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## A Manual of Ugaritic

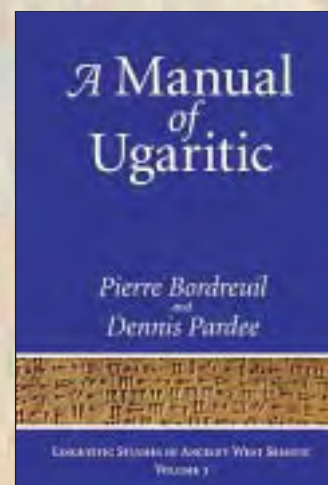
### LSAWS 3

Pierre Bordreuil and Dennis Pardee

Pierre Bordreuil and Dennis Pardee are two of the best-known scholars doing research on the language and texts of the ancient city of Ugarit (modern Tell Ras Shamra). This grammar was first published in French in 2004 in 2 volumes; and Eisenbrauns is pleased to make it available now in a corrected and updated version, in one volume, with significant enhancements. In addition to including all of the information present in the French edition, this English edition includes a CD with a complete, hyperlinked PDF version of the grammar. The book includes a historical introduction to the texts and language, a sketch of the grammar of Ugaritic, a bibliography, facsimiles (hand-copies) of a number of texts, and a glossary and text concordance—in short, everything that a student needs for entrée into the language. On the CD, in addition to the PDF, color photos of all of the texts included in the book are provided. The hyperlinks to the PDF enable the reader to move easily from the discussion in the grammar to a copy of a text to the color photo of the text and back again, making the material much more accessible and usable for students and researchers.

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## Phonology and Morphology of Biblical Hebrew:

### An Introduction

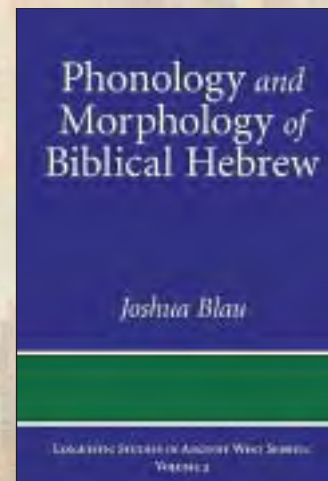
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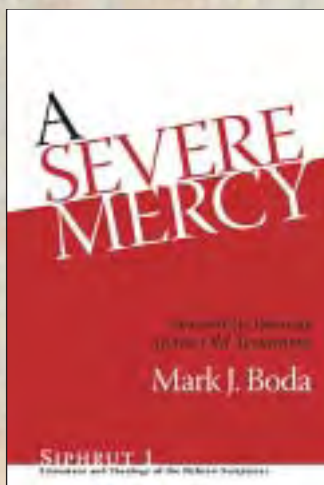
Joshua Blau

More than 80 years have passed since Bauer and Leander's historical grammar of Biblical Hebrew was published, and many advances in comparative historical grammar have been made during the interim. Blau's recognized preeminence as a Hebraist and Arabist as well as his understanding of language change make this volume a valuable contribution to the comparative and historical explanation of Biblical Hebrew phonology and morphology. This book is an extensive revision and translation of Blau's original work, which was first published in Hebrew.

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ISBN 1575061295

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## **A Severe Mercy: Sin and Its Remedy in the Old Testament**

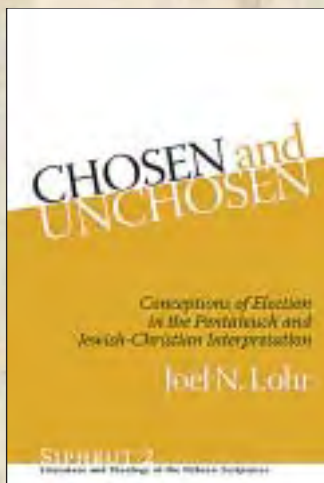
### Siphrut: Literature and Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures 1

Mark J. Boda

The biblical-theological approach Boda takes in this work is canonical-thematic, tracing the presentation of the theology of sin and its remedy in the canonical form and shape of the Old Testament. The hermeneutical foundations for this enterprise have been laid by others in past decades, especially by Brevard Childs in his groundbreaking work. But *A Severe Mercy* also reflects recent approaches to integrating biblical understanding with other methodologies in addition to Childs's. Thus, it enters the imaginative space of the ancient canon of the Old Testament in order to highlight the "word views" and "literary shapes" of the "texts taken individually and as a whole collection." For the literary shape of the individual texts, it places the "word views" of the dominant expressions and images, as well as various passages, in the larger context of the biblical books in which they are found. For the literary shape of the texts as a collection, it identifies key subthemes and traces their development through the Old Testament canon. The breadth of Boda's study is both challenging and courageous, resulting in the first comprehensive examination of the topic in the 21st century.

