Kings Without Privilege-A. Graeme Auld 1994-01-01 For almost two centuries biblical scholars have operated in the shadow of de Wette's judgement that the books of Chronicles are derived from and (hence?) historically inferior to the books of Samuel - Kings. Without disputing de Wette's historical feel for the unreliability of the Chronicler, Graeme Auld suggests a fresh model for understanding the interrelationships of these two accounts of the Bible's kings: each had supplemented, quite independently of the other, a common inherited text that had told the story of Judah's kings from David to the fall of Jerusalem. He reconstructs and explains this shared source. This fresh study shows that the author of Samuel-Kings was no less partisan than the Chronicler when retelling older traditions of Israel and Judah. Sometimes the two books diverge considerably, as over King Hezekiah. At other times the differences are slighter, yet quite as telling: after forty shared verses of petition in Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the Jerusalem Temple, the version in Kings
ends by appealing to the Exodus and mentioning Moses by name; but Chronicles, as often more traditionally, names David and quotes a Psalm.

**Life in Kings** - A. Graeme Auld 2017-04-28

Follow the words with an expert Building on a lifetime of research and writing, A. Graeme Auld examines passages in Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, and Isaiah that recount the same stories or contain similar vocabulary. He advances his argument that Samuel and Kings were organic developments from a deftly crafted, prophetically interpreted, shared narrative he calls the Book of Two Houses—a work focused on the house of David and the house of Yahweh in Jerusalem. At the end of the study he reconstructs the synoptic material within Kings in Hebrew with an English translation. Features a critique of the dominant approach to the narrative books in the Hebrew Bible A solid challenge to the widely accepted relationship between Deuteronomy, cultic centralization, and King Josiah’s reform Key evidence in the heated contemporary debate over the historical development of Biblical Hebrew

**The Chronicler as Author** - M. Patrick Graham 1999-12-01

This volume represents an international collaboration focusing on the books of Chronicles as literature, looking at their literary sources, their techniques of composition, their perspectives, how they were read in
antiquity, and the value of contemporary reading strategies for bringing the text to life in the present day. It opens with five 'Overview' articles by Kai Peltonen, Steven McKenzie, Graeme Auld, Rodney Duke and John Wright; William Schniedewind, Gary Knoppers, Ehud Ben Zvi, Armin Siedlecki and Howard Wallace deal with 'Themes'; and James Trotter, Christine Mitchell, Kirsten Nielsen, Noel Bailey, Roland Boer and Magnar Karveit address specific texts. The collection both reflects and stimulates recent and contemporary fascination with the Chronicler in biblical scholarship.

**King Manasseh and Child Sacrifice**-Francesca Stavrakopoulou 2004-01-01 The Hebrew Bible portrays King Manasseh and child sacrifice as the most reprehensible person and the most objectionable practice within the story of 'Israel'. This monograph suggests that historically, neither were as deviant as the Hebrew Bible appears to insist. Through careful historical reconstruction, it is argued that Manasseh was one of Judah's most successful monarchs, and child sacrifice played a central role in ancient Judahite religious practice. The biblical writers, motivated by ideological concerns, have thus deliberately distorted the truth about Manasseh and child sacrifice.

**Reflection and Refraction**-Robert Rezetko 2007 This volume of thirty articles covering a
wide range of subjects related to Old Testament study is written by colleagues, friends and students of A. Graeme Auld to honour the occasion of his sixty-fifth birthday.

**New Perspectives on Old Testament Prophecy and History**-Rannfrid I. Thelle 2015-05-12 New Perspectives on Old Testament Prophecy and History presents innovative and thought provoking essays on biblical prophecy and Old Testament history by colleagues, students, and friends of Professor Hans M. Barstad, in honour of his esteemed career in biblical studies.

