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## ***Narrative Analogy in the Hebrew Bible***

2004-07-01

this volume sheds fresh light upon the phenomenon of narrative doubling in the hebrew bible through an innovative interdisciplinary model the author defines the notion of narrative analogy in relation to other literatures where it has been studied such as english renaissance drama and makes extensive critical use of contemporary literary theory particularly that of the russian formalist vladimir propp his exploitation of narrative doubling with a focus upon the metaphorical reorients our reading by uncovering a major dynamic in biblical literature the author examines several battle reports and demonstrates how each could be interpreted as an oblique commentary and metaphor for the non battle account that immediately precedes it battle scenes are revealed to stand in metaphoric analogy with among others accounts of a trial a rape a drinking feast and a court deliberation joshua berman offers new insights to the ever growing concern with the relationship between historiography and literary strategies and succeeds in articulating a new aspect of biblical ideology concerning human and divine relationship

## **The Exodus and the Reluctant Prophet**

2007-09

the biblical narrative of the exodus and of moses the reluctant prophet who was chosen to lead it deals with the critical formative event in the history of ancient israel however the narrative also contains a number of enigmatic passages as well as some seemingly unrelated episodes in this book the author undertakes to unravel the enigmas and show how the various disparate elements contribute to the narrative the focus in the exodus and the reluctant prophet is on what the biblical text is telling us explicitly as well as implicitly about the world in which the ancient israelites became transformed from a mass of ethnically related people into a nation bound by a divine covenant and the extraordinary role that the exodus played in the process in the effort to comprehend and explain the highly complex biblical text the author has consulted a wide range of commentaries and studies written over a period of some two millennia that have sought to understand the biblical texts from a wide variety of perspectives many of which are presented for the reader s consideration including many sources inaccessible to those without a working knowledge of hebrew

## **Judges 1**

2021-11-23

this groundbreaking volume presents a new translation of the text and detailed interpretation of almost every word or phrase in the book of judges drawing from archaeology and iconography textual versions biblical parallels and extrabiblical texts many never noted before archaeology also serves to show how a story of the iron ii period employed visible ruins to narrate supposedly early events from the so called

period of the judges the synchronic analysis for each unit sketches its characters and main themes as well as other literary dynamics the diachronic redactional analysis shows the shifting settings of units as well as their development commonly due to their inner textual reception and reinterpretation the result is a remarkably fresh historical critical treatment of 1 1 10 5

## Israel and Its Bible

2014-05-01

first published in 1996 this study provides a political viewpoint on israel and the bible it covers reading the bible politically as well as considering if it has political reality part ii extends to discuss mooses as a political leader and david as a builder of a state part iii focuses more on the modern relevance of biblical politics jewish vitality and the case of jerusalem

## Fixing God's Torah

2001-11-08

the hebrew text of the torah has never been finalized down to the last letter this is important not least because jewish law requires that torah scrolls read publicly in the synagogue be error free jewish scribes scholars and legal authorities have sought to overcome or narrow these differences but to this day have not completely succeeded in doing so this book offers an in depth study of how rabbinic leaders of the past two millennia have dealt with questions about the text s accuracy presenting numerous authoritative rabbinic sources many translated here for the first time

## Bedouin Culture in the Bible

2018-10-23

the first contemporary analysis of bedouin and biblical cultures sheds new light on biblical laws practices and bedouin history written by one of the world s leading scholars of bedouin culture this groundbreaking book sheds new light on significant points of convergence between bedouin and early israelite cultures as manifested in the hebrew bible bailey compares bedouin and biblical sources identifying overlaps in economic activity material culture social values social organization laws religious practices and oral traditions he also examines the question of whether some early israelites were indeed nomads as the bible presents them offering a new angle on the controversy over their identity as well as new cultural perspectives to scholars of the bible and the bedouin alike

## Wisdom in the Hebrew Bible

2022-05-03

what is the source of wisdom what is the biblical understanding of it and how is it revealed in this book t a perry brings his creative impulse and critical mind to some of the most enigmatic passages of the hebrew bible perry provides serious students with an insightful and incisive lens through which to interpret among other biblical passages the story of judah and tamar the riddle proposed by samson and the words of qophelet ecclesiastes reflecting on the advancing years of life

