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Die theologische Deutung des regelmässigen Kultes Israels in der Tora
by Matthias Ederer

Within the Torah’s cultic texts, the instructions to carry out communal ritual acts are of major importance. This minute examination of these ‘‘Tamid texts’’ shows that though they appear to be set out as regulations, they barely address the “how” and “what” of performance and instead develop detailed theological interpretations. All that the regular cultic acts dealt with in the Torah have in common is that they outline and commemorate what Israel is, or ought to be, before YHWH. The texts are shaped as a “reservoir” of a theologically founded identity of Israel, which is presented in a regular rhythm at the centre of Israel, the Temple, and thus creates a specific time of Israel. German text. 609p (Mohr Siebeck, September 2018, Forschungen zum Alten Testament 121) hardcover, 9783161554131, $216.00. Special Offer $173.00

Lebenskunst und Gotteslob in Israel
Anregungen aus Psalter und Weisheit für die Theologie
by Hermann Spieckermann

The volume contains various articles by Hermann Spieckermann covering wisdom literature, the Psalms and Old Testament theology. They strive to elucidate the connection between wisdom, prayer and Old Testament theology and to explore the world of God-related knowledge and prayer in order to identify the findings of sapiential literature and psalms for Old Testament theology. The art of living and praise of God are identified as the two focal points which pervade the entire Old Testament theology. German text. 500p (Mohr Siebeck, October 2018, Forschungen zum Alten Testament 91) paperback, 9783161563331, $55.00. Special Offer $44.00
Critical Spatiality in Genesis 1–11

by Zhenshuai Jiang

Space in the Hebrew Bible is increasingly studied from the perspective of critical spatiality, emphasizing the social and cultural dimension of space, how people experience space, and their creativity in constructing space. Zhenshuai Jiang investigates the discourses on space in Gen 1–11 and discusses the connection between social space and spatial narrative. He deals with various questions in different spatial terms, with a detailed textual analysis of Gen 1–11. How is space constructed in Gen 1–11? To what extent and how is this construction influenced by social and cultural elements? The author describes specifically how space in Gen 1–11 is constructed rhetorically, taking into account historical and social circumstances in which the texts were written.

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Rewriting and Revision as Amendment in the Laws of Deuteronomy

by Kevin Mattison

This study examines Deuteronomy’s reworking of existing legal texts, arguing that Deuteronomy was designed to amend its main legal source, the Covenant Code (Exod 20:22–23:19). The model of amendment draws on existing models of replacement and supplementation in order to provide a more complete explanation of Deuteronomy’s rewriting of the Covenant Code, which is characterized by a combination of presupposition, complementation, and contradiction. The author draws examples from laws governing sacrifice and slaughter, tithes and firstlings, and manslaughter and asylum.

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edited by Friedhelm Hartenstein and Thomas Willi

The Books of Psalms and Chronicles open and close the ketubim in the TENAK. They share some significant mutual linguistic and thematic threads, which demonstrate their cognate character in the Second Temple literature. This becomes even more obvious if one looks at both works as a special example of the relationship of poetics and prose in ancient Jewish tradition. This volume contains the contributions of an international conference held at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich where for the first time renowned scholars discussed aspects of the relationship between Psalms and Chronicles fundamentally and in detail. German text.

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A Perfect Priest

Studies in the Letter to the Hebrews

by Albert Vanhoye, edited and translated by Nicholas J. Moore and Richard J. Ounsworth

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The High Priest and the Temple

Metaphorical Depictions of Jesus in the Letters of Ignatius of Antioch

by Jonathon Lookadoo

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by Matthew J. Thomas
Paul writes that we are justified by faith apart from ‘works of the law’, a disputed term that represents a fault line between ‘old’ and ‘new’ perspectives on Paul. Was the Apostle reacting against the Jews’ good works done to earn salvation, or the Mosaic Law’s practices that identified the Jewish people? Matthew J. Thomas examines how Paul’s second century readers understood these points in conflict, how they relate to ‘old’ and ‘new’ perspectives, and what their collective witness suggests about the Apostle’s own meaning. Surprisingly, these early witnesses align closely with the ‘new’ perspective, though their reasoning often differs from both viewpoints. They suggest that Paul opposes these works neither due to moralism, nor primarily for experiential or social reasons, but because the promised new law and covenant, which are transformative and universal in scope, have come in Christ.
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The aim of this study by Dany Christopher is to show where, how, and why Luke appropriates the theme of Passover in his writings. The author proposes that besides the passion narrative, allusions to Passover can be found in three other sets of passages: the infancy narrative, the Parousia discourses in Luke 12 and Luke 17, and the rescue stories of Peter (Acts 12) and Paul (Acts 27). He shows that the theme of Passover plays a major role in how Luke structures his narratives and conveys the message of God’s salvation.
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by Phillip A. Davis, Jr.
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A Comparative Lexical, Conceptual, Exegetical, and Theological Study of Colossians 3:1–17
by John Frederick
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by Ulrich Dällenbach