**Those Elusive Deuteronomists**-Linda S. Schearing 1999-08-01 As recent scholarship dates Hebrew Bible materials later and later, the Deuteronomistic History has grown in importance. Viewed as the original, earliest document of the Hebrew Scriptures, it is credited with influencing (formally or informally) almost every level of the Hebrew Bible's composition. The 13 essays in this book include articles by N. Lohfink, A.G. Auld, J. Blenkinsopp, R.J. Coggins, J. Crenshaw, J. Van Seters and R.R. Wilson, as well as outstanding articles by newer scholars in the field. All address the question of whether or not the claims made by the pervasive pan-deuteronomism movement sweeping the discipline can, in fact, be verified.
The Books of Kings—André Lemaire 2010 This collaborative commentary on, or dictionary of, Kings, explores cross-cutting aspects of Kings ranging from the analysis of its composition, historically regarded, to its transmission and reception. Ample attention is accorded sources, figures and peoples who play a part in the book. The commentary deals with Kings treatment in translation and role in later ancient literature. While our comments do not proceed verse by verse, the volume furnishes guidance, from contributors highly qualified to advance contemporary discussion, on the book's historical background, its literary intentions and characteristics, and on themes and motifs central to its understanding, both of itself and of the world from which it arose. This volume functions as a meta-commentary, offering windows into the secondary literature, but assembling data more fully than is the case in individual commentaries.

The Invasion of Sennacherib in the Book of Kings—Paul S. Evans 2009 The invasion of Sennacherib in 701 BCE is a classic issue for both biblical scholars and historians alike. Extant Assyrian, Biblical and even Greek texts all refer to Sennacherib and many different theories have been put forward in attempts to understand the relationship between these various accounts. Despite the rise of new literary-rhetorical criticism in biblical studies, studies tackling the problem of Sennacherib's invasion have been dominated by historical-critical work on the issue and have virtually ignored rhetorical methodology. Against this
trend, this book employs both traditional historical-critical methods and newer rhetorical methods in an effort to utilize the biblical texts in a historical reconstruction of this famous Assyrian assault on ancient Judah.

Sennacherib at the Gates of Jerusalem-Isaac Kalimi 2014-01-30 In Sennacherib at the Gates of Jerusalem, twelve scholars of the ancient world examine the histories, myths, and tales that formed around the Assyrian campaign of 701 B.C.E. over the course of more than a millennium of re-tellings.

The Kings-Isaiah and Kings-Jeremiah Recensions-Raymond F. Person 1997 The series Beihefte zur Zeitschrift f r die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft (BZAW) covers all areas of research into the Old Testament, focusing on the Hebrew Bible, its early and later forms in Ancient Judaism, as well as its branching into many neighboring cultures of the Ancient Near East and the Greco-Roman world.

Early Jewish Exegesis and Theological Controversy-Yiṣḥāq Qalîmî 2002 Series: Jewish and Christian Heritage Series, 2 Early Jewish Exegesis and Theological Controversy is an
important collection of essays on aspects of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament theology, the reception of biblical texts in Judaism and Christianity; the Aqedah, and related topics. The book comprises three main parts: a) the Aqedah and the Temple, b) Biblical Texts in Polemical Contexts, and c) Biblical Theology, Judaism and Christianity. Although each part deals with a specifically defined topic, all are linked by some common themes: all the sections discuss early Jewish exegesis, namely the early scriptures' interpretation in late Biblical literature, in the Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha, in Jewish-Hellenistic writings, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and a variety of Rabbinic sources, essentially the Targumim and midrashim. Each chapter of the book covers theological controversies, either among the Jewish groups themselves, and/or between Judaism and other religious denominations, especially Christianity. "By now Isaac Kalimi is recognized the world over as one of the last of the vanishing breed of biblical historians and as one of a handful of experts in the biblical books of Chronicles. Kalimi demonstrates in the first five chapters of Early Jewish Exegesis and Theological Controversy that he is also fully grounded in Second Temple literature and qualified to discuss the exegesis of Hebrew Scripture reflected in rabbinic literature, Samaritan lore, the New Testament, and the Nag Hammadi library. The message conveyed by prefacing five important studies on ancient exegesis--Jewish, Christian, and Samaritan--to his two essays on biblical theology at the dawn of the twenty-first century is that Kalimi's mastery of all relevant dialects of Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek and his unquestioned competence as a historian of both events and ideas qualifies him to offer some very original
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Method Matters-David L. Petersen 2009

