plurality upon the character of interpretive scriptural encounter? What do the attested textual differences reveal about the social history of the biblical text, and how does this relate to halakhic diversity within Judaism of the period? The author undertakes to answer these questions in a methodologically rigorous way, offering a sustained examination of the nature of exegetical textual variants and their place within the multi-faceted interpretive encounter with scripture in the late Second Temple period.

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Spieckermann, Hermann

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Spieckermann, Hermann

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Dimant, Devorah

## History, Ideology and Bible Interpretation in the Dead Sea Scrolls

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In this volume Devorah Dimant assembles twenty-seven thoroughly updated and partly rewritten articles discussing various aspects of the Dead Sea Scrolls that she published over the past three decades. An introductory essay written especially for this volume surveys the present state of research on the Scrolls. Dealing with major themes developed in the Dead Sea Scrolls, the author reflects the rapid expansion and change of perspective that has taken place in research on the collection in recent years following its full publication. Among the topics treated are the nature and contents of the Scrolls collection as a whole, the specific literature of the community that owned this collection, the Aramaic texts and the apocryphal and pseudepigraphic works found therein. Each of these chapters contains an inventory list of the texts under discussion. In the article on the entire Scrolls collection she provides an updated inventory and analysis of all the Dead Sea Scrolls. Besides these general surveys, the volume includes discussions of particular themes such as the history of the community related to the Scrolls, its self-image and particular interpretation of biblical prophecies, and its notion of time. In addition, various previously unknown apocryphal works found among the Scrolls are analyzed, such as *Pseudo-Ezekiel* (4Q385–4Q386, 4Q388), *Apocryphon of Jeremiah C* (4Q385a–4Q390), *Apocryphon of Joshua* (4Q522), *Pesher on the Periods* (4Q180, with a fresh edition), and a new edition and interpretation of the *Words of Benjamin* (4Q548).

Sweeney, Marvin A.

## Reading Prophetic Books

### Form, Intertextuality, and Reception in Prophetic and Post-Biblical Literature

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In this volume Marvin A. Sweeney builds upon his former work »Form and Intertextuality in Prophetic and Apocalyptic Literature« (FAT 45, 2005). He introduces further studies that take up several key issues, including the reading of prophetic books in their final literary form and the significance of textual versions for this reading. He also observes the intertextual relationships between the prophets and other works of biblical and post-biblical literature, and the reception of the prophetic books. Following an introduction that lays out methodological perspective, it includes the title essay for the volume, »Reading Prophetic Books,« as well as selections of papers devoted to Isaiah, Jeremiah in both its Masoretic and Septuagint forms, Ezekiel, individual books from the Twelve Prophets, and the reading of biblical texts in Qumran, Rabbinic, and Targumic literature.

Wagner, J. Ross

## Reading the Sealed Book

### Old Greek Isaiah and the Problem of Septuagint Hermeneutics

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Interest in the Greek translations of scripture popularly known as »the Septuagint« has never been greater, with major translation and commentary projects completed or well underway in German, French, English, and Spanish. Dating from the 3rd century BCE to the 1st century CE, these translations open a window onto early Jewish interpretation of the Bible. Yet crucial problems of »Septuagint hermeneutics,« particularly the question of how to identify interpretive elements in a translated text, remain unresolved. Drawing on important work both in translation studies and in literary theory, J. Ross Wagner develops an interpretive approach that combines patient investigation of the process of translation with careful attention to the rhetorical shape of the translated text. The author demonstrates the fruitfulness of this method through a close reading of Isaiah's opening vision (Isa 1:1–31) as both translation and text. The Greek translator interprets Isaiah 1 for his audience by elucidating its language, modulating its discourse and contextualizing its message. By amplifying Isaiah's criticism

of those who rely on their wealth, power, and political connections rather than on the Lord, and by characterizing the blatant disregard for social and economic justice on the part of Zion's elites as a refusal to heed God's Law, the translator depicts trusting adherence to the Law as central to the life of God's people. In this way, Old Greek Isaiah makes a distinctive contribution to the formation and preservation of Jewish identity in the Hellenistic diaspora.  
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Levin, Christoph

## Re-Reading the Scriptures

### Essays on the Literary History of the Old Testament

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This volume contains 15 papers written by Christoph Levin between 2001 and 2011, four of them unpublished. One main focus is on the Pentateuch, mainly on the oldest comprehensive narrative source, the Yahwist, which was written at the beginning of the Jewish diaspora. One paper gives an outline of the features of this source as they emerge resulting from an inquiry into their redaction history. In addition the full text of the Yahwist's history is given in an English translation, the sources used by the editor being distinguished from the editorial text. Other papers deal with single stories of the Yahwist's history, such as the narrative of creation and fall in Gen 2–3, the story of Joseph's fate in Egypt in Gen 39, the story of the call of Moses in Exod 3, and the story of the miracle at the sea in Exod 14. A second focus is on the books of Kings, on their chronological structure as well as on the final two chapters 2 Kgs 24–25. The author deals with the prophetic books, in particular with the theology of the word of God in the book of Jeremiah and with the day of Yahweh within the book of Zephaniah. He also studies the Israelite religion in the time of the monarchy, the origins of biblical Covenant theology, and the Old Testament attitude to poverty. All the papers are based on a detailed investigation into the literary growth of the biblical text. The author shows that the Old Testament as we know it originated from a process of continual re-reading during the Second Temple period.

