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Rhetoric, Gender, and Ethics in Biblical and Modern Contexts

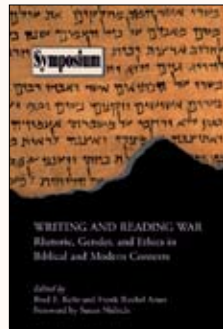
Brad E. Kelle and Frank Ritche Ames, editors

Foreword by Susan Niditch

The essays in this collection explore writing and reading war-related texts in the Hebrew Bible in contexts ranging from ancient Israel to early Judaism to contemporary Christianity. The contributors apply a variety of historical, literary, and comparative methods to biblical texts and present new perspectives on the rhetoric, gender, and ethics of war. A foreword by Susan Niditch and introduction by Victor H. Matthews offer a literature review of recent major works in this field and orient readers to past research and future directions.

Brad E. Kelle is Associate Professor of Old Testament at Point Loma Nazarene University. **Frank Ritche Ames** is Director of Library Services at Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

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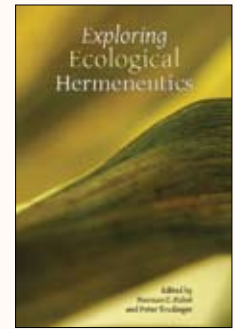


Exploring Ecological Hermeneutics
Norman C. Habel and Peter Trudinger, editors

This volume introduces ecological hermeneutics, reading the biblical text from the perspective of Earth. In these groundbreaking essays, sixteen scholars seek ways to identify with Earth as they read and retrieve the role or voice of Earth. This study enriches eco-theology with eco-exegesis, a radical and timely dialogue between ecology and hermeneutics.

Norman C. Habel is Professorial Fellow at Flinders University of South Australia. **Peter Trudinger** is Senior Lecturer in Biblical Studies at Flinders University.

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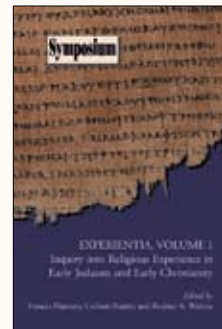
Images of the Word
Hollywood's Bible and Beyond

David Shepherd, editor

These essays by leading international scholars in the field of Bible and film range across the canon from Exodus to Ecclesiastes to Revelation, interacting with films of various national traditions and periods from Blackton's *Life of Moses* (1909) to *Karunamayudu* (1978) to Cronenberg's *eXistenZ* (1999). The volume engages the breadth of current scholarly interest in this interdisciplinary field, including the critical reading of "Bible films," the exploration of biblical motifs and themes within contemporary cinema, and concluding responses to the essays from both a biblical scholar and a film scholar.

David Shepherd is Principal of Belfast Bible College and Honorary Lecturer in the Institute of Theology, Queen's University Belfast.

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Frances Flannery, Colleen Shantz, and Rodney A. Werline, editors

This collection investigates the phenomenon of religious experience in early Judaism and early Christianity. The essays consider such diverse phenomena as scribal inspiration, possession, illness, ascent, theurgy, and spiritual transformation wrought by reading, and recognize that the texts are reflective of the lived experiences of ancient religious peoples, which they understood to be encounters with the divine. Contributors use a variety of methodologies,

including medical anthropology, neurobiology, and ritual and performance studies, to move the investigation beyond traditional historical and literary methodologies and conclusions to illuminate the importance of experience in constructions of ancient religion.

Frances Flannery is Associate Professor of Religion at James Madison University. **Colleen Shantz** is Assistant Professor of New Testament at St. Michael's College in the Toronto School of Theology. **Rodney A. Werline** is Associate Professor and the Marie and Leman Barnhill Endowed Chair in Religious Studies at Barton College.

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Dietmar Neufeld, editor

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Dietmar Neufeld is Associate Professor of Church History and Origins of Christianity at the University of British Columbia.

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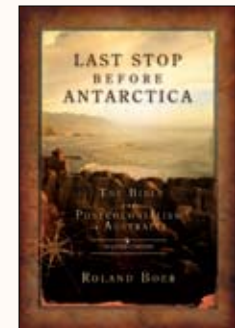
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Roland Boer

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Noah Traditions in the Dead Sea Scrolls

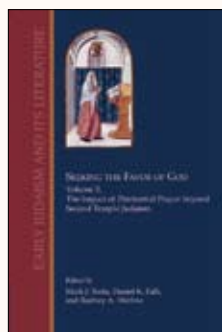
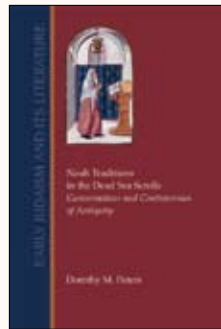
Conversations and Controversies of Antiquity

Dorothy M. Peters

As father of all humanity, Noah was a problematic ancestor for some Jews in the Second Temple period. His archetypal portrayals in the Dead Sea Scrolls, differently nuanced in Hebrew and Aramaic, embodied the tensions for groups struggling to understand their distinctive self-identities within Judaism and their relationship to the nations among whom they lived. Dually located within a trajectory of early Christian and rabbinic interpretation of Noah and within the Jewish Hellenistic milieu of the Second Temple period, this study illuminates living conversations and controversies among the people who transmitted them and promises to have implications for questions and debates that extended beyond the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Dorothy M. Peters is Sessional Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Trinity Western University.