As the field of biblical studies expands to accommodate new modes of inquiry, scholars are increasingly aware of the need for methodological clarity. David L. Petersens teaching, research, and service to the guild are
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**Egypt as a Place of Refuge**-Garrett Galvin 2011 "Garrett Galvin examines biblical texts from a number of different time periods (1 Kgs 11:14-12:24; Jeremiah 46; Matt. 2:13-15, 19-21) in order to highlight the importance of literary genre for understanding the phenomenon of Egypt as a place of refuge in the Old Testament."--Back cover.
Did Moses Speak Attic?-Lester L. Grabbe 2001-03-01 Is the Bible a Hellenistic book? The essays in this volume respond to that challenging question, formulated by Niels Peter Lemche, and offer everything from qualified agreement to vociferous opposition. In so doing, they debate and illuminate the many features of Jewish writing in the Second Temple period, including not only the scriptures themselves and their own history, but the non-canonized literature of the late Second-Temple period. As with all the volumes in this pioneering series, the editor, Lester Grabbe, introduces and reflects upon the discussion and its implications for one of the most controversial topics in current biblical studies.

History, Literature and Theology in the Book of Chronicles-Ehud Ben Zvi 2014-12-05 History, Literature and Theology in the Book of Chronicles presents a new way of approaching this key biblical text, arguing that the Book employs both multiple viewpoints and the knowledge of the past held by its intended readership to reshape social memory and reinforce the authority of God. The Book of Chronicles communicates to its intended readership a theological worldview built around multiple, partial perspectives which inform and balance each other. This is a worldview which emphasizes the limitations of all human knowledge, even of theologically "proper" knowledge. When Chronicles presents the past as explainable it also affirms that those who inhabited it could not predict the future. And, despite expanding an "explainable" past, the Book deliberately frames some of YHWH's
actions - crucial events in Israel's social memory - as unexplainable in human terms. The Book serves to rationalise divinely ordained, prescriptive behaviour through its emphasis on the impossibility of adequate human understanding of a past, present and future governed by YHWH.

Memories of Ancient Israel-Philip R. Davies 2008 Recent years have seen an explosion of writing on the history of Israel, prompted largely by definitive archaeological surveys and attempts to write a genuine archaeological history of ancient Israel and Judah. This text is an incisive critique of and alternative proposal to these approaches to biblical history.


"As It Is Written" and Other Citation Formulae in the Old Testament-Kevin L. Spawn 2014-12-03 This volume examines the use of citation formulae in the Old Testament. After demonstrating the lack of consensus and method in the treatment of such exegetical devices, the author addresses the need for a sustained examination of citation formulae and related expressions. This inquiry focuses on the careful identification of the referents of
citation bases as a basis for the study of inner-biblical exegesis. Further insights are offered on the development of such exegetical devices, the hermeneutics of the post-exilic community, and the syntax of comparative statements in Hebrew.

On Stone and Scroll - James K. Aitken 2011-07-27 The volume will appeal to those interested in the biblical text and its place within the wider archaeological and ancient near eastern context. It will appeal to those wishing to understand the diversity of historical approaches to the Bible, and to those utilising the evidence of archaeology, inscriptions, theology and linguistics to the interpretation of the Bible.

The Hebrew Bible Today - Steven L. McKenzie 1998-01-01 Dealing with each section of the canon, this book explains standard questions, paying special attention to where scholars agree and where they don't.