Pietsch, Michael

## Die Kultreform Josias

### Studien zur Religionsgeschichte Israels in der späten Königszeit

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Josiah's cult reform has been called the main event in the history of literature and religion in ancient Israel. The reform of the system of religious symbols, expressed in Josiah's measures related to cult policies, marked a turning point in the history of the religion of ancient Israel on its way to a monotheistic concept of God. Conventional wisdom has it that this also provided the historical background for the creation of the so-called proto-Deuteronomy. According to the latest research however both the agenda and the historicity of Josiah's cult reform are highly controversial. Against this backdrop, Michael Pietsch takes a new look at the relevant literary and archeological sources and provides a reevaluation of the processes in the history of religion which led to the transformation of the religion of ancient Israel.

## Remembering and Forgetting in Early Second Temple Judah

### Ed. by Ehud Ben Zvi and Christoph Levin

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This volume collects revised versions of essays from a 2011 workshop held in Munich on *Remembering and Forgetting in Early Second Temple Judah*. The authors of the essays address these issues from both general methodological perspectives and through case studies emerging out or associated with a wide range of texts from the prophetic literature, the Pentateuch, the historical books, Psalms and Lamentations. All these texts share one main feature: they shape memories of the past (or future) and involve forgetting.

*Contributors: Bob Becking, Ehud Ben Zvi, Kåre Berge, Diana Edelman, Christina Ehrling, Judith Gärtner, Friedhelm Hartenstein, Michael Hundley, Jörg Jeremias, Sonya Kostamo, Francis Landy, Christoph Levin, James Linville, Zhenhua Meng, Bill Morrow, Reinhard Müller, Urmas Nömmik, Juha Pakkala, Hermann-Josef Stipp*

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Gärtner, Judith

## Die Geschichtspsalmen

Eine Studie zu den Psalmen 78, 105, 106, 135 und 136 als hermeneutische Schlüsseltexte im Psalter

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In the theological study of the later Psalms, the major lines of Old Testament theology converge as in a concave mirror. A pivotal question here is the reflection of their own history, on which the »historical Psalms« 78, 105, 106, 135 and 136, as they are classified by researchers, placed their emphasis. Each of the historical Psalms creates memories in its own specific way of »salvific primordial time« of the exodus and the possession of the land in order to reinterpret their own present time in prayer. Judith Gärtner describes this identity-forming function of history in connection with a discourse in cultural studies on »collective memory.« Against the backdrop of current research on the Psalms, the author shows that the historical Psalms are key hermeneutic texts in the Psalter and analyzes them in view of the composition and redaction of the Psalter. In doing so, she creates new perspectives on the origins and the theology of the Psalter.

Joosten, Jan

## Collected Studies on the Septuagint

From Language to Interpretation and Beyond

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In this volume Jan Joosten brings together seventeen articles, published in journals and collective volumes between 1996 and 2008, with one unpublished essay. In these essays he deals mainly with questions of language and interpretation in the earliest Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible. Many of Jan Joosten's studies take their point of departure in one or the other striking features in the language of the Septuagint, propose a theory explaining its peculiarity, and go on from there to relate the linguistic phenomenon to wider historical, exegetical or theological issues. Others deal with problems of method in establishing the historical background of the version, its relation to the Hebrew source text, and its theology. Taken as a whole, Jan Joosten offers an original contribution to a number of contemporary debates on the Old Greek version. Notably in this book he addresses from various perspectives the questions of who the translators were and what they tried to do.

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Gesundheit, Shimon

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### Studies on Festival Legislation in the Pentateuch

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The festival calendars in the Pentateuch have made up the heart of critical biblical research from the beginning. Each of the calendars was thought to have taken shape against its own specific historical background and to accurately reflect a distinct stage in the development of Israel's cultic and social institutions. Classical hypotheses used them to distinguish the different legal codes in the Pentateuch from each other, to define the original compositions, and to arrange them relative to each other in an historical, chronological sequence. Shimon Gesundheit challenges the classical historical reconstructions and the methodology driving them. He presents an alternate point of view, according to which the festival laws do not simplistically reflect the specific cultic or social realities of actual historical periods. Rather, through their legal discourse, they shape and promote new ideas by textual revision and redaction, in the lemmatic style of midrash, and they represent a process of progressive literary development.

## Disaster and Relief Management – Katastrophen und ihre Bewältigung

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The volume collects the papers of the International Conference on Disaster and Relief Management in Ancient Israel/Palestine, Egypt and the Ancient Near East held from the 4th of October to the 6th of October 2010 in Leipzig. Scholars from different fields are having a close look at the concepts of disasters in antiquity, their impact on society, possible dynamics and cultural dimensions. They give insights into their actual research on the destructivity and productivity of disasters, including the possibility that disasters were used as topoi in ideological, mythological and theological discourses. Their contributions in this volume represent a first step to a cultural history of disasters in antiquity.

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Becking, Bob

## Ezra, Nehemiah, and the Construction of Early Jewish Identity

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The post-exilic of Persian period showed a transition in the religion in ancient Israel from Yahwism(s) to Judaism(s). The events of exile and return made it impossible to completely fall back on the traditional religious identity. The essays in this volume try to reconstruct the path taken in that transition. The characters of Ezra and Nehemiah are generally seen as playing a formative role in this process. By reading texts from the biblical books supposedly written by Ezra and Nehemiah in a religio-historical context, new light falls on the process of change.