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## **Chosen and Unchosen: Conceptions of Election in the Pentateuch and Jewish-Christian Interpretation**

### Siphrut: Literature and Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures 2

Joel N. Lohr

The God of the Bible favors a national people, Israel, and this is at the cost of the other nations. In fact, not being Israel usually means humiliation or destruction or simply being ignored by God. There is much regarding the unchosen that has not been explored in scholarly research, but in this important work, Lohr attempts to make sense of the question of election and nonelection in the OT as a Christian interpreter and with a concern for the history of interpretation and Jewish-Christian dialogue.

If contemporary faith communities (both Jewish and Christian) form their understanding of "the other" on a faulty reading of Scripture regarding the unchosen, chaos and hatred can ensue. The political and religious climate of our contemporary world has never presented a more important time to get this matter right. Scholars and students alike are finding *Chosen and Unchosen* to be an indispensable resource as they mull over these difficult questions.

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## Genesis and the Moses Story

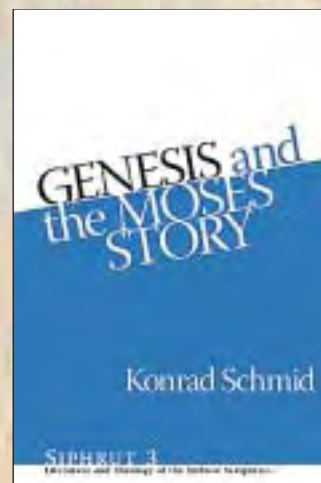
Konrad Schmid

Konrad Schmid is a Swiss biblical scholar who belongs to a larger group of Continental researchers proposing new directions in the study of the Pentateuch. In this volume, a translation of his *Erzväter und Exodus*, Schmid argues that the ancestor tradition in Genesis and the Moses story in Exodus were two competing traditions of Israel's origins and were not combined until the time of the Priestly Code—that is, the early Persian period. He dates Genesis–2 Kings to the Persian period and considers it a redactional work that, in its present shape, is a historical introduction to the message of future hope presented in the prophetic corpus of Isaiah–Malachi.

Scholars and students alike will be pleased that this translation makes Schmid's important work readily available in English, both for the contributions made by Schmid and the summary of Continental interpretation that he presents. In this edition, some passages have been expanded or modified in order to clarify issues or to engage with more-recent scholarship. The notes and bibliography have also been updated.

Dr. Schmid is Professor of Old Testament and Early Judaism at the University of Zurich. ca. xvi + 495 pp. Cloth. *Winter 2009*  
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## The Retelling of Chronicles in Jewish Tradition and Literature: A Historical Journey

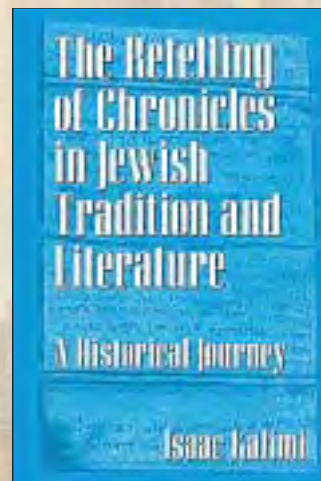
Isaac Kalimi

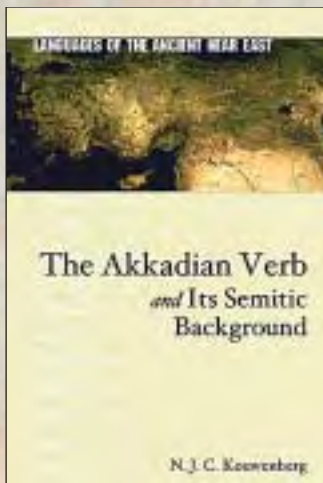
Isaac Kalimi reveals the history of the book of Chronicles from Hellenistic times to the beginning of critical biblical scholarship at the dawn of the seventeenth century. This comprehensive examination focuses, first and foremost, on the use of Chronicles in Jewish societies through the generations and highlights the attitudes and biases of writers, translators, historians, artists, exegetes, theologians, and philosophers toward the book. The reader is made aware of what the biblical text has meant and what it has “accomplished” in the many contexts in which it has been presented.

