Armenian Apocrypha Relating to Biblical Heroes

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Explore richly embellished Armenian tales of biblical heroes

This fifth book of Michael E. Stone’s English translations of stories from medieval Armenian manuscripts illustrates how authors transmitted and transformed accounts of biblical heroes. Texts focus on important figures such as Adam, Noah, Abraham, Solomon, Daniel and Susanna, and more. This collection reflects not only the richness of Armenian creativity stimulated by piety and learning but also Michael E. Stone’s career-long search for reworkings of biblical traditions, stories, and persons in the Armenian tradition.

Features:

- A rich tradition of biblical exegesis and commentary, much of it in genres of the older apocryphal and pseudepigraphical literature
- Reflections on the roots of Armenian texts in ancient Judaism and earliest Christianity
- Texts, translations, and a critical apparatus

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