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Preface

This book resumes my research into the world of children in the ancient Near East, a world that I find endlessly fascinating. My first book, *Children in the Ancient Near Eastern Household* (Eisenbrauns, 2014), expanded my dissertation research and was one of the early forays into the field focusing on children in the biblical world. At that time, much of the previous scholarship had either addressed children through discussions of the family or listed children as another statistic in the burial assemblage. Exploring both texts and archaeology, *Children in the Ancient Near Eastern Household* concentrated specifically on the legal and social status of children in the ancient Near East. The textual database for that study included Mesopotamian legal codes, private legal documents, and the Hebrew Bible. Archaeological data was gleaned from the ancient Near Eastern burial record, with an emphasis on interments in the Southern Levant. The book concluded, first, that a child's status was not binary and, second, that a child's membership within the household was tied to the child's social age.

In researching *Children in the Ancient Near Eastern Household*, I noticed that not much had been written on the lives of children in ancient Israel. Even as Bible and ancient Near Eastern scholars began showing an increased interest in child-centered studies, a noticeable gap remained: no one had written a social history addressing what it was like to grow up during the Iron Age in ancient Israel. Unlike *Children in the Ancient Near Eastern Household*, the present book has a smaller regional focus, addresses a narrower time period, and investigates the process of growing up rather than social and legal status. The study analyzes material culture, the Hebrew Bible, epigraphic data from the ancient Near East, and ethnographic accounts. In doing so, *Growing Up in Ancient Israel* offers the first of hopefully many discussions of what life was like for children in ancient Israel.

While writing this book, I found an academic home with a growing group of scholars who also shares an interest in this subject. To my colleagues and friends of the Society of Biblical Literature's Children in the Biblical World sessions, Julie Parker, Laurel Koepf-Taylor, John Martens, and Sharon Betsworth, you have been there championing our field and in this way supporting me. Deepest thanks go to Shawn Flynn for being a real mensch of a colleague through this whole process.

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Abbreviations

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| AA | <i>American Anthropologist</i> |
| ÄAT | Ägyptologische Abhandlungen |
| AB | Anchor Bible |
| ABD | Freedman, David Noel. <i>Anchor Bible Dictionary</i> . 6 vols. New York: Doubleday, 1992. |
| <i>Abst.</i> | Porphyrius, <i>De abstinentia</i> |
| AASOR | Annual of the American Schools of Oriental Research |
| AEM | Archives épistolaires de Mari |
| AfO | <i>Archiv für Orientforschung</i> |
| A.J. | Josephus, <i>Antiquitates judaicae</i> |
| ANET | Pritchard, James B., ed. <i>Ancient Near Eastern Texts Relating to the Old Testament</i> . 3rd ed. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1969. |
| <i>Ant.</i> | Josephus, <i>Antiquities</i> |
| AoF | <i>Altorientalische Forschungen</i> |
| ARC | <i>Archaeological Review from Cambridge</i> |
| ARM | Archives royales de Mari |
| ASOR | American Schools of Oriental Research |
| ASV | American Standard Version |
| AUAM | (aka HMA): tablets in the collections of the Andrews University Archaeological Museum |
| b. | Babylonian Talmud |
| B. Bat. | Bava Batra |
| BA | <i>Biblical Archaeologist</i> |
| BAM | Köcher, Franz. <i>Die babylonisch-assyrische Medizin in Texten und Untersuchungen</i> . Berlin: de Gruyter, 1963–. |
| BAR | <i>Biblical Archaeology Review</i> |
| BARIS | Biblical Archaeology Review International Series |
| BASOR | <i>Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research</i> |

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| BDB | Brown, Francis, S. R. Driver, and Charles A. Briggs. <i>A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament</i> . Oxford: Clarendon, 1907. |
| <i>Beit Mikra</i> | <i>Beit Mikra: Journal for the Study of the Bible and Its World</i> |
| Ber. | Berakhot |
| <i>Bib. hist.</i> | Diodorus Siculus, <i>Bibliotheca historica</i> |
| BJS | Brown Judaic Studies |
| BM | Museum siglum of the British Museum, London |
| <i>BTB</i> | <i>Biblical Theology Bulletin</i> |
| CAD | Gelb, Ignace J., et al. <i>The Assyrian Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago</i> . 21 vols. Chicago: The Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, 1956–2010. |
| CHANE | Culture and History of the Ancient Near East |
| CT | Cuneiform Texts from Babylonian Tablets in the British Museum |
| DDD | Van der Toorn, Karel, Bob Becking, and Pieter Willem van der Horst, eds. <i>Dictionary of Deities and Demons</i> . Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999. |
| EA | El-Amarna tablets. According to the edition of Knudtzon, Jørgen A. <i>Die el-Amarna-Tafeln</i> . Leipzig: Heinrichs, 1908–1915. Repr., Aalen: Zeller, 1964. Continued in Rainey, Anson F. <i>El-Amarna Tablets, 359–379</i> . 2nd rev. ed. Kevelaer: Butzon & Bercker, 1978. |
| <i>Emar VI</i> | Arnaud, Daniel. <i>Recherches au pays d'Aštata, Emar VI</i> . 4 vols. Paris: Editions Recherche sur les Civilisations, 1985–1987. |
| ERV | Easy-to-Read Version |
| ESV | English Standard Version |
| FAT | Forschungen zum Alten Testament |
| <i>FGrHist</i> | Jacoby, Felix, ed. <i>Fragmente der griechischen Historiker</i> . Leiden: Brill, 1954–1964. |
| Gen. Rab. | Genesis Rabbah |
| <i>HAR</i> | <i>Hebrew Annual Review</i> |
| HBM | Hebrew Bible Monographs |
| Hit Gilg | Hittite Gilgamesh Tablet |
| <i>HUCA</i> | <i>Hebrew Union College Annual</i> |
| IAA | Israel Antiquities Authority |
| IEJ | <i>Israel Exploration Journal</i> |
| ISV | International Standard Version |
| JAMA | <i>Journal of the American Medical Association</i> |