Throughout the volume, Kalimi strives to describe the journey of Chronicles not only along the route of Jewish history and interpretation but also in relation to the books' Christian heritage, demonstrating the differences and distinctiveness of the former. In contrast, the majority of commentaries on Chronicles written from the mid-19th century to the present day contain little or nothing about the application, interpretation, and reception history of Chronicles by Jews and Christians for hundreds of years.

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## The Akkadian Verb and Its Semitic Background

Languages of the Ancient Near East 2

N. J. C. Kouwenberg

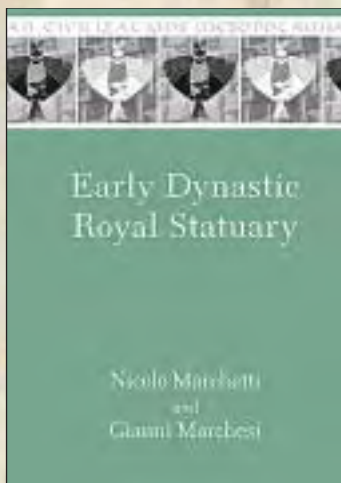
In this *magnum opus*, N. J. C. Kouwenberg presents a thoroughgoing, modern analysis of the Akkadian verbal system, taking into account all of the currently available evidence for the language during the course of the long period of its attestation. The book achieves this goal through two strategies: (1) to describe the Akkadian verbal system, as comprehensively as the data permit; and (2) to reconstruct its prehistory on the basis of internal evidence and reconstruction, comparison with cognate languages, and typological evidence. Akkadian has one of the longest documented histories of any language: data from nearly two-and-one-half millennia are available, even if the stream of data is sometimes interrupted and not always as copious as we would like. During the course of this history, numerous developments took place, illustrating how languages change over time and offering parallels for reconstruction of changes that occurred in poorly documented periods.

As a result, this book will be of great interest, in the first place, for all students of Akkadian, both the language and the literature that is documented in that language; and in the second place, for all students of language and linguistics who are interested in the study of how languages are shaped, develop, and change during the course of a long history.

Ca. 650 pp. Cloth. *Spring 2010*

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## Royal Statuary of Early Dynastic Mesopotamia

Mesopotamian Civilizations 14

Nicolò Marchetti and Gianni Marchesi

The corpus of Early Dynastic (Sumerian) figure statues is substantial. The authors have worked for many years at the complicated task of establishing the chronological sequence and development of these objects. In this volume—first published in Italian in 2006 and here translated and completely revised and updated—Nicolò Marchetti and Gianni Marchesi provide a complete relative chronology for these remarkable objects. They established this sequence by examining the contexts from which the statues were excavated and considering the significance of the changes over time in the subjects of the statuary. They found that in the earlier phases the statuary celebrated the entire administration of the kingdom but that eventually the king alone became the focus in visual representation and texts. Near the end of the Early Dynastic period, which was a time of continual political upheaval, the iconography developed further in specific, detailed ways, with the result that royal figures were featured even more prominently.

400 pp. + 65 pls. Cloth. *February 2010*

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## A Syriac Lexicon:

### A Translation from the Latin, Correction, Expansion, and Update of C. Brockelmann's *Lexicon Syriacum*

Michael Sokoloff

The second edition of Carl Brockelmann's *Lexicon Syriacum*, published in 1928, is rightly considered to be the best dictionary of Syriac ever written. However, its Latin language and the ordering of words according to triliteral Semitic roots make it difficult to use for most students and scholars. Moreover, the dictionary was composed in an extremely concise manner, which meant that references were given without citing any of the text. This often makes the glosses impossible even for someone who knows Latin.

In the 81 years that have passed since the book's publication, there have been great advances in both Aramaic and Semitic studies. Moreover, Syriac studies—especially the publication of the critical texts of classical authors, such as Ephrem—have greatly enhanced our knowledge of Syriac and have made the publication of a new and up-to-date dictionary imperative. However, because a new dictionary project does not yet exist and would take decades to complete, this edition of Brockelmann's work has been undertaken to make Syriac vocabulary more accessible to both scholars and students.

