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journeys here among the philosophers in these essays you are invited to travel with them into the regions of philosophy hermeneutics political theory and theology you will certainly hear the philosophers speak but paul will not remain silent above the sounds of the journey his voice comes through loud and clear the book of deuteronomy the last of the five books of moses or pentateuch consists in the main of moses final discourses delivered to the children of israel as they stood poised to begin the conquest and settlement of the land upon which they were to build a national society the central concern of moses as reflected in these discourses is with the challenge of nation building creating an israelite nation out of a mélange of ethnically related tribes and clans that were just liberated from centuries of subjugation and servitude in a relatively sophisticated pagan environment that which is to bind them together is not a compact between them but rather a common covenant with god to 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that has experienced rapid growth and expansion in the past decades the body of the cross is a study of holy victims in western christian history and how the uses of their bodies in christian thought led to the idea of the cross as a substitutionary sacrifice since its first centuries christianity has traded on the suffering of victims martyrs mystics and heretics as substitutes for the christian social body these victims secured holiness either by their own sacred power or by their reprobation and rejection just as their bodies were mediated in eucharistic social and christological ways so too did the flesh of jesus christ become one of those holy substitutes but it was only late in western history that he took on the function of the exemplary victim in tracing the story of this embodied development the body of the cross gives special attention to popular spirituality religious dissent and the writing of women throughout christian history it examines the symbol of the cross as it functions in key moments throughout this history including the parting of the ways of judaism and christianity the gnostic debates martyr traditions and medieval affective devotion and heresy finally in a reformation era haunted by divine wrath these themes concentrated in the unique concept that jesus christ died on the cross to absorb divine punishment for sin a holy body and a rejected body in one while many scholars in shakespeare and religious studies assume a secularist viewpoint in their interpretation of shakespeare s works there are others that allow for a theologically coherent reading located within the turn to religion in shakespeare studies this book goes beyond the claim that shakespeare simply made artistic use of religious material in his drama it argues that his plays inhabit a complex and rich theological atmosphere individually by genre and as a body of work the book begins by acknowledging that a plot controlling god figure or even a consistent theological dogma is 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be of interest to scholars of theology and the arts shakespeare and literature more generally concise yet comprehensive manageable and affordable t t clark study guides are an invaluable resource for students preachers and bible study leaders each book in the series gives the reader a thorough introduction to a particular book of the bible or the apocrypha and includes an introduction to the contents of the particular biblical book a balanced survey of the important critical issues attention to literary historical sociological and theological perspectives suggestions about critical appropriation of the text by the contemporary reader reference to other standard works through annotated bibliographies all the books in the series formerly published by sheffield academic press are by leading biblical scholars and the authors have drawn on their scholarly expertise as well as their experience as teachers of university and college students captures the multiple voices of christian theology in a diverse and interconnected world through in depth studies of representative figures and overviews of key movements providing an unparalleled overview of the subject the modern theologians provides an indispensable guide to the diverse approaches and perspectives within christian theology from the early twentieth century to the present each chapter is written by a leading scholar and explores the development and trajectory of modern theology while presenting critical accounts of a broad range of relevant topics and representative thinkers the fourth edition of the modern theologians is fully updated to provide readers with a clear picture of the broad spectrum and core concerns of modern christian theology worldwide it offers new perspectives on key twentieth century figures and movements from different geographical and ecclesial contexts there are expanded sections on theological dialogue with non christian traditions and on christian theology s engagement with the arts and sciences a new section explores theological responses to urgent global challenges such as nationalism racism and the environmental crisis providing the next generation of theologians with the tools needed to take theological conversations forward the modern theologians explores christian theology s engagement with multiple ways of knowing across diverse approaches and traditions combines introductions to key modern theologians and coverage of the major movements within contemporary theology identifies common dynamics found across theologies to enable cross contextual comparisons positions individual theologians in geographical regions trans local movements and ecclesial contexts features new and revised chapters written by experts in particular movements topics and individuals providing in depth critical evaluation and extensive references to further readings and research ford s the modern theologians an introduction to christian theology since 1918 fourth edition remains an ideal textbook for undergraduate and graduate courses in theology and religious studies such as introduction to christian theology systematic theology modern theology and modern theologians it is also an invaluable resource for researchers those involved in various forms of christian ministry teachers of religious studies and general readers engaged in independent study war has been abolished in christ is a strong claim by theologian stanley hauerwas wars however continue to rage and historic numbers of people are displaced globally despite critics assessments that hauerwas contributes to christians disengaging his work provides certain tools for the work of peacebuilding in this work hauerwas s contribution to peacemaking as a part of his ecclesiology and broader theological ethical work will be assessed hauerwas s peacemaking within his work stands within the context of ecclesiology and related themes of witness and christology the possibilities of his work on peacemaking to extend to peacebuilding practice and foreign policy formation are explored and a critique is leveled regarding his engagement with racial justice additionally certain practices of reading in theology and training in this language are extrapolated to engage the task of policy formation and analysis in contexts where religion is an active factor this study concludes that hauerwas s theological ethics of peacemaking makes a valuable contribution but must be extended into specific practices offers a rich discussion of belief in life after death this comprehensive two volume reference work explores the history of research and reflection on the meaning of the old and new testaments was god being ironic in commanding eve not to eat fruit from the tree of wisdom carolyn j sharp suggests that many stories in the hebrew scriptures may be ironically intended deftly interweaving literary theory and exegesis sharp illumines the power of the unspoken in a wide variety of texts from the pentateuch the prophets and the writings she argues that reading with irony in mind creates a charged and open rhetorical space in the texts that allows character narration and authorial voice to develop in unexpected ways main themes explored here include the ironizing of foreign rulers the prostitute as icon of the ironic gaze indeterminacy and dramatic irony in prophetic performance and irony in ancient israel s wisdom traditions sharp devotes special attention to how irony destabilizes dominant ways in which the bible is read today especially when it touches on questions of conflict gender and the other by subjecting biblical writings to a political analysis sicker constructs a plausible political history of the ancient israelite states that dealt with virtually every issue faced by governments throughout subsequent history as he makes clear the way they dealt with those issues successfully or otherwise is highly instructive and relevant to today s analysis of geopolitical issues our knowledge of the political history of ancient israel is almost exclusively dependent on the information that may be gleaned from biblical writings which reflect a historiosophical perspective very different from that employed in modern historical writing nonetheless and despite all the problems encountered in dealing with the biblical texts the history of the ancient israelite states that can be derived from them has much to offer a student of politics instead of the critical literary analysis common to contemporary biblical studies sicker constructs a plausible political history of the ancient israelite states that takes into consideration the geopolitical realities that directly conditioned much of that history as well as the religious dimensions of israelite political culture that played a critical role in it he demonstrates that the ancient israelite states were confronted by virtually every political dilemma domestic and international encountered by states and governments throughout the subsequent history of the world the way they dealt with the issues successfully or otherwise is highly instructive and relevant to the complex issues faced by states and governments today the veritas series from scm press and the centre for theology and philosophy at nottingham university brings to market original volumes all engaging in critical questions of pressing concern to both philosophers theologians biologists economists and more each book in this new series displays a rigorous theological critique of categories of study not often thought to be theological in character the series aims