*The Making of the Modern Jewish Bible*

2011-08-16

tracing its history from moises mendelssohn to today alan levenson explores the factors that shaped what is the modern jewish bible and its centrality in jewish life today the making of the modern jewish bible explains how jewish translators commentators and scholars made the bible a keystone of jewish life in germany israel and america levenson argues that german jews created a religious bible israeli jews a national bible and american jews an ethnic one in each site scholars wrestled with the demands of the non jewish environment and their own indigenous traditions trying to balance fidelity and independence from the commentaries of the rabbinic and medieval world

Adam, the Fall, and Original Sin

2014-10-28

the christian doctrines of original sin and the historical fall of adam have been in retreat since the rise of modernity here leading scholars present a theological biblical and scientific case for the necessity of belief in original sin and the historicity of adam and eve in response to contemporary challenges representing various christian traditions the contributors shed light on recent debates as they present the traditional doctrine of original sin as orthodox evangelical and the most theologically mature and cogent synthesis of the biblical witness this fresh look at a heated topic in evangelical circles will appeal to professors students and readers interested in the creation evolution debate

**Social Change and Halakhic Evolution in American Orthodoxy**

2017-08-01

chaim waxman a prominent sociologist of contemporary orthodoxy is one of the keenest observers of american jewish society in illustration of how orthodoxy is adapting to modernity he presents a detailed discussion of halakhic developments particularly regarding women s greater participation in ritual practices and other areas of communal life he shows that the direction of change is not uniform there is both greater stringency and greater leniency and he discusses the many reasons for this both in the jewish community and in the wider society relations between the various sectors of american orthodoxy over the past several decades are also considered

# *The Book of the People*

2023-07-04

hebrew encyclopedias have an intriguing history the genre which began as modest initiatives to disseminate general knowledge and strengthen literacy among russian jews quickly became the most popular in modern hebrew literature with tens of thousands of subscribers to publications such as encyclopaedia hebraica and encyclopaedia biblica the makers of these vast bodies of knowledge hoped to demonstrate hebrew s mimetic power and the vitality of newly created jewish research institutions they also hoped that the encyclopedias would be an essential tool in shaping and reshaping zionist national culture and nurturing an ideal national persona thus the printed pages of the encyclopedias give us unique access to what zionists were saying about themselves how they perceived their neighbors and what they were hoping for the future thereby going beyond the official zionists documents newspaper articles and the writings of intellectuals that have been used extensively by historians to narrate national consciousness by bringing to the fore these unique texts the book of the people presents common perceptions of memory and collective identity that often do not fit with the narratives offered by historians of zionism in doing so the book also exposes ethical codes that regulated the production of zionist knowledge and endowed the encyclopedias with a rare status as a bona fide source for truths by people from diverse political and social backgrounds

## An Introduction to the Bible

2014-09-12

a casual reader enters a bookshop looking for a bible however not all the bibles on display have the same contents some have more books than others some are study editions some use gender free language how did this come about this introduction works back through the processes by which the bible was written transmitted copied and declared to be authoritative by various churches the following topics are dealt with what is the bible how biblical writers wrote the making of the old testament the making of the apocrypha the making of the new testament the canon of the bible the study of the bible the use of the bible in social moral and political questions this updated edition takes account of developments in scholarship since the book was first published in 1999 by penguin the original edition has been translated into spanish and portuguese

## *Theological Stains*

2020

theological stains traces the growth of art music in israel from the mid twentieth century to the turn of the twenty first in a riveting and provocative account assaf shelleg explores the theological grammar of zionism and its impact on the art music written by emigrant and native composers grappling with biblical

redemptive promises and diasporic patrimonies unveiling the network that bred territorial nationalism and hebrew culture shelleg shows how this mechanism infiltrated composers work as much as it triggered less desirable responses from composers who sought to realize to the non territorial diasporic options zionism has renounced in the process compositional aesthetics gets stained by the state s nationalization of the theological by diasporism that refuses redemption and by jewish musical traditions that permeated inaudibly to compositions written throughout the second half of the twentieth century accompanying this rich and dramatic story are equivalent developments in modern hebrew literature and poetry alongside vast and previously unstudied archival sources the book is also lavishly illuminated with 135 music examples that render it an incisive guide to fundamental chapters in modern and late modern art music

**The Politics of Religion and the Religion of Politics**

2000

prominent political theorist ira sharkansky looks at the intersection of religion and politics using the case of israel where a chief rabbi officiates along with a prime minister to examine how the two inform each other focusing more on similarities than differences sharkansky demonstrates that both religion and politics can justify their position on the moral high ground both are involved in shaping our values and standard of living however neither religion nor politics can claim a monopoly of virtue political demagogues have their religious equivalents in self serving prophets and false messiahs and politicians and religious leaders both may violate the morality that they preach sharkansky examines the place of intellectual certainty doubt charisma and passion in both realms he argues that israel among other western democracies where politics and religion intersect supports a successful fusion of the two