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## What Is a God?

### Anthropomorphic and Non-Anthropomorphic Aspects of Deity in Ancient Mesopotamia

Transactions of the Casco Bay Assyriological Institute 2

Barbara Nevling Porter (ed.)

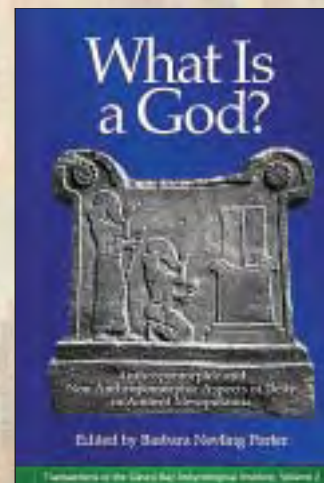
The Casco Bay Assyriological Institute invited a small team of scholars, each expert in a different aspect of Mesopotamian studies, to collaborate in reassessing our ideas of how the Mesopotamians imagined their gods. The hope was to revise these models to reflect better the complexity of the ancient evidence. The four participants in the project were H. L. J. Vanstiphout, on the gods in myths and literature; Francesca Rochberg, on how (and if) the stars and planets were understood to be gods; Tallay Ornan, on gods in visual imagery; and Barbara N. Porter, on the documentary evidence for gods with no anthropomorphic form.

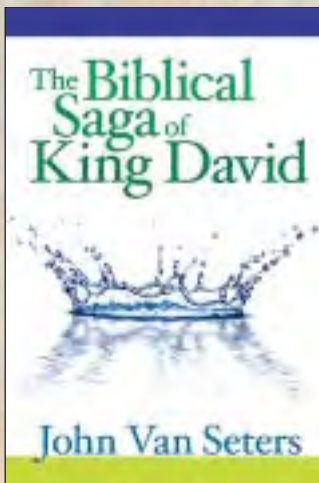
Each prepared an essay on the forms and nature of the gods of ancient Mesopotamia represented in his or her field of expertise. After reading each other's papers, the participants met privately in September of 2004 for five days of intense discussion. In the months that followed, the participants all revised their papers in the light of the conference discussions and further research. This book is the result of that experience.

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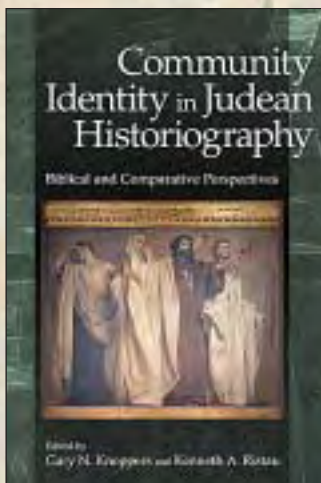


## The Biblical Saga of King David

John Van Seters

The biblical story of King David has been interpreted in many different ways, arising from the variety of methods used in and the objectives of the studies: Does the narrative contain insight into the early history of the Judean monarchy, or is it merely a legend about a distant past? Can we identify the story's literary genre, its sociohistorical setting, and the intention of its author(s)? Is an appreciation for the literary qualities of the story compatible with a literary-critical investigation of the narrative's compositional and text-critical history? Van Seters reviews past scholarship on the David story and in so doing unravels the history of these questions and then presents an extended appraisal of the debate about the social and historical context of the biblical story. From this critical foundation, Van Seters offers a detailed literary analysis of the story of David from his rise to power under Saul to his succession by Solomon. 2009. iv + 386 pp. Cloth. ISBN 9781575061702

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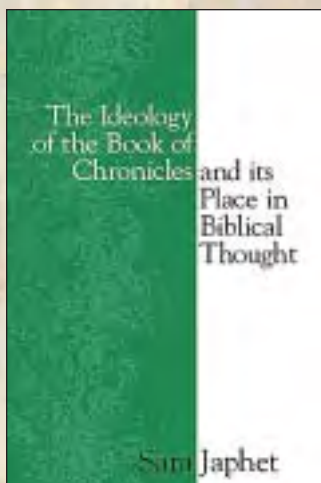
## Community Identity in Judean Historiography: Biblical and Comparative Perspectives

Gary N. Knoppers and Kenneth A. Ristau (eds.)