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Hays, Christopher B.

## Death in the Iron Age II and in First Isaiah

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Death is one of the major themes of 'First Isaiah,' although it has not generally been recognized as such. Images of death are repeatedly used by the prophet and his earliest tradents. The book begins by concisely summarizing what is known about death in the Ancient Near East during the Iron Age II, covering beliefs and practices in Mesopotamia, Egypt, Syria-Palestine, and Judah/Israel. Incorporating both textual and archeological data, Christopher B. Hays surveys and analyzes existing scholarly literature on these topics from multiple fields. Focusing on the text's meaning for its producers and its initial audiences, he describes the ways in which the 'rhetoric of death' functioned in its historical context and offers fresh interpretations of more than a dozen passages in Isa 5–38. He shows how they employ the imagery of death that was part of their cultural contexts, and also identifies ways in which they break new creative ground. This holistic approach to questions that have attracted much scholarly attention in recent decades produces new insights not only for the interpretation of specific biblical passages, but also for the formation of the book of Isaiah and for the history of ancient Near Eastern religions.

## The Pentateuch

### International Perspectives on Current Research

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The Pentateuch is both the literary capstone and the central core of the Hebrew biblical canon. It contains many of the best known and most influential literary texts of world literature. A firm conclusion of biblical research is that the sweeping narrative of the Pentateuch that begins with creation and concludes with the death of Moses was not composed by one author, but is the result of a literary process that took place over hundreds of years. Yet there remains significant debate among international researchers on the composition of the Pentateuch. The present volume contains a collection of articles from an international conference in Zürich that brought together leading voices from North America, Europe, and Israel to evaluate the present state of research on the composition of the Pentateuch. The aim of the conference was to clarify differences in methodology and to identify points of convergence in the present state of pentateuchal research as a basis for further discussion.

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Angela Roskop Erisman in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 133.3 (2013), p. 551–553

Schmid, Konrad

## Schriftgelehrte Traditionsliteratur

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Recent research has shown that the Old Testament books largely consist of both text and commentary in one. The composition of the Old Testament as a written text can be interpreted as the differentiated process of scriptural exegesis within the Bible, a process which repeatedly updated traditional texts in order to apply them to new historical situations. It was not until the texts became canonical that the texts and commentaries were separated permanently. The various studies by Konrad Schmid in this volume investigate the culture of writing and the composition of literary works in ancient Israel, presents several case studies of inner-biblical exegesis in the Old Testament and reflects on the resulting theological significance. The image of the Old Testament as traditional scribal literature as portrayed by recent Old Testament studies lays the foundation for a historically differentiated and theologically dynamic view of the Bible.



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Leuenberger, Martin

## Gott in Bewegung

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Leuenberger, Martin

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Grund, Alexandra

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Kratz, Reinhard Gregor

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Berner, Christoph

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Christoph Berner provides a comprehensive redaction-critical analysis of the literary development of the Exodus narrative (Ex 1–15) and the closely related chapter on Jethro (Ex 18). He shows that the present form of the text does not result from the compilation of sources, nor was it the work of one or a few large-scale redactions. Rather, it is the product of a continuous process of literary expansions through which the foundation myth of the Exodus constantly gained narrative complexity and theological depth.

Fischer, Stefan

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Bauks, Michaela

## Jephtas Tochter

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Based on the story of the vow taken in Judges 11:29–40, Michaela Bauks studies the phenomenon of child sacrifice in the Ancient Near East and in the Old Testament. After a detailed analysis of the text composition of Judges 11 and an examination of the redaction history, the author deals with the evidence of child sacrifices in the history of religion in the Mediterranean area during the first century BC and then studies the reception history using several pertinent documents (Septuagint, Targum, Josephus, Pseudo-Philo, the New Testament as well as other documents on Judges 11, mainly in the early church) as well as the significant intertext in Genesis 22. In addition to historical issues, the author also explores the intention and the function of the talk of child sacrifices in detail. The various literary, theological and material facets of the subject are given equal treatment and evaluated in favor of the Judges narrative.

Heckl, Raik

## Hiob – Vom Gottesfürchtigen zum Repräsentanten Israels

Studien zur Buchwerdung des Hiobbuches und zu seinen Quellen

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Raik Heckl shows that the composition of the book of Job as a poem framed by a prose text was developed by adding the prose frame to an earlier independent poem. In this earlier poem, Job was depicted as a pious pagan, who held onto his relationship to his deity. In the Yahweh speeches, the God of Israel reveals himself to Job. The earlier poem deals exemplarily with the question of God's attitude towards suffering. The prose frame transfers this image of Job into a theological concept of history. Job, who in the prologue is already presented as a pious worshipper of Yahweh, becomes a representative of Israel's fate. His final restoration prefigures the coming restoration of Israel and thus constitutes a contrast to the Deuteronomistic theological concept of history in the books of Samuel and Kings.

Blum, Erhard

## Textgestalt und Komposition

Exegetische Beiträge zu Tora und Vordere Propheten

Hrsg. v. Wolfgang Oswald

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The present volume contains a collection of 16 essays by Erhard Blum, Professor of Old Testament at the Faculty of Protestant Theology at the University of Tübingen. These works were published elsewhere between 1980 and 2007 and deal with the question of the compositional history of the Pentateuch and the Former Prophets. Some of these essays focus on the analysis of highly controversial texts such as Jacob's struggle at the Yabboq (Gen 32) or the bloody bridegroom (Ex 4), whereas others deal with the overall compositional structure of Genesis to Kings and its history, such as the transition from the patriarchs to the exodus narrative or the transition from Joshua to Judges or the second covenant at Sinai (Ex 34). A number of essays cover the prophetic stories in the Book of Kings and the succession narrative and their relevance for the composition of Deuteronomistic History.