to illustrate that without theology something essential is lost in our account of such categories not only in an abstract way but in the way in which we inhabit the world the veritas series refuses to accept disciplinary isolation both for theology and for other disciplines oemarcus pound tm s first book is the most important sustained reflection on the relation of theology and psychoanalysis to date his approach is admirably focused since it compares the ideas of the theological founder of the complex motivational psychology s ren kierkegaard with those of the most sophisticated secular psychoanalytical theorists jacques lacan in doing so pound offers in a short compass both a psychological deepening of theological orthodoxy and a theological critique of psychoanalysis as such future engagement with this area must begin with this lucid subtle and brilliant treatise john milbank jesus asked the simple question who do you say that i am throughout history the proliferation of responses has ranged from the personal you are the savior of my soul to the ontological you are the logos of god the eternal and incarnate word to the humanist you are the man of nazareth shining example of ethics taught as ethics lived to the theopolitical you are the liberator of the oppressed even today christology oscillates between the center and the periphery between an interpretation of the christ as a sociopolitical reformer of this world and other worldly views of the christ as a private rescuer from a corrupt world soon to pass away christology the center and the periphery is a long awaited invitation to method in christology the essays included reflect many of the spectra in the rainbow of interpretation of the christ in today s theological climate and are grouped thematically and historically as well the figure of the christ seen in the light of the three articles of the christian creed namely creation redemption and sanctification remains the guiding motif of the volume individual essays discuss such areas as christology in early christianity the crucifixion as a symbol of love and the recovery of a trinitarian perspective with this volume steven t katz initiates the provocative argument that the holocaust is a singular event in human history unlike any previous work on the subject the holocaust in historical context maintains that the holocaust is the only example of true genocide a systematic attempt to kill all the members of a group in history in a richly documented subtly argued and amazingly wide ranging comparative historical and phenomenological analysis katz explores the philosophical and historiographical implications of the uniqueness of the holocaust after he establishes the nature of genocide katz examines other occasions of mass death to which the holocaust is regularly compared from slavery in the ancient world to the medieval persecution of heretics from the depopulation of the new world to the armenian massacres during world war i and from the gulag to cambodia in the first of three volumes katz after setting the groundwork for his analysis with four chapters dealing with essential methodological issues begins his comparative case studies with slavery in the ancient greek and roman world and continues with such subjects as medieval antisemitism the european witch craze the medieval wars of religion the medieval persecution of homosexuals and the french campaign against huguenots throughout this investigation of pre modern jewish and non jewish history katz looks at the ways in which the holocaust has precedents and parallels and in what way it stands alone as a singular highly distinctive historical event examines historical incidences of genocide in order to highlight both the precursors to the holocaust and to illustrate its uniqueness the third in a series of books that result from annual conferences of the top evangelical hermeneutical scholars in the world hebrew bible is an informative and affordable extension of abingdon s dictionary of biblical interpretation it focuses on the history of the interpretation of individual books for example genesis exodus and proverbs and major genre categories for example law prophets history and poetry found in the hebrew bible from the beginnings of critical study to the present this volume is an important textbook for college and seminary classes on old testament exegesis or interpreting the hebrew bible it is a helpful reference work for those wanting to learn more about the differing opinions and interpretations of key biblical writings and how both jews and christians viewed and valued the hebrew bible through the centuries