Most of the essays in this volume stem from the special sessions of the Historiography Seminar of the Canadian Society for Biblical Studies, held in the late spring of 2007 (University of Saskatchewan). The papers in these focused sessions dealt with issues of self-identification, community identity, and ethnicity in Judahite and Yehudite historiography. The scholars present addressed a range of issues, such as the understanding, presentation, and delimitation of "Israel" in various biblical texts, the relationship of Israelites to Judahites in Judean historical writings, the definition of Israel over against other peoples, and the possible reasons why the ethnoreligious community ("Israel") was the focus of Judahite/Yehudite historiography.

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## The Ideology of the Book of Chronicles and Its Place in Biblical Thought

Sara Japhet

In the last several decades, interest in the Exilic and Postexilic Periods of ancient Israel's history has grown, especially because of this era's importance in forming the Hebrew Bible. One scholar at the forefront of interest in this period is Sara Japhet, Professor Emeritus at Hebrew University. This volume, first published in English in 1989, is a major distillation of the themes underlying the ideology of the book of Chronicles. This edition, which has been completely retypeset, makes an important contribution to the growing body of literature on the development of Israelite religion as the Hebrew Scriptures were formed. Japhet's groundbreaking work continues to enrich our understanding of the historical and theological position of the Chronicler.

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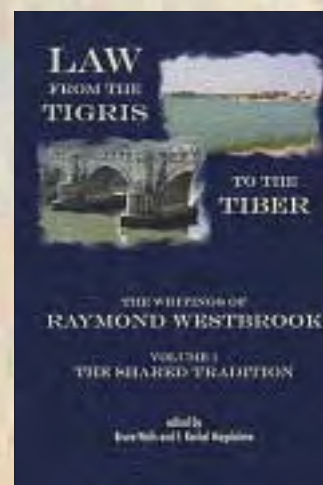
## Law from the Tigris to the Tiber: The Writings of Raymond Westbrook

Raymond Westbrook,  
Bruce Wells (ed.), and F. Rachel Magdalene (ed.)

Raymond Westbrook (1946–2009) was acknowledged by many as the world's foremost expert on the legal systems of the ancient Near East and a leading scholar in the study of biblical and classical law. This collection brings together the 44 most important articles that Westbrook published in the 25 years following the completion of his Ph.D. at Yale University in 1982. Each volume contains its own comprehensive bibliography, as well as subject, author, and text indexes. Together, they represent the life's work of one of the most important legal historians of our era.

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## Excavations at Ancient Nabratein: Synagogue and Environs

Meiron Excavation Project Report 6  
Eric M. Meyers and Carol Meyers

“This report is the sixth and final volume of the Meiron Excavation Project. The discovery in 1981 of the pediment of a Holy Ark from the Nabratein synagogue coincided with the release of the film *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, . . . even though we insisted that the discovery of perhaps the earliest synagogue ark was not to be identified with the recovery of the biblical Ark of the Covenant. Such coverage of the Nabratein excavation resulted in making many more people interested in archaeology. . . . we hope that this full publication of the results of our work at the site will afford it a lasting place in the annals of the archaeology of Israel.”—from the Preface.

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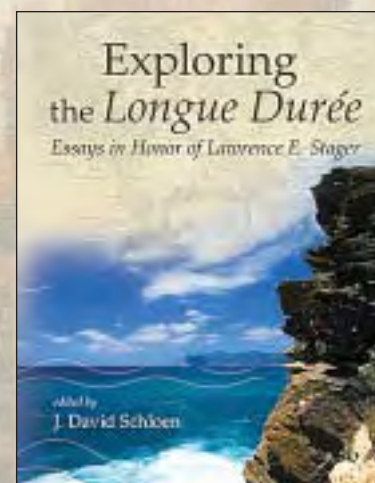
## Exploring the *Longue Durée*: Essays in Honor of Lawrence E. Stager

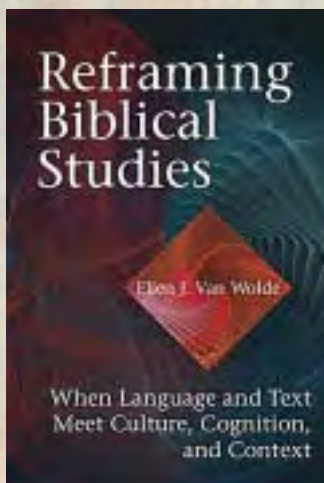
J. David Schloen (ed.)