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Der vorliegende Band enthält Aufsätze des Alttestamentlers Erhard Blum aus den Jahren 1980 bis 2007. Die Auswahl berücksichtigt wichtige Aufsätze zu den Kanonteilern Tora und Vordere Propheten:

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Baden, Joel S.

## J, E, and the Redaction of the Pentateuch

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Joel S. Baden addresses the relationship between the J and E documents in the Pentateuch. He demonstrates that, contrary to the standard claims of classical source criticism, the J and E sources were never combined into a »JE« document. Rather, these two sources were combined with each other at the same time that they were combined with the P and D documents, in one process of redaction.

After investigating the history of scholarly arguments regarding the existence and combination of J and E, the author goes on to argue in detail for the dependence of D on the separate, independent narratives of J and, primarily, E. Significant attention is paid to the issue of redaction. In particular, Baden critiques the manner in which passages have traditionally been attributed to redactors, and argues for a more restrictive concept of the redactor and his work. It is further argued that the literary evidence in the Pentateuch provides for the existence of only a single redactor, to whom the compilation of all four sources of the Pentateuch is to be attributed.

In the course of this study, a number of important questions regarding the composition of the Pentateuch are addressed: the existence of E, the relationship between D and the narratives of Genesis-Numbers, and the nature of the redactor. In the end, this study stands as both a critique of traditional documentary analysis of the Pentateuch and a defense of its fundamental claims.

Maier, Bernhard

## William Robertson Smith

### His Life, his Work and his Times

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William Robertson Smith (1846–1894) was successively the embattled champion of the emergent »higher criticism« as applied to the Old Testament, chief editor of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, and Professor of Arabic at Cambridge University. Today he is acknowledged to have been a pioneering figure in both social anthropology and the study of comparative religion, deeply influencing the thinking of J. G. Frazer, Emile Durkheim and Sigmund Freud. The first full-length biography of Robertson Smith to be published for almost a hundred years, this text makes use of hitherto unknown material preserved by the Smith family and draws upon the extensive range of correspondence between Smith and such scholars as Albrecht Ritschl, Paul de Lagarde, Julius Wellhausen, Abraham Kuenen and Theodor Nöldeke. Adopting an interdisciplinary approach, the biography locates and defines the place of this remarkable polymath within the context of Free Church Calvinism, the Scottish Enlightenment and 19th century German Protestant theology. It highlights Smith's interest in physics and philosophy, his friendship with contemporary artists, his Oriental travels, and his involvement in the social life of Edinburgh and Aberdeen. In recent years, the image of Smith as a comparative religionist has come to dominate all other perspectives and indeed tends now to overshadow his fame as an Old Testament scholar. This book seeks to redress the balance, aiming to discover the theological drive behind Smith's manifold activities.

Ska, Jean-Louis

## The Exegesis of the Pentateuch

### Exegetical Studies and Basic Questions

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The studies collected in this book represent landmarks in the vast exegetical landscape of the Pentateuch. In the first series of these studies, Jean-Louis Ska examines key texts from different perspectives and draws a map to show the way. These texts are mainly the story of the flood (Gen 6–9), the call of Abraham (Gen 12:1–4), God's covenant with Abraham (Gen 15), the Lord's apparition to Abraham in Mamre (Gen 18), the sacrifice of Isaac (Gen 22), the introduction to the Sinai covenant (Exod 19:3–6), and the meal and the vision on the mountain (Exod 24:9–11). Different methods are used according to the text or the topic treated: literary criticism, redaction criticism, inner-biblical exegesis, and narrative analysis. In the second part, the author grapples with some basic issues in recent debates about exegetical methods: the function of the narrator, the validity of resorting to the category of »redactor«, the nature and purpose of the biblical law collections, and the legitimacy of a critical reading of the Old Testament. The Pentateuch is a cantata with many voices, and faithfulness to its nature means that the exegete has to use all the instruments at his or her disposal to make this old music be heard once again.

Lux, Rüdiger

## Prophetie und Zweiter Tempel

### Studien zu Haggai und Sacharja



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Rüdiger Lux presents a collection of partly previously unpublished studies about Haggai and Zechariah 1–8. In one essay, he deals with the composition of Haggai and Proto-Zechariah. Several other cultural studies are dedicated to the relationship between icon, vision and text in the night visions of Zechariah. He also discusses the prophetic conceptions of the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the Second Temple in exilic and post-exilic times and illuminates the marginal role of the Persian government in this matter, unlike the description given in Ezra and Nehemiah. Three theological studies deal with the appearance and the meaning of the »glory« and the »spirit« of Yahweh, the concept of conditional salvation in Zech 1:1–6 and the relationship between Yahweh, Israel and the nations. In conclusion, the author describes Zechariah's calling, the figure and function of the *angelus interpres* and the problem of preaching from prophetic texts.

