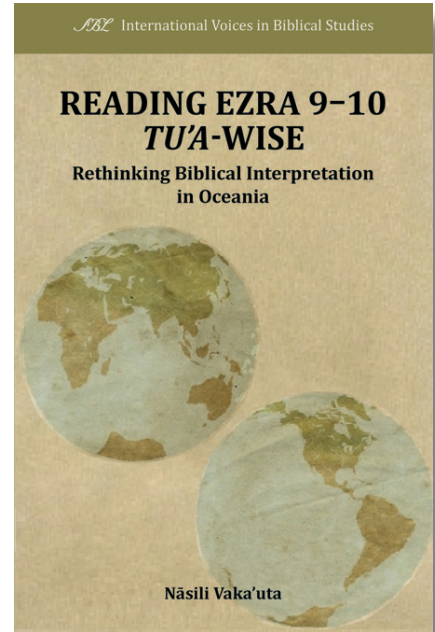


Reading Ezra 9–10 *Tu'a*-wise: Rethinking Biblical Interpretation in Oceania

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