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Mark J. Boda is Professor of Old Testament, McMaster Divinity College, and Professor, Faculty of Theology, McMaster University. **Daniel K. Falk** is Associate Professor of Biblical Studies and Ancient Judaism and Chair, Department of Religious Studies, at the University of Oregon. **Rodney A. Werline** is Associate Professor and the Marie and Leman Barnhill Endowed Chair in Religious Studies at Barton College.

"They Shall Purify Themselves" Essays on Purity in Early Judaism

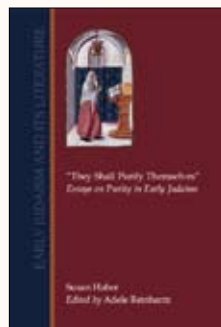
Susan Haber

Adele Reinhartz, editor

The essays in this volume address three aspects of the role of purity in early Judaism: the connection, if any, between purity and the synagogue; Jesus' observance of purity laws; and women's relationships with purity in the first century. By providing a new perspective on the role of purity in first-century Judaism, this stimulating and refreshing collection illuminates ancient practice and informs our understanding of the role of purity in the contemporary world.

The late **Susan Haber** was a doctoral student in religious studies at McMaster University. **Adele Reinhartz** is Professor of Classics and Religious Studies at the University of Ottawa.

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Nancy C. Lee and Carleen Mandolfo, editors

Personal tragedy and communal catastrophe up to the present day are universal human experiences that call forth lament. Lament singers—from the most ancient civilizations to traditional oral poets to the biblical psalmists and poets of Lamentations to popular singers across the globe—have always raised the cry of human suffering, giving voice to the voiceless, illuminating injustice, or pleading for divine help. This volume gathers an international collection of essays on biblical lament and Lamentations, illuminating their genres, artistry, purposes, and significant place in the history and theologies of ancient Israel. It also explores lament across cultures, both those influenced by biblical traditions and those not, as the practices of composition, performance, and interpretation of life's suffering continue to shed light on our knowledge of biblical lament.

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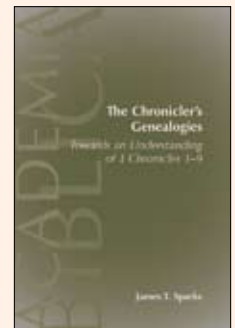
1 Chronicles 1–9

James T. Sparks

The genealogies of 1 Chronicles 1–9 have typically been seen to have no internal consistency or purpose and little relation to the narrative portions of Chronicles. In contrast, this study shows that the genealogical section of the Chronicler's work is an ordered, well-structured, unified whole. The Chronicler presents his genealogies chiasmically, with the aim of the chiasm to uphold the cult and cultic officials as the center of the nation's life. The genealogies indicate that society is sent into exile because of the unfaithfulness of the people and their leaders. Only through the proper attention to the cult and its elements can atonement be made and the people possess their land.

James T. Sparks is an Ordained Minister in the Baptist Churches of Western Australia and serves as Pastor at Wattle Grove Baptist Church.

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Melvin K. H. Peters, editor

This book represents the current state of Septuagint studies as reflected in papers presented at the triennial meeting of the International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies (IOSCS). In method, content, and approach, the proceedings published in this volume demonstrate the vitality of interest in Septuagint studies and the dedication of the authors—established scholars and promising younger voices—to their diverse subjects.

Melvin K. H. Peters is Professor of Religion at Duke University.

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The Past, Present, and Futures of the Fourth Gospel as Literature

Tom Thatcher and Stephen D. Moore, editors

Reflecting on the twenty-fifth anniversary of Alan Culpepper's milestone *Anatomy of the Fourth Gospel* (1983), this volume explores current trends in the study of the Gospel of John as literature. The contributors represent a wide range of methodological approaches that explore ways that contemporary readers generate meaning from John's story of Jesus. The book includes an introduction to narrative-critical studies of John; essays on specific themes and passages that focus on interpretation of the text, history of research, hermeneutical approaches, and future trends in research; and a reflective response from Alan Culpepper.