## Tod und Jenseits im alten Israel und in seiner Umwelt

Theologische, religionsgeschichtliche, archäologische und ikonographische Aspekte

Hrsg. v. Angelika Berlejung u. Bernd Janowski in Zus.-Arb. m. Jan Dietrich u. Annette Krüger

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This collection of essays contains the results of an international and interdisciplinary conference on this topic which took place in Leipzig in 2007. The articles provide new approaches to the reevaluation of the different concepts of death in the ancient world. The authors give new insights into grave and burial customs, the iconography of death, conceptions of the underworld, life after death and resurrection in the Old Testament and the cultures of the Ancient Near East. In doing so, they conclude that the ancient world from the 3rd millennium BC up to early Judaism did not find it necessary to develop a complete system of concepts of death, the underworld, the hereafter and resurrection.

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Halpern, Baruch

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The Dynamics of Iron Age Cosmologies

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Barstad, Hans M.

## History and the Hebrew Bible

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In this collection of essays, Hans M. Barstad deals thoroughly with the recent history debate, and demonstrates its relevancy for the study of ancient Israelite history and historiography. He takes an independent stand in the heated maximalist/minimalist debate on the historicity of the Hebrew Bible. Vital to his understanding is the necessity to realize the narrative nature of the ancient Hebrew and of the Near Eastern sources. Equally important is his claim that stories, too, may convey positivistic historical »facts«. The other major topic he deals with in the book is the actual history of ancient Judah in the Neo-Babylonian and Persian periods. Here, the author makes extensive use of extant ancient Near Eastern sources, both textual and archaeological, and he puts much weight on economic aspects. He shows that the key to understanding the role of Judah in the 1st millennium lays in the proper evaluation of Judah and its neighbouring city states within their respective imperial contexts. A proper understanding of the history of Judah during the 6th century BCE, consequently, can only be obtained when Judah is studied as a part of the much wider Neo-Babylonian imperial policy.

Schmitz, Barbara

## Prophetie und Königtum

Eine narratologisch-historische Methodologie entwickelt an den Königsbüchern



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The tense relationship between 'prophecy' and 'monarchy' in view of the search for the true word of JHWH is present throughout the Books of Kings. How can one be certain that the prophets are really preaching the word of JHWH authentically? Due to the fact that it claims to preach the word of God, prophecy is always a controversial subject. In the main texts of the Books of Kings (1 Kings 13 and 22), various specialists on the communication with God discuss the preaching of God's word and in doing so intervene in political conflicts in an argumentative manner. In this work, Barbara Schmitz studies these various perspectives in a narratological-historical methodology which she has developed and in an interdisciplinary discussion with literary studies.

Taschner, Johannes

## Die Mosereden im Deuteronomium

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In Deuteronomy, Moses repeats known facts of history in retrospect from a new angle. In contrast to the unaffected biblical narrator, a vulnerable human being takes the floor at the threshold of the Promised Land: Moses as an eye witness, who experiences for himself the consequences of the events he has been describing. This change of the point of view can only be adequately appreciated if Deuteronomy is interpreted consistently against the backdrop of the four preceding books of the Torah. Johannes Taschner shows how history is remembered in the speeches given by Moses and the significance of explaining history in order to understand the present.

Konkel, Michael

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In his detailed analysis of Ex 32–34, Michael Konkel examines the most important current models of Pentateuchal theory. Contrary to the present trend towards dating them from a later period, he offers evidence of a preexilic composition in Ex 32\* which reflects the fall of the Northern Kingdom (722 BCE) and the campaign of Sennacherib (701 BCE). For the first time, there was a concept of a common history of guilt shared by the North and the South Kingdoms. In the preexilic era, this composition was continued in Ex 34\*. Apart from that, it can be assumed that a great deal of redaction was done with the Priestly Document. The final composition is characterized by intertextual references that cover the whole Enneateuch (Gen – 2 Kings) as well as a highly differentiating theology of grace which erases the guidelines given in the Deuteronomistic school and the Priestly Document and results in a new synthesis.

Smith, Mark S.

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Mark S. Smith charts the many cases of deities recognized across cultures in the Late Bronze Age, Ancient Israel and early Judaism and the New Testament. This cross-cultural recognition took place in identifications or equations of deities of different cultures (for example, in lists of deities), and in representations of different deities of various cultures acting together (e.g., deities of different cultures serving as guarantors of and witnesses to international treaties). The context of 'translatability of deities' in the Late Bronze Age and Iron Age Israel supported international political relations. In the Iron Age, the worldview of regional deities on par with one another lost its intelligibility in the face of Neo-Assyrian empire ideology. In turn, Israel expressed its worldview of a single god powerful over all. As a result, biblical writers and scribes engaged in a sophisticated hermeneutics to mediate between older expressions of translatability embedded within its emergent monotheistic expressions. The Greco-Roman period witnessed an explosion in the types and genres of cross-cultural discourse about deities, and as a result, Jewish authors and some New Testament sources responded to this sort of discourse, sometimes negatively and at other times quite positively. Engagement with other cultures helped Israel come to understand its god.

Weimar, Peter

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This collection of studies from almost three centuries is a result of the efforts made to reorient research on the Priestly Code. This is an independent and highly unconventional work of literature which deals with subjects ranging from the creation to the death of Moses and culminating in the sanctuary at Sinai. It originated during the early postexilic era (around 520 BC) and leads right into the center of the current discussion surrounding the establishment of a location for a new beginning after the exile. In his nine comprehensive individual studies, the author presents perspectives on the literary and the theological characteristics of the Priestly Code.