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Paul, Philosophy, and the Theopolitical Vision

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The Theopolitical Discourses of Moses

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Martin Buber

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The Cambridge Companion to Biblical Interpretation

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this guide to the state of biblical studies features 20 chapters written by scholars from north america and britain and represents both traditional and contemporary points of view

Religious Ethics and Migration

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On Signs, Christ, Truth and the Interpretation of Scripture

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susannah ticciati explores augustine s scriptural interpretation as well as the ways in which he understands the character of signs in theory the book explores augustine s scriptural world via three case studies each geared towards the healing of a particular modern opposition the three interrelated modern oppositions are rooted in an insufficient semiotic worldview ticciati argues they contribute to the alienation of the modern reader not only from augustine s scriptural world but more generally from the scriptural world as habitation examining the ways in which the therapy for our modern day semiotic illiteracy can be found in the 5th 6th century augustine ticciati brings close readings of augustine to bear on significant concerns of our own day specifically our modern alienations from the rich world of scripture

The Hermeneutics of Social Identity in Luke-Acts

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The English Modernist Novel as Political Theology

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exploring novels by virginia woolf d h lawrence evelyn waugh and sylvia townsend warner as political theology works that imagine a resistance to the fusion of christianity and patriotism which fuelled and supported the first world war this book shows how we can gain valuable insights from their works for anti militarist anti statist and anti nationalist efforts today while none of the four novelists in this study were committed christians during the 1920s andrews explores how their fiction written in the wake of the first world war operates theologically when it challenges english civil religion the rituals of the nation that elevate the state to a form of divinity bringing these novels into a dialogue with recent political theologies by theorists and theologians including giorgio agamben william cavanaugh simon critchley michel foucault stanley hauerwas and jürgen moltmann this book shows the myriad ways that we can learn from the authors theopolitical imaginations andrews demonstrates the many ways that these novelists issue a challenge to the problems with civil religion and the sacralized nation state and in so doing offer alternative visions to coordinate our inner lives with our public and collective actions

The Apocalypse of John Among its Critics

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A Companion to Comparative Theology

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this companion to comparative theology offers a survey of historical developments contemporary approaches and future directions in a field of theology that has experienced rapid growth and expansion in the past decades

The Body of the Cross

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Shakespeare, Theology, and the Unstaged God

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Jeremiah

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Ford's The Modern Theologians

