

more detailed explanation of some of the text. Each chapter ends with a bibliography which points the student to other works in the area of study. The volume recognizes that there are debates within the scholarly world about the OT and opens these issues up without prescribing which may be the final answer to certain problems. The authors have utilized their expertise in training students and have produced not only a highly recommended and useable book but also further support material which is available online.

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JAPHET, SARA, *Biblical Studies* [Hebrew] (Asuppot, 21; Jerusalem: Bialik Institute, 2022), pp. xvi + 480. ILS125.00. ISBN 978-965-536-357-9 (hardback).

J. (b. 1934) remains one of the most important Israeli biblical scholars alive today. Previous volumes in the series collected her studies on medieval exegesis (Asuppot, 1 [2008], with 18 articles—see *B.L.* 2009, pp. 14-15), and on Persian-period biblical literature (Asuppot, 13-14 [2017], with 35 articles—see *B.L.* 2018, pp. 40-41). The present volume concludes the trilogy (or tetralogy) with 32 studies covering a wide range of topics, which did not fall neatly into the purview of the earlier volumes and/or which have been published more recently. The oldest of the articles, on the manumission laws, appeared in 1978, while the most recent one, on an anonymous medieval commentary to the Song of Songs, appeared in 2022. By my count, ten of the articles have appeared in Hebrew only, eight have appeared in English only, six have appeared in both languages, and one has appeared in Hebrew and German. One article, and an important programmatic one at that, ‘The Anthological Style in Biblical Literature’, appears here for the first time. Six additional articles derive from public lectures, delivered during the span of years 1987–2015, though they now appear for the first time in written form. Topics include the Josianic reforms, the historical perspective of the book of Kings, and the different chronological reckoning systems within biblical literature. In sum, this is a rich collection of essays reflective of an extraordinarily productive scholarly career. The detailed indices (citations, scholars, subjects) only enhance the volume.

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KNOPPERS, GARY N., *Prophets, Priests, and Promises: Essays on the Deuteronomistic History, Chronicles, and Ezra–Nehemiah* (VTSup, 186; Leiden: Brill, 2021), pp. xx + 451. €127.00. ISBN 978-90-04-44485-0 (hardback), 978-90-04-44489-8 (e-book).

This rich collection of essays by the late Gary N. Knoppers comprises seven revised and eight new chapters. An Introduction by H.G.M. Williamson sketches the broader context of K.’s remarkable range of scholarship as well as the present volume. Part 1 covers studies on History and Historiography with two chapters on ‘Constructing Israel’s Past in Ancient Judah’, focusing on the Deuteronomistic History (DH) in one and on Chronicles and Ezra–Nehemiah in the other, and a chapter entitled ‘From Israel to Judah in the DH’. Part 2 is devoted to Mimesis, Prophetic Succession, and Scribal Prophecy and covers chapters on ‘Synoptic Texts, Mimesis, and the Problem of “Rewritten Bible”’, drawing on ‘creative imitation’ (p. 85) in the ancient Mediterranean and beyond; ‘Theft or Mimesis? The Non-Citation of Older Writings in Chronicles’ concluding that the integration of material from Joshua and Samuel–Kings in Chronicles is the ‘highest compliment the Chronicler could have paid’ (p. 136). Further chapters deal with the Chronicler’s prophetic sources as well as prophetic succession in Chronicles. Part 3 is concerned with David, the Torah and the Temple and comprises chapters on ‘David’s Relation to Moses’, ‘Royal (Mis)appropriations in Samuel–Kings and Chronicles’, and ‘Anti-Temple Rhetoric in the DH’. Part 4 on exile and diaspora begins with a chapter on the decline of Judah in the 8<sup>th</sup> c. BCE, followed by chapters noting the cumulative failings over generations leading to the exile; exploring the ‘disappearance of Zerubbabel’; the marginalization of Mizpa and Ramat Raḥel in Ezra–Nehemiah; and an incisive study on ‘The Judean Communities of Babylon and Jerusalem in the Story of Ezra’. In