Hartenstein, Friedhelm

## Das Angesicht JHWHs

Studien zu seinem höfischen und kultischen Bedeutungshintergrund in den Psalmen und in Exodus  
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This comprehensive work deals with the meaning and function of the central topic of the »face of YHWH« in the Psalms against the background of Ancient Near Eastern textual and iconographic sources. The primary interest of the study is to reconstruct the conception of the »face of YHWH« as part of the symbolism of the temple of Jerusalem. The main thesis is that the social model of an audience before the ruler provides the source for the 'legibility' of the language of the »face of YHWH« in the Psalms.

Levinson, Bernard M.

## »The Right Chorale«: Studies in Biblical Law and Interpretation

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This book presents twelve selected investigations of textual composition, interpretation, revision, and transmission. With these studies, Bernard Levinson draws upon the literary forebears of biblical law in cuneiform literature and its reinterpretation in the Second Temple period to provide the horizon of ancient Israelite legal exegesis. The volume makes a sustained argument about the nature of textuality in ancient Israel: Israelite scribes were sophisticated readers, authors, and thinkers who were conscious of their place in literary and intellectual history, even as they sought to renew and transform their cultural patrimony in significant ways. Originally published over a decade and a half, the significantly revised and updated studies gathered here explore the connections between law and narrative, show the close connections between Deuteronomy and the Neo-Assyrian loyalty oath tradition, address the literary relationship of Deuteronomy and the Covenant Code, reflect upon important questions of methodology, and explore the contributions of the Bible to later western intellectual history. The volume offers essential reading for an understanding of the Pentateuch and biblical law.

»This collection of essays is a testimony to Levinson's methodological brilliance and broad perspective as a bridge-builder between the various factions of Hebrew Bible scholarship.«

Armin Lange in *Journal of Ancient Judaism* 1 (2010), S. 122

»The collection as a whole triumphantly vindicates the significance of biblical law, the essential function of diachronic analysis (source and redaction criticism, and historical contextualization) in interpretation, and, especially in the last section, the established positions of the critical tradition in the succession of Wellhausen. The footnotes and bibliography are a superb resource for the study of biblical law. And the publishers have produced a beautiful volume worthily complementing a fine text.«

Walter J. Houston in *Journal of Semitic Studies* 55 (2010), S. 312–313

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Grohmann, Marianne

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Marianne Grohmann examines those images in the Psalms which refer to fertility and birth. Her methodical approach combines historical-critical exegesis, reader-oriented intertextuality, theories of metaphor and Jewish interpretations of the Bible. In her linguistic analysis of selected texts from the Psalms, the author shows the multidimensionality of images of birth in the Old Testament on a physical, personal, social and transcendental level. Birth is an experience of intense relationship and interaction between God, man and woman. Against the backdrop of the generally high importance of fertility in the Hebrew Bible and its surroundings, the author also studies its downside, infertility. The author concludes her work with an examination of perspectives deriving from the Old Testament texts to current discussions in bioethics concerning the beginning of human life.

Stackert, Jeffrey

## Rewriting the Torah

### Literary Revision in Deuteronomy and the Holiness Legislation

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Jeffrey Stackert explores literary correspondences among the pentateuchal legal corpora and especially the relationships between similar laws in Deuteronomy and the Holiness Legislation (Lev 17–26, the so-called »Holiness Code«, as well as significant parts of the Priestly source elsewhere in the Pentateuch). Resemblances between these law collections range from broad structure to fine detail and include treatments of similar legal topics, correlations with regard to sequence of laws, and precise grammatical and lexical correspondences. Yet the nature and basis of these resemblances persist as debated points among biblical scholars. Through an analysis of the pentateuchal laws on asylum, seventh-year release, manumission, and tithes, the author argues that the Holiness Legislation depends upon both the Covenant Collection and Deuteronomy. He also elucidates the compositional logic of the Holiness legislators, showing that these authors do not simply replicate pre-existing legal content. Rather, they employ a method of literary revision in which they reconceptualize source material according to their own ideological biases. In the end, the Holiness Legislation proves to be a »super law« that collects and distills the Priestly and non-Priestly laws that precede it. By accommodating, reformulating, and incorporating various viewpoints from these sources, the Holiness authors create a work that is intended to supersede them all.

Adam, Klaus-Peter

## Saul und David in der jüdischen Geschichtsschreibung

### Studien zu 1 Samuel 16 – 2 Samuel 5

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In the narratives of the Books of Samuel, Saul and David are not only two different individual figures; they also represent their kingdoms Israel and Judah. Thus the contrast between the two kings as a continuous distinguishing historiographic feature also reflects the Israelite-Judean conflict. Klaus-Peter Adam deals with the figures and the plot of the narratives and integrates their themes into the entire Deuteronomistic history. The author shows how the covenants and rebellious upheavals form an important thematic link between the epoch of the former kings in the Books of Samuel and the epoch of the divided monarchy in the Books of the Kings. He also demonstrates how biblical historiography can be seen within the broader field of ancient historiography.

Hjelde, Sigurd

## Sigmund Mowinckel und seine Zeit

### Leben und Werk eines norwegischen Alttestamentlers

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Sigmund Mowinckel (1884–1965) is said to have been one of the most influential Old Testament scholars of the 20th century. In the first part of this book, Sigurd Hjelde describes his biography, primarily the history of his academic career, whereas in the second part he provides insights into the various aspects of his life's work. He focuses on his studies of the biblical Psalms, which he did on the basis of a consistent 'cult historical' approach and which was expressed most prominently in the frequently discussed theory of an annual enthronement festival for Yahweh in ancient Israel. In addition, the author also deals with Mowinckel's relationship to the church and to Christianity and his role as a teacher, a translator of the Bible and a Christian preacher.

