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Robert F. Hull Jr.

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Robert F. Hull Jr. is the recently retired Dean and Professor of New Testament at Emmanuel School of Religion in Johnson City, Tennessee.

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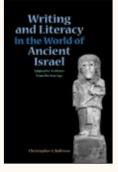
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Philip Culbertson is an Adjunct Lecturer in the Philosophy Department at College of the Desert. Elaine M. Wainwright is Richard Maclaurin Goodfellow Professor in Theology and Head of School at the University of Auckland School of Theology.

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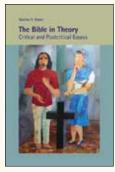
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Christopher A. Rollston is the Toyozo W. Nakarai Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Studies at Emmanuel School of Religion in Johnson City, Tennessee.

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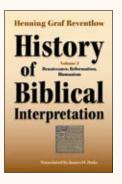
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Henning Graf Reventlow is Professor Emeritus of Old Testament Exegesis and Theology, Faculty of Protestant Theology, University of the Ruhr, Bochum, Germany.

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Gary D. Martin

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Robert J. V. Hiebert is Professor of Old Testament and Director of the Septuagint Institute at Trinity Western University.

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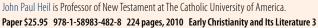
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David T. Runia is the Master of Queen's College at the University of Melbourne. Gregory E. Sterling is Dean of the Graduate School and Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame.

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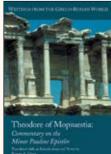
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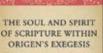
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