Fifty scholars who represent a wide range of nationalities and specialties—archaeologists, biblical scholars, philologists, and historians—have contributed essays in honor of Lawrence E. Stager, the Dorot Professor of the Archaeology of Israel and Director of the Semitic Museum at Harvard University, on the occasion of his 65th birthday. Various academic generations are represented: among the contributors to this volume are Professor Stager's former students and some of his own teachers, as well as a diverse group of his many friends and colleagues of all ages. Moreover, the studies collected herein span the gamut from detailed analyses of sites, artifacts, and texts to broad theoretical syntheses.

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**Reframing Biblical Studies:  
When Language and Text Meet Culture, Cognition, and Context**

Ellen J. Van Wolde

Until recently, biblical and related studies of the ancient Near East have been fragmented, governed by experts who are confined to their individual disciplines' methodology and patterns of thinking. The consequence has been that concepts and the terminology for examining the *interaction* of textual and historical complexes are nonexistent. Ellen van Wolde's proposal for biblical scholarship is to extend its examination of single elements to include the interconnectivity of the parts in a cognitive relational approach. In this book, she presents a new theoretical framework and an integrated method of analysis.

xii + 416 pp. Cloth. *December 2009*

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**Aramaic in Postbiblical Judaism and Early Christianity:  
Papers from the 2004 National Endowment for the Humanities  
Summer Seminar at Duke University**

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Eric M. Meyers and Paul V. M. Flesher (eds.)

The essays in this fine volume came into being during a six-week residential seminar in the summer of 2004 held at Duke University and directed by the editors. The seminar focused on Aramaic in postbiblical Judaism and early Christianity. The important essays included here were written as a result of that seminar. All were done in discussion with the seminar's participants and stellar faculty.

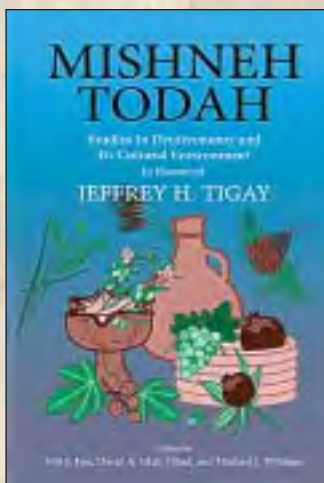
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**Mishneh Todah:  
Studies in Deuteronomy and Its Cultural Environment  
in Honor of Jeffrey H. Tigay**

Nili Sacher Fox, David A. Glatt-Gilad, and Michael J. Williams (eds.)

Jeffrey H. Tigay, Professor at the University of Pennsylvania, master teacher and scholar extraordinaire receives due ovation in this exceptional work. The volume is arranged according to Professor Tigay's interests: deuteronomistic studies, ancient Israelite religion and its Near Eastern context, and ancient Israelite literary tradition. In the words of a contributor, "A scholar's immortality lies in his or her work. It rests too in his or her students and in the respect won from his or her colleagues. A Festschrift like this one for Jeff Tigay is merely a token of that legacy. This legacy will surely be a boon and delight to the reader.

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## Yehud Stamp Impressions: A Corpus of Inscribe Impressions from the Persian and Hellenistic Periods in Judah

Oded Lipschits and David S. Vanderhooft

The study of the *yehud* stamp impressions, which appear on the handles or bodies of store jars, has persisted for over a century, beginning with the discovery of the first of these impressions at Gezer in 1904. Now, Oded Lipschits and David Vanderhooft are pleased to present a comprehensive catalog (through the winter of 2008–9) of published and unpublished *yehud* stamp impressions, with digital photographs and complete archaeological and publication data for each impression. The catalog clarifies what is nebulous apart from a complete corpus, matters such as distribution, petrographic analysis of the clay, new readings of the seal legends, use of the toponym *yehud*, and significance of the title *phwa*.