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| JANES | <i>Journal of the Ancient Near Eastern Society</i> |
| JBL | <i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i> |
| JFSR | <i>Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion</i> |
| JNES | <i>Journal of Near Eastern Studies</i> |
| JPF | Judean Pillar Figurine |
| JPS | Jewish Publication Society |
| JSOT | <i>Journal of Old Testament Studies</i> |
| Jub. | Jubilees |
| KBo | Otten, Heinrich. <i>Keilschrifttexte aus Boghazköi</i> . Leipzig: Hinrichs, 1916–1923; Berlin: Gebr. Mann, 1954–. |
| KJV | King James Version |
| KTU | Dietrich, Manfred, Oswald Loretz, and Joaquín Sanmartín, eds. <i>Die keilalphabetischen Texte aus Ugarit</i> . Münster: Ugarit-Verlag, 2013. 3rd enlarged ed. of <i>KTU: The Cuneiform Alphanumeric Texts from Ugarit, Ras Ibn Hani, and Other Places</i> . Edited by Manfred Dietrich, Oswald Loretz, and Joaquín Sanmartín. Münster: Ugarit-Verlag, 1995. |
| LNTS | Library of New Testament Studies |
| LXX | Septuagint |
| Lyc. | Plutarch, <i>Lycurgus</i> |
| m. | Mishnah |
| MAH | Museum siglum of the Musée d'Art et d'Histoire, Geneva |
| Maqlû | Knut L. Tallqvist, <i>Die assyrische Beschwörungsserie Maqlu</i> . Helsingfors: Societas Scientiarum Fennicae, 1894. |
| Menah. | Menahot |
| MLC | Morgan Library Collection, siglum of the Yale Babylonian Collection, New Haven |
| Msk | Tablet siglum of texts from Meskene |
| MT | Masoretic Text |
| NASB | New American Standard Bible |
| NCBC | New Cambridge Bible Commentary |
| NEA | <i>Near Eastern Archaeology</i> |
| Nid. | Niddah |
| NIV | New International Version |
| NJPS | New Jewish Publication Society |
| NLT | New Living Translation |
| NRSV | New Revised Standard Version |
| O. | Museum siglum: Antiquités (orientales), Musée du Cinquante-naire |

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| OEAE | Redford, Donald B., ed. <i>The Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Egypt</i> . 3 vols. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001. |
| Or | <i>Orientalia</i> |
| OTL | Old Testament Library |
| P.Oxy. | Grenfell, Bernard P., et al., eds. <i>The Oxyrhynchus Papyri</i> . London: Egypt Exploration Fund, 1898–. |
| P.Berlin | Erman, Adolf. <i>Zaubersprüche für Mutter und Kind aus dem Papyrus 3027 des Berliner Museums</i> . Berlin: Königlichen Akademie der Wissenschaften, 1901. |
| P.Petr. | Mahaffy, J. P., ed. <i>The Flinders Petrie Papyri</i> . Dublin: Royal Irish Academy, 1981–1905. |
| PBS | University of Pennsylvania, Publications of the Babylonian Section |
| PEQ | <i>Palestine Exploration Quarterly</i> |
| pl. | plate |
| PN | personal name |
| R. | Rawlinson, Henry, et al. <i>The Cuneiform Inscriptions of Western Asia</i> . 4 vols. London: Bowler, 1861–1909. 1R = vol. 1 (1861); 3R = vol. 3 (1870). |
| RA | <i>Revue d'Assyriologie et d'archaéologie orientale</i> |
| Resp. | Plato, <i>Republic</i> |
| Rosh Hash. | Rosh Hashanah |
| Sanh. | Sanhedrin |
| SEL | <i>Studi epigrafici e linguistici</i> |
| Shabb. | Shabbat |
| SJOT | <i>Scandinavian Journal of the Old Testament</i> |
| StBibLit | Studies in Biblical Literature |
| Strata | <i>Bulletin of the Angelo-Israel Archaeology Society</i> |
| STT | Gurney, Oliver R., Jacob J. Finkelstein, and Peter Hulin. <i>The Sultantepe Tablets</i> . 2 vols. London: British Institute of Archaeology at Ankara, 1957–1964. |
| t. | Tosefta |
| TA | Tell el-Amarna tomb |
| TA | <i>Tel Aviv</i> |
| Ta'an. | Ta'anit |
| TIM 1 | Al-Zeebari, A. <i>Old Babylonian Letters</i> . Texts in the Iraq Museum 1. Baghdad: Dar Al-Jumbari Press, 1964. |
| Tusc. | Cicero, <i>Tusculanae Disputationes</i> |
| TynBul | <i>Tyndale Bulletin</i> |

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| UET | Ur Excavations: Texts |
| UM | Tablet siglum of the University Museum, Philadelphia |
| VS | Vorderasiatische Schriftdenkmäler der (Königlichen) Museen zu Berlin |
| VT | <i>Vetus Testamentum</i> |
| VTSup | Supplements to <i>Vetus Testamentum</i> |
| WA | <i>World Archaeology</i> |
| ZA | <i>Zeitschrift für Assyriologie und vorderasiatische Archäologie</i> |
| ZÄS | <i>Zeitschrift für ägyptische Sprache und Altertumskunde</i> |
| ZAW | <i>Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft</i> |
| ZDPV | <i>Zeitschrift für des Palästina-Verins</i> |

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