**The Challenge of Received Tradition**

2013-01-31

this book analyzes the consistent ways radak r david kimhi c 1160 1232 juxtaposes plain contextual exegesis peshat within his biblical commentaries alongside ancient modes of rabbinic interpretation derash in addition the book explores his criteria for challenging rabbinic teachings both in narrative and legal contexts

**Hebrew Bible / Old Testament. I: From the Beginnings to the Middle Ages (Until 1300). Part 2: The Middle Ages**

2000-11-12

24 scholars jewish protestant roman catholic from north america israel and various european countries contribute to this rich volume on medieval interpretation and exegesis of the hebrew bible old testament 5th through 12th centuries geographically they cover most of the world as it was known in these times

from syria to spain from rome to the rhine and the seine the volume also contains supplements to the previous volume on ben sira and the wisdom of solomon the indexes names topics references to biblical sources and a broad body of literature beyond are the key to the wealth of information provided undoubtedly this volume will meet the high expectations set by the reviewers of the first volume i 1 of the series definitive reference work religious studies review mine d information d une grande richesse revue d histoire et de philosophie religieuses monumental ouvrage revue d histoire ecclésiastique a veritable treasury catholic biblical quarterly the foremost account of jewish and christian biblical interpretation expository times onmisbaar handboek voor jeder een die zich serieus met bijbelstudie bezighoudt stem van het boek respecte gebietende summe wissenschaftsgeschichtlicher forschung zeitschrift für altes testament selected chapters 23 the problem of periodization of middle ages 25 jewish bible interpretation in early post talmudic times 26 gregory the great 28 seventh through ninth century 1 isidore of seville 3 exegesis in the time of charlemagne 4 from angelomus of luxeuil to remigius of auxerre 31 the flourishing era of jewish exegesis in spain 1 the linguistic school judah hayyuj jonah ibn janah moyses ibn chiquitilla and judah ibn bal am 2 the aesthetic exegesis of moyses ibn ezra 32 the school of literal jewish exegesis in northern france 4 menahem ben helbo5 solomon yishaqi rashi 1040 1105 8 samuel ben meir rashbam 1080 1160 33 jewish exegesis in spain and provence and in the east 2 abraham ibn ezra4 moyses ben nahman nahmanides ramban 5 abraham maimonides and the yemenite school 34 the school of st victor in paris 35 christian interpretation of the old testament 1 bernard of clairvaux on the song of songs 2 gilbert of poitiers and peter lombard 6 albert thomas bonaventure 36 development of biblical interpretation in the syrian churches 38 literal and spiritual scriptural interpretation aspects of correspondence and tension between christian and jewish exegesis

***A Targumist Interprets the Torah: Contradictions and Coherence in Targum Pseudo-Jonathan***

2022-01-17

this book conducts a study of contradictions and coherence in targum pseudo jonathan and suggests that the alleged contradictions are ultimately given to resolution once the greater context of biblical and jewish tradition is taken into consideration

**Masters of the Word**

2006

the principal thrust of this book is to discover whether and to what extent the methods of modern scholarship can become part and parcel of the study of torah

## Modern Scholarship in the Study of Torah

1996

the volume focuses on variants between the masoretic text and the samaritan pentateuch prompted by graphic similarities between letters as a phenomenon that occurs during the transmission of ancient texts an in depth study of the linguistic and paleographic background of these variants provides fruitful ground for the exploration of the pentateuch transmission this volume gathers all the relevant variants from the masoretic text and the samaritan pentateuch comparing them to further witnesses primarily the dead sea scrolls and the septuagint each case is examined independently through a linguistic analysis of the variants their process of development and an evaluation of which version is preferable when possible it then presents a statistical analysis of the data moreover the volume offers a paleographic analysis of the interchanging letters in the three relevant scripts hebrew jewish and samaritan script through this process it determines the script in which the variants have occurred and estimates the chronological framework of the variants this study has implications for the textual history of the samaritan pentateuch and more broadly for the distribution of the pentateuch and the extent of its transmission in the late second temple period

## The Bible Translator

1995

in fighting over the bible isaac kalimi explores the roots of the conflicts among jews and between jews christians and muslims regarding their interpretations of jewish scripture as well as the rich new exegetical and theological approaches that grew from these controversies