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## Phoenicia: Episodes and Anecdotes from the Ancient Mediterranean

Brian Peckham (in collaboration with Adina Levin)

The history Phoenicia is the history of its cities in relationship to each other and to the peoples, cities, and kingdoms who nourished their curiosity and their ambition. It is written by deduction and extrapolation, by shaping hard data into malleable evidence, and by trying to uncover their plans and beliefs in the residue of their products and accomplishments. For this reason, the subtitle, *Episodes and Anecdotes from the Ancient Mediterranean*, is a particularly appropriate description of Peckham's masterful (posthumous) volume, the fruit of a lifetime of research into the history and culture of the Phoenicians.

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## The Archaeology of Israelite Society in Iron Age II

Avraham Faust

Lack of discussion of social questions has characterized the archaeology of the land of Israel for some time. The purpose of this book is to fill in the blanks and to analyze the structure of society in the kingdoms of Israel and Judah from an archaeological viewpoint. Faust analyzes the various archaeological finds that we now possess and examines them, applying models and theories from the field of social and cognitive archaeology, using the tools of various social-science disciplines. This monograph is one of the first attempts at a large-scale study of Israelite society mainly from the archaeological evidence.

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**Translation Technique and Theological Exegesis: Collected Essays on the Septuagint Version**

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Staffan Olofsson

This cogent collection of essays reflects Olofsson's Septuagint studies throughout the course of more than a decade. vi + 296 pp. Paper. October 2009  
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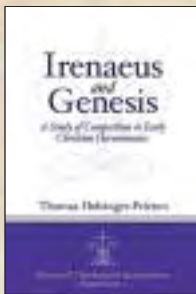


**Prophecy and Propaganda: Images of Enemies in the Book of Isaiah**

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Göran Eidevall

Isaiah contains a rich variety of enemy images from a time span covering at least four centuries. Eidevall's textual analysis in *Prophecy and Propaganda* focuses on the characterization of the enemy, the rhetorical strategy adopted, the text's function in its historical context(s), and the ideology of the author(s) and/or editor(s). 2009. vi + 219 pp. Paper. ISBN 9781575068060

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**Irenaeus and Genesis: A Study of Competition in Early Christian Hermeneutics**

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Thomas Holsinger-Friesen

In Irenaeus's day, Gnostic Christians on the fringe of the church offered a vision of the *telos* of faith that many found compelling. Responding to this challenge required Irenaeus to articulate an even more satisfying Christian theology and anthropology on the basis of Scripture and received apostolic tradition. 2009. xvi + 250 pp. Paper. ISBN 9781575067001

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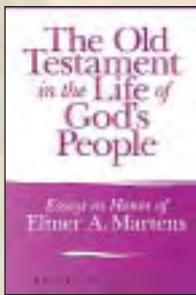


**Studies in the Personal Names of Genesis 1-11**

Richard S. Hess

By studying both the linguistic contexts in the surrounding cultures and the wordplay in the biblical texts, the author provides the first comprehensive study of the importance of the names in Genesis 1-11 and traces the implications of his results for the antiquity and power of the familiar stories in which they appear. 2009. xx + 200 pp. Paper. ISBN 9781575061603

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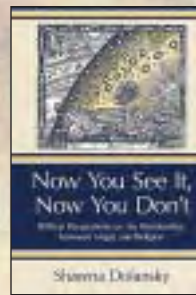


**The Old Testament in the Life of God's People: Essays in Honor of Elmer A. Martens**

Jon Isaak (ed.)

This book celebrates the contributions to Old Testament theology of Elmer A. Martens, President and Professor of Old Testament at Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, Fresno, California (both positions now Emeritus). It includes 3 essays written by Martens himself, as well as 15 others written by his former students, colleagues, friends, and even one of his professors! 2009. xxvii + 349 pp. Cloth. ISBN 9781575061580

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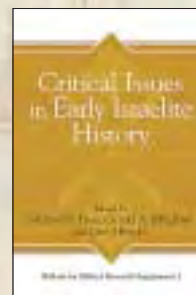


**Now You See It, Now You Don't: Biblical Perspectives on the Relationship between Magic and Religion**

Shawna Dolansky

Shawna Dolansky sets out to answer the question "How can we tell the difference between magic and religion if the end result appears to be the same?" In Western theology, "magic" traditionally has carried a negative connotation in religious contexts. But what do we do with the incidents in biblical narrative that describe the use of special powers? 2008. iv + 119 pp. Cloth. ISBN 9781575068053

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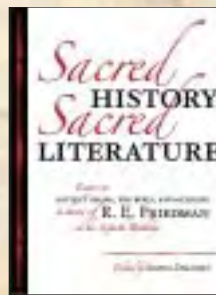