A History of the Jews and Judaism in the Second Temple Period (vol. 1) - Lester L. Grabbe 2006-07-27 In the first of four volumes on A History of the Jews and Judaism in the Second Temple Period, Lester Grabbe presents a comprehensive history of Yehud - the
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The Hebrew Bible - John Barton 2016-06-07 This book brings together some of the world's most exciting scholars from across a variety of disciplines to provide a concise and accessible guide to the Hebrew Bible. It covers every major genre of book in the Old Testament together with in-depth discussions of major themes such as human nature, covenant, creation, ethics, ritual and purity, sacred space, and monotheism. This authoritative overview sets each book within its historical and cultural context in the ancient Near East, paying special attention to its sociological setting. It provides new insights into the reception of the books and the different ways they have been studied, from historical-critical enquiry to modern advocacy approaches such as feminism and liberation theology. It also includes a guide to biblical translations and textual criticism and helpful suggestions for further reading. Featuring contributions from experts with backgrounds in
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Retribution and Eschatology in Chronicles-Brian E. Kelly 1996-01-01 The Jews who returned from exile in Babylonia to Jerusalem and Judah faced difficult and straitened times, in which the bright hopes of the Restoration had faded. The Chronicler wrote his history partly to encourage his community to have faith in God's ancient promises to David, that better things would come to a penitent people. Although not often recognized as such, the books of Chronicles belong to the mainstream of biblical teaching on divine grace and hope, as the present study shows by analysing its themes of reward and punishment, and its teaching on the future. It differs significantly from the interpretation given by Sara Japhet in her monograph on Chronicles of 1989 and her major new commentary of 1993.


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From Two Kingdoms To One Nation - Israel and Judah - Shamai Gelander 2011-05-23
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King and Temple in Chronicles - Jozef Tiňo 2010 Chronicles was written during the late post-exilic period when only the Temple in Jerusalem was a living institution and the monarchy was a memory from the distant past. This is one of the reasons why some commentators consider Chronicles as devoid of any hope for the restoration of a monarchy under a Davidic ruler. In the introduction, some arguments of representative scholars who advocate this lack of hope are presented as well as polemics against this view. The king-temple relationship is seen as the leitmotiv of Chronicles and the given elaboration on the theme consequently begins with an exegesis of the book as a single corpus which is constructed with the dynastic promise as its very core. This theme is developed in the second chapter which shows that the Chronicler expresses a specific attitude to the kingship
ideology, presenting David as a second Moses, the epitome of a repentant sinner, and depicting Solomon as an idealised ruler in a golden age. This presentation is interestingly interconnected with the theology of Deuteronomy, the Deuteronomistic history, the post-exilic theology of the Psalm tradition and some of the messianic texts. The following three chapters thus aim to examine Chronicles from the perspective of its relations with the post-exilic theological traditions. The conclusion is the summary of the study outlined above as well as a setting of its effects into the framework of a wider theological and ideological background which is, presumably, contemporary to the Chronicler. This is essential for understanding the motives for the composition of Chronicles, and for determining its original scope. The conclusion presents an explanation of both issues.

The Chronicler's History-Martin Noth 1997-01-01 Martin Noth's study of the Chronicler's History may not be so widely known as his celebrated Deuteronomistic History (published by JSOT Press in English translation in 1981). However, as Williamson argues in his introduction, written specially to accompany this translation, it was a most significant contribution to the study of Chronicles, Ezra and Nehemiah, and a translation of it has been long overdue. In view of the recent revival of interest in this body of literature, it is important that English-speaking readers should have first-hand access to one of the seminal studies in this field.
The Function of Ancient Historiography in Biblical and Cognate Studies-Patricia G. Kirkpatrick 2008-05-15 No Marketing Blurb

The Elusive Prophet-Johannes Cornelis De Moor 2001-01-01 Who were the prophets of Israel? Historically spoken the prophets have become elusive personalities. In this volume they are rediscovered as literary characters drawn by the gifted artists and theologians who shaped the prophetic books of the Old Testament.

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The Land that I Will Show You-James Maxwell Miller 2001 A collection of seventeen articles by colleagues and former students of Professor J. Maxwell Miller who taught at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University. The papers deal with the history, chronology, geography, archaeology and epigraphy of ancient Israel and its setting in the Levant, and range from broad methodological discussions of historiography to focused analyses of individual texts or historical issues. A review of Miller's career and a select bibliography of his publications are also included.

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