## The Transmission of the Pentateuch

2023-09-05

the concepts of purity and pollution are fundamental to the worldview reflected in the hebrew bible yet the ways biblical texts apply these concepts to sexual relationships remain largely overlooked sexual pollution in the hebrew bible argues that when applied to sexual relations pollution language usually reflects a conception of women as sexual property susceptible to being ruined for particular men through contamination by others in contrast however the holiness legislation of the pentateuch applies such language to men who engage in transgressive sexual relations conveying the idea that male bodily purity is a prerequisite for individual and communal holiness this understanding of sexual pollution found in leviticus 18 has a profound impact on later texts in the book of ezekiel it contributes to a broader conception of pollution resulting from israel s sins which bring about the babylonian exile in the book of ezra it figures in a view of the israelite community as a body of males contaminated by foreign women drawing on psychological and cross cultural studies as well as philological and historical critical analysis of



biblical texts eve feinstein s study illuminates the reasons why the idea of pollution adheres to particular domains of experience including sex death and certain types of infirmity

**Fighting Over the Bible**

2017-03-06

enter the packed courtroom and take your seat as a juror on the cain v abel trial soon the prosecution and defense attorneys angels from jewish legend will call cain abel sin adam eve and god to the witness stand to present their perspectives on the world s first murder great jewish commentators throughout the ages will also offer contradictory testimony on cain s emotional societal and spiritual influences as jurors when we mete out cain s punishment must we factor in his family history psychological makeup and the human impulse to sin in this highly eclectic and gripping compilation of insights by jewish commentators on the cain and abel story courtroom scenes are juxtaposed with the author s commentary advancing novel insights and introspection as each of us grapples with cain s actions we confront our own darkest traits if cain is a symbol for all humanity what can we do to avoid becoming like him furthering this conversation rabbi dan ornstein includes a discussion and activity guide to promote open dialogue about human brokenness and healing personal impulses and societal responsibility

***Sexual Pollution in the Hebrew Bible***

2014-09-01

this book compares new testament and rabbinical texts in order to recover the oral tradition accompanying the written biblical text although new testament greek is a hellenistic idiom it reflects a semitic rather than a hellenistic culture therefore culbertson looks to jewish sources in order to understand the greek text rather than to the philosophical methodological and literary sources of hellenistic culture the author uses specific examples to illustrate various literary theories and to prove the value of a listener response analysis of gospel texts a dozen parables are discussed in detail

**Cain V. Abel**

2020-04-01

few subjects are more influenced by philosophy than the form of governance that guides and administers public affairs yet much of the literature about public administration remains silent about this connection handbook of organization theory and management the philosophical approach second edition identifies and discusses many of the mos

# A Word Fitly Spoken

1995-02-23

ve eileh divrei david essays in semitics hebrew bible and history of biblical scholarship covers the career of s david sperling a well known and respected biblical scholar

## Handbook of Organization Theory and Management

2005-11-01

legal friction law narrative and identity politics in biblical israel tracks the mystery of narratives in the hebrew bible and their allusions to sinai laws by highlighting intertextual allusions created by verbal resonances while the second and the third parts of the volume illustrate allusions to sinai narratives made by some narratives occurring in the post sinaitic era twenty three genesis narratives are analyzed to show that the protagonists were bound by sinai laws before god supposedly gave them to mooses anticipating the book of jubilees legal friction suggests that most of genesis was composed during or after the babylonian exile after the codification of most sinai laws which genesis protagonists consistently violate the fact that they are not punished for these violations implies to the exiles that the sinai covenant was unconditional in addition the author proposes that genesis contains a hidden polemic encouraging the judean exiles to follow the revisions of laws of the covenant code by the holiness code and deuteronomy genesis narratives like those describing post sinai events often cannot be understood properly without recognition of their allusions to biblical laws