**Critical Issues in Early Israelite History**

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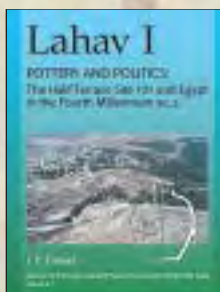
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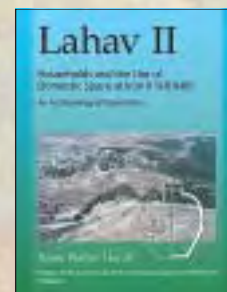
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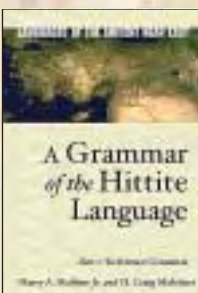
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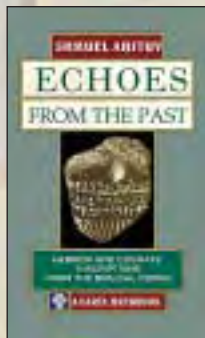
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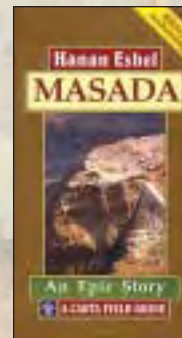
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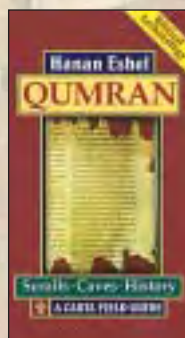
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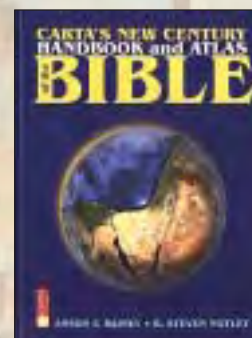
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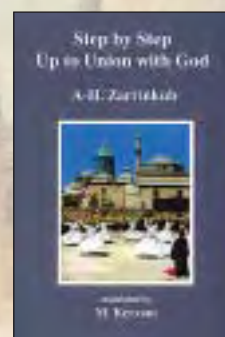
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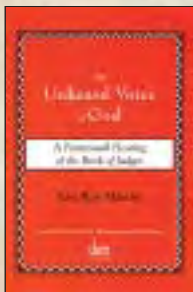
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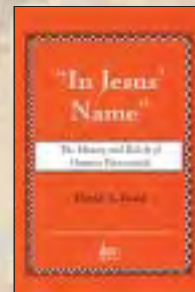
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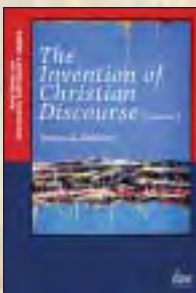
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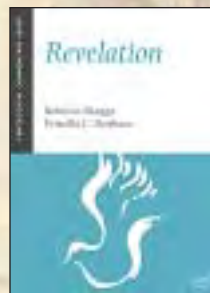
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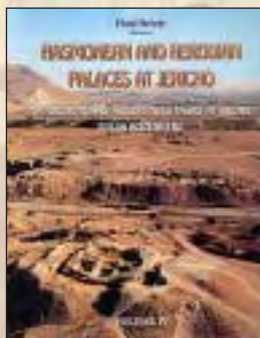
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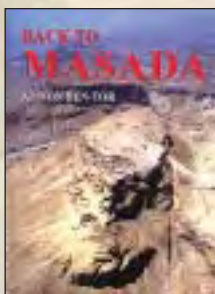


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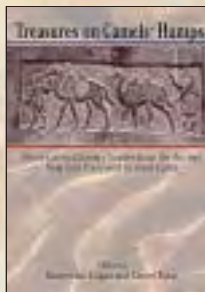


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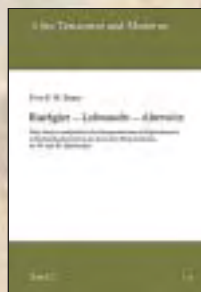


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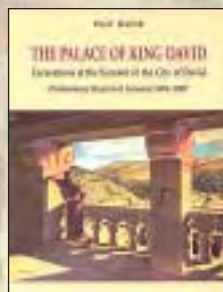
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