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Köhlmoos, Melanie

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### Perspektiven der alttestamentlichen Bet-El-Überlieferung

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In the Old Testament, the city of Beth-el is mentioned in 71 different places, making it the second most important city in Old Testament traditions. In this study, Melanie Köhlmoos shows how these traditions were shaped. In order to do so, she focuses on the memories of Beth-el in prophecy, Kings and Genesis. Although the memories all have their origins in the crisis which occurred in the 8th century, the three memory complexes follow different paths before they unite to form a larger figure in the Hellenistic era, in which Jerusalem finally conquered Beth-el, relegating it to second place in Israel's history.

Körting, Corinna

## Zion in den Psalmen

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Zion is a fundamental topos for the theology of the Psalms, which, unlike Jerusalem, equally fills and shatters the dimensions of space and time. On the horizontal axis, it proves to be the center of a sacred topography, and it provides Israel and the world with a sense of direction and a home. On the vertical axis, it is able to erase the distance between the earthly and the heavenly presence of God. Corinna Körting analyzes the so-called Zion psalms as well as the references to Zion in the Psalter, some of which seem to be unspectacular. She comes to the conclusion that it is not a complete system with its Old Testament history of tradition which had such a decisive influence on the Psalms and the Psalter but rather Zion as an oscillating center of the progressive development of theology.

## Saul in Story and Tradition

Ed. by Carl S. Ehrlich in Cooperation with Marsha C. White

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The character of Saul and his place within the history, theology, and ideology of ancient Israel have fascinated interpreters for centuries. This book surveys the field of Saul studies. It includes in the first instance essays detailing Saul's place within the biblical narrative and its constituent parts (such as the Deuteronomistic History and the Chronicler's work). The possibility of identifying a Saulide period in the archaeological record is also discussed. A number of essays look at more specific themes and passages within the Saul cycle, such as his heroic nature, kingship, war, and literary balance. The final section of the book looks at the place of Saul within the post-biblical interpretative traditions, with essays devoted to Saul in the works of Josephus, in midrashic literature, in the Qur'an, in selected European literary texts, in the western artistic tradition, and in Handel's oratorio Saul.

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Hardmeier, Christof

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This volume of essays contains works from three decades of research activities and outlines the way to a performative theology in the Bible. This theology is based on understanding biblical texts as written recorded orality of remembering and talking about God. Christof Hardmeier's studies deal with the dynamic variety of this talking, using examples, examine the communicative action structures in the texts, in order to reveal their sociohistorical and performative-theological functions. The articles focus on four main subjects: narration as a basic form of witnessing faith, unique aspects of the deuteronomistic torah, the discursive and pragmatic qualities of written prophecies and of the Psalms and the biblical-systematic starting-points to a performative theology in the Bible.

Sweeney, Marvin A.

## Form and Intertextuality in Prophetic and Apocalyptic Literature

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This book contains a collection of nineteen essays by Marvin A. Sweeney, some previously unpublished, that focus on the role of literary form and intertextuality in the study of prophetic and apocalyptic literature. The volume includes five major parts: Isaiah; Jeremiah; Ezekiel; The Book of the Twelve Prophets; and Apocalyptic Literature. Selected topics include the Book of Isaiah as Prophetic Torah; the role of Isaiah 65–66 as conclusion of the Book of Isaiah; the interpretation of the Masoretic and Septuagint forms of the book of Jeremiah; Jeremiah 2–6 and 30–31 in relation to Josiah's reform; Ezekiel's role as Zadokite priest and visionary prophet; the problems of theodicy and holiness in Ezekiel 8–11 and 33–39; the interpretation of the Masoretic and Septuagint sequences of the Book of the Twelve; Micah's Debate with Isaiah; Zechariah's Debate with Isaiah; the priestly background of the Book of Daniel; the conceptualization of the war between the Sons of Darkness and the Sons of Light in the War Scroll from Qumran; Rabbi Akiba's journey to Pardes in Talmudic tradition; and others.

Finsterbusch, Karin

## Weisung für Israel

### Studien zu religiösem Lehren und Lernen im Deuteronomium und in seinem Umfeld

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This study focuses on the statements in Deuteronomy which pertain to religious teaching and learning. Gathered in front of Moses in Moab, Israel received a new »image« before entering the Holy Land of Deuteronomy's represented world: Moses taught Israel according to JHWH's instruction. This was the hour of Israel's birth as a community of religious teaching and learning. According to the will of JHWH, the people were to live in this way from that time on, and it was only in doing so that they were able to survive. Survival has a great deal to do with maintaining one's identity, and it is this which the multi-dimensional instructions on religious teaching and learning in Deuteronomy guarantee. In order to outline the concept given in Deuteronomy, the author has examined selected biblical writings which contain significant statements on the subject of religious teaching and learning: Isaiah, Jeremiah and Proverbs.