## *Ve-Eileh Divrei David*

2017-03-06

the subject of this study is the prophetic history of joshua and the first stages of the conquest of the promised land as presented in the masoretic text of the biblical book of joshua the term prophetic history is employed to describe the subject because prophecy in biblical thought is not fatalistic and does not predict future events what it does do is assert that the moral course that a society chooses to follow in the present can determine its probable but not inevitable future the purpose of the biblical book is to inform the reader of the historical consequences of the failure to observe the terms of the divine covenant entered into between god and the children of israel at mount sinai following the exodus from egypt although the narrative is based on events that were believed to have taken place the primary focus of prophetic history is on the moral implications of the decisions taken by men rather than the factual accuracy of the details of the events described which have been studied exhaustively by archaeologists and historians of the ancient world this study is concerned primarily with what the biblical narrative purports to tell us in its own special way and only peripherally with the issues of primary concern to the modern academic studies of biblical texts such as when the text was finalized and by whom literary

analysis of the language employed comparative analysis of the text and other ancient literature and other such topics all of which are of valid intellectual interest but with some notable exceptions contribute little to understanding what the authors and editors of the hebrew text as we have it are trying to convey to the reader

**Legal Friction**

2010

the english term prayer is usually understood as communication with god or the gods scholars of jewish ritual until now have accepted this characterization and applied it to jewish tefillah does rabbinic prayer indeed necessarily entail second person address to god as many scholars of rabbinic prayer to this point have presumed in this work yehuda septimus investigates a boundary phenomenon of talmudic prayer ritual speech with addressees other than god the book represents a fresh look at the possible range of performances undertaken by talmudic ritual prayer moreover it places that range of performances into the historical context of the rapid emergence of prayer as the centerpiece of jewish worship in the first half of the first millennium ce

**The Book of Joshua**

2015-09-16

judaism christianity and islam all acknowledge the hebrew bible to be sacred scripture and yet these different and often contradictory religions each has its own way of reading the bible and interpreting it according to its own later sacred literature the seventy faces of torah explains in clear and accessible language the jewish art of reading and interpreting the bible and introduces the reader to the major texts and genres of rabbinic literature book jacket title summary field provided by blackwell north america inc all rights reserved

***The Journal of Jewish Studies***

1997

according to the biblical narrative in addition to the ten commandments mooses received a series of supplementary instructions to guide the people as they set about establishing a society in conformity with the covenant that are to be found in the so called the book of the covenant the book which is imbedded in the biblical book of exodus essentially contains addenda or amendments to longstanding customary laws with which the children of israel were already familiar and for this reason its various components vary widely in scope depending on the extent of differentiation from customary law that they entail this study of the ordinances in the book of the covenant focuses not only on what they meant for the ancient israelites but also how those laws rules instructions and admonitions were treated and in some instances modified

as they were incorporated into the huge corpus of jewish law as it emerged over a period of some two and a half millennia

## On the Boundaries of Talmudic Prayer

2015-05-28

what does israel s tabernacle mean for christians today the tabernacle narrative comprises passages in exodus and leviticus that detail the construction furnishing and liturgical use of the tabernacle given its genre and style the narrative is often passed over by those reading scripture for theological insight but what can these complex passages reveal about christ gary anderson shows how these passages shed light on incarnation and atonement both in ancient israel s theology and in christian theology anderson explains how the chronology of the narrative reflects sacred time how the israelites saw divine features in the physical aspects of the tabernacle and how isaac s sacrifice foreshadowed the sacrificial rite revealed to mooses at mt sinai ultimately anderson shows how the old testament can deepen our understanding of the gospel for athanasius and many church fathers god s indwelling in the tabernacle offers a unique witness to the nature of incarnation supplementing the story told in the gospels likewise careful analysis of the purpose of sacrifice at the tabernacle clarifies the purpose of christ s passion far from connoting penal substitution sacrifice in the old testament demonstrates self emptying as an antidote to sin theologians pastors and serious readers of the bible will appreciate how anderson s canonical and literary analysis of the tabernacle narrative illuminates christian theology

## The Seventy Faces of Torah

2005

this book describes the karaite contribution to the development of jewish biblical exegesis in the islamic east during the tenth century comprising a series of linked thematic studies it includes extensive selections from manuscript sources in judeo arabic with english translation

## Research Report

1964

in the realm of all possibilities takes place in the u s and israel it couldn t be more apropos to what is happening in the world today two lovers hannah an american and etan an israeli mossad agent re unite after many years and become engulfed in an intrigue surrounding a supernatural object of enormous power can a small group of adventurers deliver its message to the world in time to save it this author is a fabulous storyteller with a great talent for world building the novel is a real adventure and incredibly captivating writer s digest 22nd self published book awards keywords romance adventure suspense intrigue supernatural paranormal israel mossad

**Approaches to the Bible: Composition, transmission, and language**

1994

**The Book of the Covenant**

2010-03-25

**That I May Dwell among Them**

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1960

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**In the Realm of All Possibilities**

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