Sleep and with it waking are subject to social and situational values—sleep is meaningful. The Old Testament also knows of this, where sleep is reported, sleep is evaluated, tamed, avoided, suffered, longed for, disturbed, and used as a cipher for attitude to life or fate. When the texts of the Bible and its environment speak of sleep, they don’t offer definitions but experiences, observations, and interpretations. Sleep opens up an important part of life and the time or circumstances in which it takes place. German text.
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Die Neuerfindung des Alten Testaments um 1800

by Simon Wiesgickl

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Eine kognitiv-linguistische Studie zur nāfēš des Menschen im Alten Testament

by Katrin Müller

This book extensively analyzes the role the term “nephesh” (npsh as transliterated from the Hebrew, with various meanings such as breath, life, soul, etc.) as it pertains to understanding what a human being is in the Old Testament. With the help from the analytical concept of metonymy and methods from cognitive linguistics, important questions are pursued in this work. Is the concept of “soul” obscured by “nephesh” or contained within it? Is the synthetic composition of the body really a trait found specifically among Semitic peoples? German text.
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Eine Analyse der Beziehungen im Ezechielbuch

by Cornelia Assmann

The Babylonian Exile led to a crises in the relationship between Israel and YHWH. The Book of Ezekiel reflects on the fragile connection that exiled Israel had to God. In response to this crises, the book seeks to reconstitute Israel as the “People of God.” For this reason, Ezekiel insists that Israel must define anew its relationship to other peoples. The authors of this work examine these themes on the basis of Ez. 6:20 and 36, in which the Ezekiel author considers the constellations of players and relationships between Israel, YHWH, and other peoples. The authors of this book show that the nations had a direct connection to YHWH at the same time that Israel did or, without such a connection, Israel’s claim “to be the people of God,” becomes relativized. German text.
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Institutionalisierte Formen der Macht in der lukanischen Darstellung Jesu

by Paul Schiebe

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by Charles W. Phillips

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by Kaia S. Rønsdal

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Calling Bodies in Lived Space

Spatial Explorations on the Concept of Calling in a Public Urban Space

by Kaia S. Rønsdal

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This study shows that the syntagma dynamis eis soterian was widely used in ancient Greek literature of the Classical, Hellenistic, and Greco-Roman periods. A semantic context analysis reveals that “danger” is the common intersection of all contexts in which the syntagma dynamis eis soterian occurs. In a modified way it also appears in texts of the New Testament (Romans 1:16; 1 Peter 1:5): By using dynamis (theou) eis soterian in a context focused on danger, Paul indicates that his use of the syntagma is consistent with the pagan, non-biblical use. German text.

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Ismael
Israels Selbstwahrnehmung
im Kreis der Völker aus der
Nachkommenschaft Abrahams
by Thomas Naumann
The figure Ismael reminds, that the blessing and remaining care of the God of Israel is valid for the non-israelite peoples out of the descendants of Abraham as well. Concerning the tale itself Ismael is neither enemy nor counterpole to Isaak, as Paulus depicted in Gal 4, but promise and antecedent. As such he shares God's blessings and impositions with his brother without being Israel's heir. Thus Genesis offers a theologically reflected, inclusive view on Ismael and his mother Hagar. Regarding Thomas Naumann's results it becomes clear, that the negative view on Abraham's firstborn son which dominates the history of reception cannot rely on the story of Genesis. German text.

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Zur Rede von der Präsenz
JHWHs in der Priesterschrift
und verwandten Texten
by Michael Emmendörffer
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“Wenn ein Mensch stirbt, lebt er dann wieder auf?”
(Hi 14,14)
Zur Frage einer Jenseitshoffnung im hebräischen und im griechischen Hiobbuch
by Hoby Randriambola-Ratsimihah
Regarding the Hebrew book of Job as well as concerning the Greek version, there has been much debate on the controversial question of an afterworld and the hope for resurrection. Yet a monograph looking into this topic in such depth remained unseen. Compared to other studies, this thesis stands out due to its efforts of understanding the main texts according to its original intents. The author discusses the topic also from the points of view of history of religion, history of tradition, and history of theology. The results of this convincing analysis are an important contribution to understanding the biblical idea of resurrection. German text.

“Lobe den Herrn, meine Seele!”
Psalm 103 in seinen Kontexten
by Ann-Cathrin Fiß
Psalm 103 is characterized by its religious-historical meaning and reception in Christianity. Ann-Cathrin Fiß shows that Psalm 103, even in its development, is a theologically reflective text, which presents different receptive traditions from all three parts of the later canon. The author presents the importance of the psalm as a textual tool for later texts, which developed into an early type of theological compendia. The period of development for this psalm has been dated to around the third century before Christ and Fiß focuses her work on the inner thematic coherence of the psalm, which she interprets in terms of motif history. German text.
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