Hidden Riches A Sourcebook For The Comparative Study Of The Hebrew Bible And Ancient Near East

Honor, Patronage, Kinship & Purity

Using the Bible as the foundational source and guide, while also bringing contemporary sociological data to the conversation, seven biblical scholars and theologians construct a powerful dialogue about gun violence in America, concluding that guns are incompatible with the God of Christian Scripture. God and Guns is the first book to argue against gun culture from a biblical studies perspective. Bringing the Bible into conversation with contemporary sociological data, the volume breaks new exegetical and critical ground and lays the foundations for further theological work. The scholars assembled in this volume construct a powerful argument against gun violence, concluding that a self-identity based on guns is incompatible with Christian identity. Drawing on their expertise in the Bible's ancient origins and modern usage, they present striking new insights involving psychology, ethics, race, gender, and culture. This collection, carefully edited for clarity and readability, will change conversations—and our culture. Contributors include: T. M. Lemos David Lincicum Shelly Matthews Yolanda Norton Brent A. Strawn

Ancient Israel's History

A Companion to the Ancient Near East offers students and general readers a comprehensive overview of Near Eastern civilization from the Bronze Age to the conquests of Alexander the Great. Covers the civilizations of the Sumerians, Hittites, Babylonians, Assyrians, Israelis and Persians Places particular emphasis on social and cultural history Covers the legacy of...
the Ancient Near East in the medieval and modern worlds Provides a useful bibliographical guide to this field of study

God and Guns

"Hidden Mountain Secret Garden: a theological contemplation on prayer" helps the reader discover the riches of mental prayer in the Catholic Tradition. In fact, the images of the "Hidden Mountain" and the "Secret Garden" are ancient metaphors for contemplative prayer, a kind of prayer that begins and ends in faith. This book is especially for those whose prayer is a search for the loving eyes of One who has conquered death. This kind of prayer beholds the wonder of Christ's living but hidden presence in one's highest thoughts and most noble aspirations as well as in one's instinctual urges and deepest longings. The ecstasy of this kind of prayer extends beyond even the vast unexplored horizons of the human heart and opens to an immensity of such excessive mercy that all else is forgotten -- and only love remains. The whole world needs this love: it is the secret garden, the hidden mountain, the inexhaustible riches only prayer knows and an excess of grace only prayer can make known. This is why Blessed John Paul II told the Church not to be afraid to open wide the doors of our hearts to Christ and it is why He told the young people of the world to be proud to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord. For those brave souls who have faithfully open their hearts to the Lord through this discipline of this kind of prayer, every Christian owes you a debt of gratitude. For those who want to join them, this work encourages you along the way -- for the journey you endeavor is at once the most perilous, the most heart-rending and the most wonderful adventure this world has ever known. "Dr. Anthony Lilles has authored an introduction to prayer that is inspiring and encouraging. For those desiring to pray this is a resource that is full of practical advice - written simply and attractively. This book bears the mark of a man - husband, father and teacher - who is not only imbued with the wisdom of the Saints, but who has also, through his own prayer, learned how all of us can, through prayer, foster faith in and love for Jesus and his Gospel." THOMAS G. WEINANDY, O.F.M., CAP. Executive Director for the Secretariat for Doctrine United States Conference of Catholic Bishops This is a wonderful book. I've taught spiritual theology many years and I wish I had had this text use. In fact, I wish I had written this book. It is scriptural, patristic, historical, theological, mystical, experiential and user friendly. Dr. Lilles takes us through the spiritual journey of prayer, citing Fathers and doctors, saints and even sinners to guide us on our Christian way toward contemplation. Weaving many themes into a harmonious whole, he opens up the life of contemplation for all Christians, our baptismal birthright in a way that is accessible and attractive. This is a book one will read more than once. FR. GILES DIMOCK, O.P., S.T.D University Parish of St. Thomas Aquinas At the University of Virginia In this book we find the real meat of the new evangelization. The church in America will not be renewed by "facts about Jesus" but only through one's choice to let Christ reach the heart and change it from within. It is an ancient message received by only few: Do not be afraid of letting go of what now defines you. Let Christ tell you who you are. Dr. Lilles is one of the ablest guides to lead us through to such a choice. Will I stay with knowledge about Jesus or will I enter the garden of prayer and finally come to know Him!! Do not be afraid to be loved, read this book. DEACON JAMES KEATING, PH.D, Institute for Priestly Formation, Omaha, NE
The Sons of Mosiah

The history of Israel is a much-debated topic in Old Testament studies. On one side are minimalists who find little of historical value in the Hebrew Bible. On the other side are those who assume the biblical text is a precise historical record. Many serious students of the Bible find themselves between these two positions and would benefit from a careful exploration of issues in Israelite history. This substantive history of Israel textbook values the Bible's historical contribution without overlooking critical issues and challenges. Featuring the latest scholarship, the book introduces students to the current state of research on issues relevant to the study of ancient Israel. The editors and contributors, all top biblical scholars and historians, discuss historical evidence in a readable manner, using both canonical and chronological lenses to explore Israelite history. Illustrative items, such as maps and images, visually support the book's content. Tables and sidebars are also included.