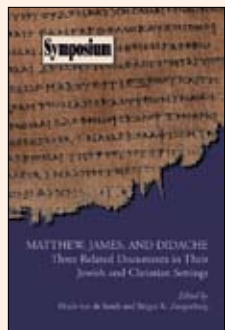
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Three Related Documents in Their Jewish and Christian Settings



Huub van de Sandt and Jürgen Zangenberg, editors

This volume considers the Gospel of Matthew, the letter of James, and the Didache and the complex interrelationship between first-century Judaism and nascent Christianity. These texts likely reflect different aspects of a network of connected communities sharing basic theological assumptions and expressions. In addition to the Pauline and Johannine "schools," Matthew, James, and the Didache may represent a third religious milieu within earliest Christianity that is especially characterized through its distinct connections to a particular ethical stream of contemporary Jewish tradition.

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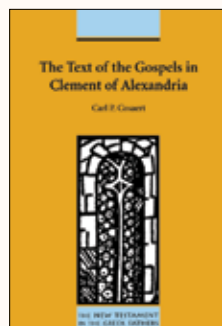
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Carl P. Coscaert

This volume explores the nature of the Gospel text used by Clement, an early Alexandrian father who filled his writings with thousands of biblical citations. The book lists all of his quotations of the Four Gospels and compares them to those of other Alexandrian Christians and to the most significant ancient Greek and Latin manuscripts, demonstrating that the form of the Gospels in Alexandria was in transition at the end of the second century.

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Libanius's Progymnasmata

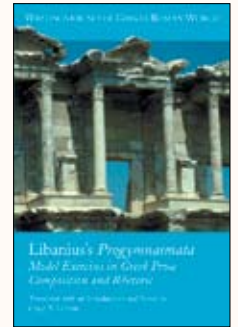
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Craig A. Gibson is Associate Professor of Classics at The University of Iowa.

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John Rufus: The Lives of Peter the Iberian, Theodosius of Jerusalem, and the Monk Romanus

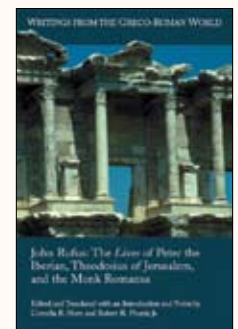
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As It Is Written

Studying Paul's Use of Scripture

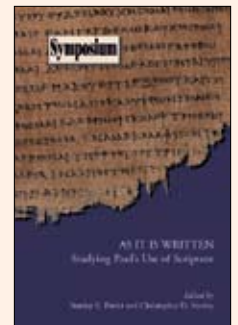
Stanley E. Porter and Christopher D. Stanley, editors

Scholars disagree about how best to make sense of the many marked and unmarked references to Scripture that permeate Paul's letters. This book aims to move the discussion forward by examining the reasons behind these differences. The essays consider how scholarly opinions concerning Paul's use of Scripture have been influenced by the application of divergent methods and conflicting presuppositions regarding Paul, his audiences, and the role of biblical references in his letters. The book seeks to extend the boundaries of discussion by applying the insights of deconstruction, postcolonial theory, and feminist criticism to the study of Paul's use of Scripture.

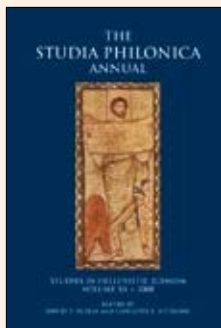
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David T. Runia is the Master of Queen's College at the University of Melbourne. Gregory E. Sterling is Associate Dean of the Faculty, College

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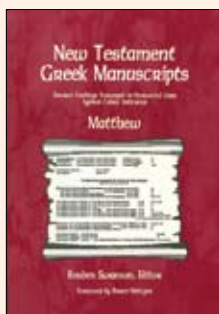
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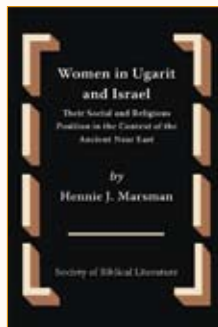
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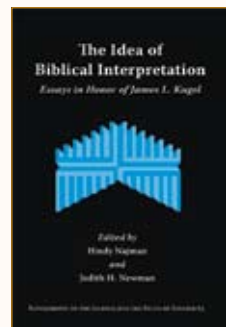
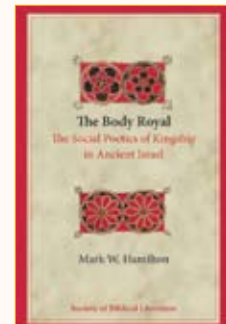
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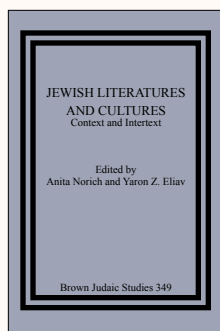
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Anita Norich and Yaron Z. Eliav, editors



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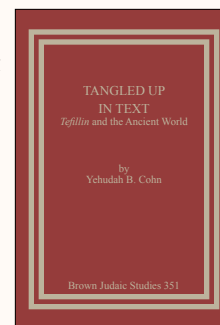
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