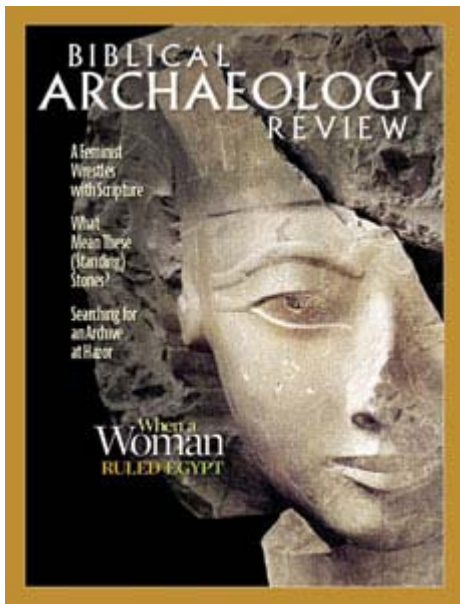


Queries & Comments



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The Word of the Lord

In one of the questions in your interview with Phyllis Trible (“Wrestling with Scripture,” 32:02), she responded incorrectly. Professor Trible stated, “‘The word of the Lord’ is a prophetic genre, but that phrase does not appear at all in a book like Genesis.” The expression *devar YHWH*, “the word of the Lord” does appear in Genesis—twice (15:1 and 4)—when God speaks to Abram. In addition, the phrase *ne’um YHWH*, “utterance of the Lord” (one of many possible translations for this expression), which is attested several hundred times in the prophetic books, occurs in Genesis 22:16 in the story of the binding of Isaac.

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