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captures the multiple voices of christian theology in a diverse and interconnected world through in depth studies of representative figures and overviews of key movements providing an unparalleled overview of the subject the modern theologians provides an indispensable guide to the diverse approaches and perspectives within christian theology from the early twentieth century to the present each chapter is written by a leading scholar and explores the development and trajectory of modern theology while presenting critical accounts of a broad range of relevant topics and representative thinkers the fourth edition of the modern theologians is fully updated to provide readers with a clear picture of the broad spectrum and core concerns of modern christian theology worldwide it offers new perspectives on key twentieth century figures and movements from different geographical and ecclesial contexts there are expanded sections on theological dialogue with non christian traditions and on christian theology's engagement with the arts and sciences a new section explores theological responses to urgent global challenges such as nationalism racism and the environmental crisis providing the next generation of theologians with the tools needed to take theological conversations forward the modern theologians explores christian theology's engagement with multiple ways of knowing across diverse approaches and traditions combines introductions to key modern theologians and coverage of the major movements within contemporary theology identifies common dynamics found across theologies to enable cross contextual comparisons positions individual theologians in geographical regions trans local movements and ecclesial contexts features new and revised chapters written by experts in particular movements topics and individuals providing in depth critical evaluation and extensive references to further readings and research ford's the modern theologians an introduction to christian theology since 1918 fourth edition remains an ideal textbook for undergraduate and graduate courses in theology and religious studies such as introduction to christian theology systematic theology modern theology and modern theologians it is also an invaluable resource for researchers those involved in various forms of christian ministry teachers of religious studies and general readers engaged in independent study

Hauerwas the Peacemaker?

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war has been abolished in christ is a strong claim by theologian stanley hauerwas wars however continue to rage and

historic numbers of people are displaced globally despite critics assessments that hauerwas contributes to christians disengaging his work provides certain tools for the work of peacebuilding in this work hauerwas s contribution to peacemaking as a part of his ecclesiology and broader theological ethical work will be assessed hauerwas s peacemaking within his work stands within the context of ecclesiology and related themes of witness and christology the possibilities of his work on peacemaking to extend to peacebuilding practice and foreign policy formation are explored and a critique is leveled regarding his engagement with racial justice additionally certain practices of reading in theology and training in this language are extrapolated to engage the task of policy formation and analysis in contexts where religion is an active factor this study concludes that hauerwas s theological ethics of peacemaking makes a valuable contribution but must be extended into specific practices

Journal of Theological Interpretation

2007

offers a rich discussion of belief in life after death

The Coming of God

1996

this comprehensive two volume reference work explores the history of research and reflection on the meaning of the old and new testaments

Dictionary of Biblical Interpretation: A-J

1999

was god being ironic in commanding eve not to eat fruit from the tree of wisdom carolyn j sharp suggests that many stories in the hebrew scriptures may be ironically intended deftly interweaving literary theory and exegesis sharp illumines the power of the unspoken in a wide variety of texts from the pentateuch the prophets and the writings she argues that reading with irony in mind creates a charged and open rhetorical space in the texts that allows character narration and authorial voice to develop in unexpected ways main themes explored here include the ironizing of foreign rulers the prostitute as icon of the ironic gaze indeterminacy and dramatic irony in prophetic performance and irony in ancient israel s wisdom traditions sharp devotes special attention to how irony destabilizes dominant ways in which the bible is read today especially when it touches on questions of conflict gender and the other

Rituals of Empowerment

1993

by subjecting biblical writings to a political analysis sicker constructs a plausible political history of the ancient israelite states that dealt with virtually every issue faced by governments throughout subsequent history as he makes clear the way they dealt with those issues successfully or otherwise is highly instructive and relevant to today s analysis of geopolitical issues our knowledge of the political history of ancient israel is almost exclusively dependent on the information that may be gleaned from biblical writings which reflect a historiosophical perspective very different from that employed in modern historical writing nonetheless and despite all the problems encountered in dealing with the biblical texts the history of the ancient israelite states that can be derived from them has much to offer a student of politics instead of the critical literary analysis common to contemporary biblical studies sicker constructs a plausible political history of the ancient israelite states that takes into consideration the geopolitical realities that directly conditioned much of that history as well as the religious dimensions of israelite political culture that played a critical role in it he demonstrates that the ancient israelite states were confronted by virtually every political dilemma domestic and international encountered by states and governments throughout the subsequent history of the world the way they dealt with the issues successfully or otherwise is highly instructive and relevant to the complex issues faced by states and governments today

Oudtestamentische studiën

1942

the veritas series from scm press and the centre for theology and philosophy at nottingham university brings to market original volumes all engaging in critical questions of pressing concern to both philosophers theologians biologists economists and more each book in this new series displays a rigorous theological critique of categories of study not often thought to be theological in character the series aims to illustrate that without theology something essential is lost in our account of such

categories not only in an abstract way but in the way in which we inhabit the world the veritas series refuses to accept disciplinary isolation both for theology and for other disciplines oemarcus pound tm s first book is the most important sustained reflection on the relation of theology and psychoanalysis to date his approach is admirably focused since it compares the ideas of the theological founder of the complex motivational psychology s ren kierkegaard with those of the most sophisticated secular psychoanalytical theorists jacques lacan in doing so pound offers in a short compass both a psychological deepening of theological orthodoxy and a theological critique of psychoanalysis as such future engagement with this area must begin with this lucid subtle and brilliant treatise john milbank

Irony and Meaning in the Hebrew Bible

2009

jesus asked the simple question who do you say that i am throughout history the proliferation of responses has ranged from the personal you are the savior of my soul to the ontological you are the logos of god the eternal and incarnate word to the humanist you are the man of nazareth shining example of ethics taught as ethics lived to the theopolitical you are the liberator of the oppressed even today christology oscillates between the center and the periphery between an interpretation of the christ as a sociopolitical reformer of this world and other worldly views of the christ as a private rescuer from a corrupt world soon to pass away christology the center and the periphery is a long awaited invitation to method in christology the essays included reflect many of the spectra in the rainbow of interpretation of the christ in today s theological climate and are grouped thematically and historically as well the figure of the christ seen in the light of the three articles of the christian creed namely creation redeption and sanctification remains the guiding motif of the volume individual essays discuss such areas as christology in early christianity the crucifixion as a symbol of love and the recovery of a trinitarian perspective

Journal of Ecumenical Studies

1987

with this volume steven t katz initiates the provocative argument that the holocaust is a singular event in human history unlike any previous work on the subject the holocaust in historical context maintains that the holocaust is the only example of true genocide a systematic attempt to kill all the members of a group in history in a richly documented subtly argued and amazingly wide ranging comparative historical and phenomenological analysis katz explores the philosophical and historiographical implications of the uniqueness of the holocaust after he establishes the nature of genocide katz examines other occasions of mass death to which the holocaust is regularly compared from slavery in the ancient world to the medieval persecution of heretics from the depopulation of the new world to the armenian massacres during world war i and from the gulag to cambodia in the first of three volumes katz after setting the groundwork for his analysis with four chapters dealing with essential methodological issues begins his comparative case studies with slavery in the ancient greek and roman world and continues with such subjects as medieval antisemitism the european witch craze the medieval wars of religion the medieval persecution of homosexuals and the french campaign against huguenots throughout this investigation of pre modern jewish and non jewish history katz looks at the ways in which the holocaust has precedents and parallels and in what way it stands alone as a singular highly distinctive historical event

Conquering hearts and minds the official American ideology for war in the Persian/Arabian Gulf, 1990-2003

2005

examines historical incidences of genocide in order to highlight both the precursors to the holocaust and to illustrate its uniqueness

The Rise and Fall of the Ancient Israelite States

2003-10-30

the third in a series of books that result from annual conferences of the top evangelical hermeneutical scholars in the world

Theology, Psychoanalysis, Trauma

2007

hebrew bible is an informative and affordable extension of abingdon s dictionary of biblical interpretation it focuses on the history of the interpretation of individual books for example genesis exodus and proverbs and major genre categories for example law prophets history and poetry found in the hebrew bible from the beginnings of critical study to the present this

volume is an important textbook for college and seminary classes on old testament exegesis or interpreting the hebrew bible it is a helpful reference work for those wanting to learn more about the differing opinions and interpretations of key biblical writings and how both jews and christians viewed and valued the hebrew bible through the centuries

Christology

1989

The Holocaust in Historical Context

1994

The Holocaust in Historical Context: The holocaust and mass death before the modern age

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The Hebrew Bible in Its Social World and in Ours

1993

Midstream

1996

A Royal Priesthood?

2002

Hebrew Bible

2004

The New Interpreter's Bible: Introduction to Prophtetic Literature; Isaiah; Jeremiah; Baruch; Letter of Jeremiah; Lamentations; Ezekiel

1994

Revista del Instituto de Historia Antigua Oriental

1972

Settler Regimes in Africa and the Arab World

1974

American Jewish Year Book 1972 vol.73

1972

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