Hidden Mountain, Secret Garden

I do not approve of antisemitism; it is a narrow, one-sided view, still I have sought to account for it. [It] has flourished in all countries and in all ages, before and after the Christian era, at Alexandria, Rome, and Antiachia, in Arabia, and in Persia, in mediaeval and modern Europe, in a word, in all parts of the world wherever there are or have been Jews, -such an opinion, it seemed to me, could not spring from a mere whim or fancy, but must be the effect of deep and serious causes.-from the Preface

Bernard Lazare was a Paris literary critic when his imagination was fired by the notorious case of French Jewish army officer Captain Alfred Dreyfus, tried as a traitor on trumped-up charges, a startling example of French anti-semitism. But Lazare, who became Dreyfus's great public champion, was no stranger to this particular form of bigotry-that same year, 1894, he published what is considered his finest work, Anti-Semitism: Its History and Causes. In this sweeping history of prejudice and hatred, Lazare explores anti-semitism from antiquity through the modern era, with an emphasis on anti-Judaic literature and law, and how nationalism and religious identity fueled hatred of Jews. An extraordinary history of entrenched prejudices, this a must-read for those seeking an understanding of anti-semitism and the root causes of its horrendous legacy of the 20th century. French writer and anarchist LAZARE MARCUS MANASSE BERNARD (1865-1903), aka Bernard Lazare, is also the author of Anti-Semitism and Revolution (1899).

Death in the Iron Age II and in First Isaiah

A Reader of Ancient Near Eastern Texts
These fourteen essays address controversies over a variety of cultural properties, exploring them from perspectives of law, archaeology, physical anthropology, ethnobiology, ethnomusicology, history, and cultural and literary study. The book divides cultural property into three types: Tangible, unique property like the Parthenon marbles; intangible property such as folktales, music, and folk remedies; and communal "representations," which have lead groups to censor both outsiders and insiders as cultural traitors.

**Hidden Riches**

Engaging and accessible to students from all backgrounds, A Brief Introduction to the Old Testament: The Hebrew Bible in Its Context, Second Edition, is an updated, concise, and more pedagogical version of Michael D. Coogan's best-selling The Old Testament: A Historical and Literary Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures, Second Edition (OUP, 2010). Coogan works primarily from a historical and critical methodology but also introduces students to literary analysis and other interpretive strategies. He examines all the books of the Hebrew Bible and considers additional writings from the ancient Near East. The Apocryphal / Deuterocanonical books are included in an appendix. Providing a nondenominational and nondoctrinal treatment, this text offers a unique and captivating introduction to the Hebrew scriptures themselves and to how they have been—and can be—interpreted. PEDAGOGICAL FEATURES: * Chapter introductions connecting each chapter to the preceding material and previewing the material to come * Chapter summaries that highlight key points and link each chapter to the rest of the book * Important terms, boldfaced at their first appearance and defined in the glossary * Numerous strategically placed text boxes that offer interesting and useful supplementary information * Timelines, photos, illustrations, maps, and a four-color insert on Jerusalem in biblical times * Review questions, suggestions for further reading, a general bibliography, and annotated bibliographies at the end of each chapter * A FREE 6-month subscription to Oxford Biblical Studies Online (www.oxfordbiblicalstudies.com)--a $180 value--with the purchase of every new copy of this text. Please contact your Oxford University Press Sales Representative at 800.280.0280 for details.

**Text and Texture**

It is a history of the Byzantine emperors during the century leading up to Psellus' own time. It covers the reigns of fourteen emperors and empresses, beginning with the almost 50-year-long reign of Basil II, the "Bulgar-Slayer" (976–1025), and ending some time during the reign of Michael VII Doukas (1071–1078). Unlike most other historiographical works of the period, it places much more emphasis on the description of characters than on details of political and military events. It also includes very extensive autobiographical elements about Psellus' political and intellectual development, and it gives far greater weight to those periods when Psellus held an active position in politics, giving the whole work almost the character of political memoirs. It is believed to have been written in two parts. The first covers the emperors up to Isaac I Komnenos.
The second, which has a much more strongly apologetic tone, is in large parts an encomium on Psellus' current protectors, the emperors of the Doukas dynasty.

**The Complete Book of Spells, Ceremonies, and Magic**

At a time when the chasm between academic scholarship and theological reflection seems to be widening, both the academic guild and the church share in common an uncertainty over how to study and appropriate the wisdom literature of the Old Testament. On the one hand, mainline denominations have for the most part avoided the books of Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes in their preaching and educational curriculum. Biblical scholars, on the other hand, have labored hard to identify the theological significance and thematic center of the wisdom literature, but without much consensus. In Character in Crisis, William P. Brown helps to break the impasse by demonstrating that the aim of the Bible's wisdom literature is the formation of moral character - both for individuals and for the community. Brown traces the theme of moral identity and conduct throughout the wisdom literature of the Old Testament, with a concluding reflection on the Epistle of James in the New Testament, and explores a range of issues that includes literary characterization, moral discourse, worldview, and the theology of the ancient sages. He examines the ways in which central characters such as God, wisdom, and human beings are profiled in the wisdom books and shows how their characterizations impart ethical meaning to the reading community, both ancient and modern.

**Claiming the Stones, Naming the Bones**

Death is one of the major themes of 'First Isaiah,' although it has not generally been recognized as such. Images of death are repeatedly used by the prophet and his earliest tradents. The book begins by concisely summarizing what is known about death in the Ancient Near East during the Iron Age II, covering beliefs and practices in Mesopotamia, Egypt, Syria-Palestine, and Judah/Israel. Incorporating both textual and archeological data, