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strange and sometimes intimidating literary terrain of the bible these accessible volumes break down the barriers between the ancient and modern worlds so that the power and meaning of the biblical texts become transparent to contemporary readers the contributors tackle the task of interpretation using the full range of critical methodologies and practices yet they do so as people of faith who hold the text in the highest regard pastors teachers and lay people alike will cherish the truth found in this commentary series the father daughter dyad features in the hebrew bible in all of narratives laws myths and metaphors in previous explorations of this relationship the tendency has been to focus on discrete stories notable among them judges 11 the story of jephthah s human sacrifice of his daughter and genesis 19 the dark tale of lot s daughters seduction of their father by taking the full spectrum into account however the daughter emerges prominently as not only expendable and exploitable as an emphasis on daughter sacrifice or incest has suggested but as cherished and protected by her father depictions of daughters are multifarious and there is a balance of very positive and very negative images while not uncritical of earlier feminist investigations this book makes a contribution to feminist biblical criticism and utilizes methods drawn from the social sciences and psychoanalysis alongside careful textual analysis johanna stiebert offers a critical evaluation of the heuristic usefulness of the ethnographic honour shame model of parallels with roman family studies and of the application and meaning of patriarchy following semantic analysis of the primary hebrew terms for father אב and daughter בת as well as careful examination of inter family dynamics and the daughter s role vis à vis the son s alongside thorough investigation of both judges 11 and genesis 19 and also of the metaphor of god the father of daughters eve wisdom and zion stiebert provides the fullest exploration of daughters in the hebrew bible to date

Canon and Theology 1993

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Many Roads Lead Eastward 2016-10-27

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The Rhetoric of Revelation in the Hebrew Bible 1999

a fresh approach to israel's understanding of how god communicates

Reconstructing Old Testament Theology 2005

in this informative and keen look at contemporary trends in old testament theology perdue builds on his earlier volume the collapse of history 1994 he investigates how a variety of perspectives and methodologies have impacted how the old testament is read in the twenty first century including literary criticism rhetorical criticism feminist womanist and mujerista theologies liberation theology jewish theology postmodernism and postcolonialism perdue provides a sensitive reading of the aims of these approaches as well as providing critique and setting them in their various cultural contexts in his conclusion the author provides a look at the future and how these various voices and approaches will continue to impact how we carry out old testament theology

A Biblical Theology of Exile 2002

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Holiness in Israel 1989

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The Torah's Vision of Worship 1999-07-30

in this powerful book walter brueggemann moves the discussion of old testament theology beyond the dominant models of previous generations brueggemann focuses on the metaphor and imagery of the courtroom trial in order to regard the theological substance of the old testament as a series of claims asserted for yahweh the god of israel this provides a context that attends to pluralism in every dimension of the interpretive process and suggests links to the plurality of voices of our time

The Land 1977

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Prayer in the New Testament 1995

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Theology of the Old Testament 2012-06-01

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Semeia 73 1996-01-01

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God the Father 1979

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interest to scholars working across the fields of biblical studies and philosophy

The Collapse of History 1994

in this guide jill middlemas introduces students to the book of lamentations by examining the book's structure and characteristics covering the latest in biblical scholarship on lamentations including historical and interpretive issues and considering a range of scholarly approaches in particular the guide provides students with an introduction to hebrew poetry as it relates to lamentations and includes insights from the field of trauma and postcolonial studies with suggestions of further reading at the end of each chapter this guide will be an useful accompaniment to study of lamentations

A Biblical Theology of Gerassapience 2010

balentine invites the reader to consider several aspects of prayer in the hebrew bible prayer and the depiction of character prayer and the characterization of god prayers for divine justice the lament tradition sensible praise prayer in old testament theology and the motif of the church as a house of prayer

The Rendering of God in the Old Testament 1996

asian americans are the fastest growing racial ethnic population in the united states especially since the 1990s readings by asian american biblical scholars have been increasing to meet the particular theological and pastoral concerns of their christian racial ethnic seminarians clergy and churches gale a yee is one of their major interpreters becoming the first asian american and first woman of color president of the oldest professional guild devoted to the critical study of the bible the society of biblical literature this book is an anthology of her major ground breaking essays on asian american theorizing and analysis of the biblical text it is a retrospective of her growth of over almost three decades in wrestling with questions like what is asian american biblical hermeneutics and how does one undertake it

Blessing in the Bible and the Life of the Church 1978

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From Darkness to Light 1986

in highly accessible essays the book covers the history achievements and cutting edge questions in the area of gender and biblical scholarship including violence and the bible female biblical god imagery and sexuality jacket

Biblical Knowing 2014-08-28

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Faithfulness in Action 1985

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Epistemology and Biblical Theology 2017-07-20

mary anna bader considers the implications of these narratives in the current context citing patterns of student reactions to these texts and teaching opportunities

Lamentations 2020-12-10

the long and complex history of reception and interpretation of the hebrew bible old testament through the ages described in the hbot project focuses in this concluding volume iii part 2 on the multifarious research and the different methods used in the last century even this volume is written by christian and jewish scholars and takes its wider cultural and philosophical context into consideration the perspective is worldwide and ecumenical its

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Prayer in the Hebrew Bible 1993-05-01

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Towards an Asian American Biblical Hermeneutics 2021-07-28

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Theological Themes of the Old Testament 2010-07-19

in defense of the bible gathers exceptional articles by accomplished scholars paul copan william a dembski mary jo sharp darrell l bock etc addressing and responding to all of the major contemporary challenges to the divine inspiration and authority of scripture the book begins by looking at philosophical and methodological challenges to the bible questions about whether or not it is logically possible for god to communicate verbally with human beings what it means to say the bible is true in response to postmodern concerns about the nature of truth defending the clarity of scripture against historical skepticism and relativism contributors also explore textual and

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Engaging the Bible in a Gendered World 2006-01-01

what does the bible say about the american future does it contain an apocalyptic vision in which conflicts are to be resolved by war or does it contain a vision of coexistence under some system of conflict management while both visions have biblical foundations the apocalyptic alternative has dominated public discussion in the past generation most people are not even aware that another vision can be derived from the same bible and that it transcends the usual definitions of liberal conservative or evangelical politics the essays in this book written by distinguished scholars from various sectors of the theological spectrum throw surprising new light on these questions they were presented as lectures at an extraordinary theological conference sponsored by a large methodist church in lincoln nebraska in october 2009 in contrast to the usual shouting matches between partisans this conference and this book featured liberal and conservative protestant and catholic scholars who calmly unearthed new insights about the bible s relevance for the future of america and the world readers will be astonished to see these differing viewpoints on the pages of a single book and even more amazed at the new common ground that is prepared by these fresh and profound furrows

The Bible and the Crisis of Meaning 2007-08-30

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