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examine the relationship between Ezekiel and the Levites and Carol Meyers discusses the Tabernacle texts and design of synagogues and often prevented Jews from becoming architects. Stiefel presents a study of the material culture and religious architecture that this era produced. 

Exile: A Conversation with N. T. Wright
James M. Scott 2017-07-07 N. T. Wright is well known for his view that the majority of Second Temple Jews saw themselves as living within an ongoing exile. This book engages a lively conversation with this idea, beginning with a lengthy thesis from Wright, responses from eleven New Testament scholars, and a concluding essay from Wright responding to his interlocutors.

Suffering in the Face of Death
Bryan R. Dyer 2017-04-20 Suffering and death are two topics that are frequently referred to in the Epistle to the Hebrews, but have rarely been examined within scholarship on this important New Testament text. Dyer redresses the balance in this study of these topics, conducting a thorough investigation using semantic domain analysis. He incorporates recent advancements in modern linguistics, in particular the ‘context of situation’, and then connects these topics to the social situation addressed in Hebrews. In so doing he is able to reveal how the author is responding to the reality of suffering in the lives of his audience. With this awareness, it becomes clear how the author also responds to his audience’s pain by creating models of endurance in suffering and death. These serve to motivate his audience toward similar endurance within their own social context. Dyer shows that it is possible to make significant determinations about the social setting of Hebrews based upon an examination and analysis of the context.

Encounters of the Children of Abraham from Ancient to Modern Times Antti Laato 2010-09-14 The 16 contributions to this volume, written by scholars from various fields of religious studies, lead the reader through the long and complex history of encounters, hostile yet also peaceful, between the Children of Abraham, i.e. Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Memory and Identity in the Syrac: Cave of Treasures Sergei Minov 2020-12-07 In Memory and Identity in the Syrian Cave of Treasures, Sergei Minov analyses the role played by the pseudoepigraphic work known as the Cave of Treasures in the formation of cultural memory and collective identity among Syriac Christians of Iran during Late Antiquity.

Christ in the Sabbath Rich Robinson 2014-04-15 What does the Sabbath mean to you? Christ in the Sabbath will take you on a “Sabbath tour” of the Bible. You’ll explore the themes of Shabbat (Hebrew for Sabbath) and rest in both Old and New Testament and then discover what it has meant to Jews and Christians for centuries. Rahablonical comments and a variety of traditions provide clarity and credibility to the study of the Sabbath. While this volume does not resolve all the differences among Christians concerning the place of the Sabbath in their journey toward salvation, this book will help you in forming your own conclusions—or inspire you to continue exploring the meaning and significance behind the Sabbath. 

Hearing the Old Testament in the New Testament Stanley E. Porter 2006-08-10 How does the New Testament echo the OT? Which versions or translations of the Hebrew Scripture were authoritative for New Testament writers? The appearance of concepts, images, and passages from the Old Testament in the books of the New raises important questions about textual versions, allusions, and the differences between ancient and modern meaning. Presenting essays from a range of distinguished scholars, Hearing the Old Testament in the New Testament begins by laying out the foundational issues and then investigates the use of the Old Testament in specific segments of the New Testament. A concluding chapter by Andreas Kostenberger both questions and affirms the previous contributors’ findings, offering much-needed direction for further inquiry into this vital area of biblical study.


At the Intersection of Texts and Material Finds Stewart S. Miller 2015-03-11 Stuart Miller examines the hermeneutical challenges posed by the material and literary evidence pertaining to ritual purity practices in Graeco-Roman Palestine and, especially, the Galilee. He contends that “stepped pools,” which we now know were in use well beyond the destruction of the Temple, and, as indicated by the large collection on the western acropolis of Sepphoris and elsewhere, into the Middle and Late Roman/Byzantine era, must be understood in light of biblical and popular perspectives on ritual purity. The interpretation of the finds is too frequently forced to conform to rabbinic prescriptions, which oftentimes were the result of the sages’ unique and creative, nominalist approach to ritual purity. Special attention is given to the role ritual purity continued to play in the lives of ordinary Jews despite (or because of) the loss of the Temple. Miller argues against the prevailing tendency to type material finds—and Jewish society—according to known groups (pre-70 C.E.: Pharisaic, Sadducee; Essene; post 70 C.E.: rabbinic, priestly, etc.). He further counters the perception that ritual purity practices were largely the interest of priests and argues against the recent suggestion that the kohanim resurfaced as an influential group in Late Antiquity. Building upon his earlier work on “sages and commoners,” Miller claims that the sages emerged out of a context in which a biblically derived “complex commons Judaism” throve. Stepped pools, stone vessels, and other material finds are realia belonging to this “complex commons Judaism.” A careful reading of the rabbis indicates that they were acutely aware of the extent to which ritual purity rites pertaining to home and family life had “spread,” which undoubtedly contributed to their intense interest in regulating them.

Table and Temple David L. Stubbins 2020-09-17 In most modern discussions of the Eucharist, the Jewish table and its services of worship do not play a large role. They are often mentioned in passing, but little work is done in grounding, organizing, or explicating the connections between these things and the Eucharistic celebration. In Table and Temple, David Stubbins sheds light on the reasons for this neglect and shows the important role the table and its worship played in the imagination of Jesus and his disciples about what it was to become a central Christian practice. He then explores the five central meanings of the central Jewish worship service, demonstrating their relationship to the five central meanings of the Christian Eucharist. These central meanings of the temple itself, the daily, weekly, and monthly sacrifices, and the three pilgrimage feasts are linked to the history of salvation. Stubbins distills them to (1) the real presence of God and God’s Kingdom among God’s people, (2) thanksgiving for creation and providence, (3) remembrance of past deliverance, (4) covenant renewal in the present, and (5) a hopeful celebration of the feast to come. They provide a solid ground upon which to organize contemporary Christian Eucharistic imagination and practice. Such a solid ground not only expands our theology and enriches contemporary practice—it can also bring greater ecumenical unity to this central Christian rite.

Memorial in the Passover Darrell L. Bock Nothing provided

Acts: An Evangelical Commentary : Volume 3 Craig S. Keener 2014-09-30 Highly respected New Testament scholar Craig Keener is known for his meticulous and comprehensive research. This commentary on Acts, his magnum opus, may be the largest and most thoroughly documented Acts commentary to date. Keener discusses the origins of the church, its development, and its impact on the empire. He examines the relationship between the church and the state, the role of the Holy Spirit, and the mission of the church. This magisterial commentary provides a provocative “Defense of Forgery.” Lastly, four contributors (e.g., Alan Cooper) discuss religion and design of synagogues and often prevented Jews from becoming architects. Stiefel presents a study of the temple and its services of worship do not play a large role. They are often mentioned in passing, but little work is done in grounding, organizing, or explicating the connections between these things and the Eucharistic celebration. In Table and Temple, David Stubbins sheds light on the reasons for this neglect and shows the important role the table and its worship played in the imagination of Jesus and his disciples about what it was to become a central Christian practice. He then explores the five central meanings of the central Jewish worship service, demonstrating their relationship to the five central meanings of the Christian Eucharist. These central meanings of the temple itself, the daily, weekly, and monthly sacrifices, and the three pilgrimage feasts are linked to the history of salvation. Stubbins distills them to (1) the real presence of God and God’s Kingdom among God’s people, (2) thanksgiving for creation and providence, (3) remembrance of past deliverance, (4) covenant renewal in the present, and (5) a hopeful celebration of the feast to come. They provide a solid ground upon which to organize contemporary Christian Eucharistic imagination and practice. Such a solid ground not only expands our theology and enriches contemporary practice—it can also bring greater ecumenical unity to this central Christian rite.

Jewish Ways of Following Jesus Edwin Keith Broadhead 2010 In this study, Edwin K. Broadhead’s purpose is to gather the ancient evidence of Jewish Christianity and to reconsider its impact. He begins his investigation with the hypothesis that groups in antityp are often characterized by Jewish ways of following Jesus may be vastly underrepresented, misrepresented and undervalued in the ancient sources. The suggestion that the kohanim resurfaced as an influential group in Late Antiquity. Building upon his earlier work on “sages and commoners,” Miller claims that the sages emerged out of a context in which a biblically derived “complex commons Judaism” throve. Stepped pools, stone vessels, and other material finds are realia belonging to this “complex commons Judaism.” A careful reading of the rabbis indicates that they were acutely aware of the extent to which ritual purity rites pertaining to home and family life had “spread,” which undoubtedly contributed to their intense interest in regulating them.

The Holocaust and Its Religious Impact Antti Laato 2010-09-14 The Holocaust, one of the most significant phenomena in modern history, has had a profound impact on Jewish religious thought. This book offers a comprehensive study of the Holocaust’s religious significance, exploring its impact on Jewish thought and practice. The authors examine the ways in which the Holocaust has shaped Jewish religious thought, from the early years of the Holocaust to the present day. The book also considers the role of the Holocaust in shaping contemporary Jewish identity and its impact on Jewish religious practice.