Köckert, Matthias

## Leben in Gottes Gegenwart

### Studien zum Verständnis des Gesetzes im Alten Testament



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In the ten studies contained in this collection of essays, Matthias Köckert deals with the biblical basis of Christian ethics. He examines the changes in understanding the law in the literary history of the Old Testament and their theological conceptions. Each of the studies is a separate entity. Their subjects are Deuteronomy, the priestly documents (the examples used are circumcision, Passover, the Sabbath and sanctuary), the Sabbath Commandment, the fear of God and love for one's fellow men as the sum of the law in Lev 19, ethical problems with respect to unborn life in Ex 21, the law and prophecy, for example in Amos 1–2 and Deut 18 as well as Luther's interpretation of the Decalogue in his catechisms.

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Kratz, Reinhard Gregor

## Das Judentum im Zeitalter des Zweiten Tempels

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Reinhard Gregor Kratz deals with ancient Judaism in the Persian and Hellenistic-Roman period. He focuses on the question raised by Eduard Meyer and Julius Wellhausen regarding the origins of Judaism.

Seeligmann, Isac Leo

## Gesammelte Studien zur Hebräischen Bibel

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This volume contains essays by Isac Leo Seeligmann, a biblical scholar from Jerusalem and one of the outstanding exegetes of the last century. The studies represent the broad spectrum of his research, which ranged from biblical historiography and biblical law, from studies of prophecy and psalms to the history of the biblical text and innerbiblical interpretation. In a unique manner, Seeligmann's studies demonstrate an extensive knowledge of traditional Jewish literature as well as classical and ancient literature. In addition to eight studies already published in German or English, this work also contains ten Hebrew essays, translated into German for the first time and thus made available to a wider audience interested in biblical scholarship and theology.

Seeligmann, Isac Leo

## The Septuagint Version of Isaiah and Cognate Studies

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The present volume makes accessible once more the groundbreaking work »The Septuagint Version of Isaiah« (1948) by Isac Leo Seeligmann (1907–1982), accompanied by two studies that have to be seen as prolegomena to the book. Both studies were published originally in the Dutch language, and the English translation of one of them appears in this volume for the first time. Seeligmann aims to understand the Septuagint as a witness of Hellenistic Judaism striving to maintain the text's special character as a document of faith. At the same time all of Seeligmann's works edited in this volume are documents of the suffering of European Judaism during the time of National Socialism. The new edition provides evidence of Seeligmann's approach to the Septuagint as a witness of Hellenistic Judaism which strives to maintain the text's special character as a document of faith. Because of this new access from the perspective of content and method, Seeligmann's influence on Septuagint research became so strong that it has lasted up to the present.



The reader will realise that the history of Israel during the Hellenistic period does not simply represent an object of scholarly research for Seeligmann but also serves as the background for the interpretation of the history of the Jewish people in his own time.

Miller, Patrick

## The Way of the Lord

### Essays in Old Testament Theology

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Patrick D. Miller konzentriert sich in den hier gesammelten Essays zum Alten Testament besonders auf den Dekalog und die Psalmen. Die Zehn Gebote deutet er als eine verbindende Richtlinie für das Leben der Gemeinschaft der Gläubigen, die dann im Rest der Bibel in viele verschiedene Richtungen weiterentwickelt wird: in der Rechtsprechung, in Erzählungen, prophetischen Weissagungen, den Psalmen und Sprüchen. In den verschiedenen Auslegungen zu den Psalmen legt der Autor besonderes Augenmerk darauf, daß das Buch der Psalmen sowohl ein theologisches Buch als auch eine Sammlung von Liedern und Gebeten ist. Im letzten Teil des Buches führt er die theologische Lesart des Alten Testaments fort und befaßt sich besonders mit methodologischen Fragen sowie mit Aspekten des göttlichen Charakters und der menschlichen Natur.

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Williamson, Hugh

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For at least 15 years, and with several significant works, Hugh Williamson contributed to the movement to recapture the importance of the biblical books of Chronicles, Ezra and Nehemiah. Behind his widely acclaimed commentaries on these books lay many detailed historical and exegetical studies, published in a variety of journals, Festschriften and other works. The most important of these are here collected together for the first time, providing the scholar of the post-exilic period with a valuable resource in furthering research on this formative period in early Jewish history.

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Michel, Andreas

## Gott und Gewalt gegen Kinder im Alten Testament

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Children are often the victims of violence in the Old Testament, and in most instances God bears the responsibility for these acts of violence. In this work, Andreas Michel demonstrates that there are parallels between today's attitude regarding these acts and the attitude of the Greek translators of the Old Testament who, because they could not bear the thought of God permitting these acts of violence, simply omitted some of these incidents from their bible. In order to present proof of this, the author evaluates for the first time all those negative verbs which are related to violence and which have God as their subject. In doing so, he is guided by the presentation of the so-called countertestimony in Walter Brueggemann's »Theology of the Old Testament« from 1997. In a discussion of Psalm 137 and Genesis 22, two texts which pertain particularly to violence against children, and of texts concerning cannibalism of children, the author reaches the conclusion that the biblical image of God, as repulsive as it may seem, must be taken seriously.

Schöpflin, Karin

## Theologie als Biographie im Ezechielbuch

### Ein Beitrag zur Konzeption alttestamentlicher Prophetie

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Karin Schöpflin regards the Book of Ezekiel as a literary composition providing a prophet's fictitious autobiography. Through stereotyped patterns of speech, the readers continually witness the communication between God and Ezekiel which takes place while the disaster which had threatened Jerusalem finally materializes. Ultimately, the book's stylization focuses on the relationship between prediction and fulfillment. The fate of Jerusalem illustrates God's omnipotence and the effectiveness of his word.

Pola, Thomas

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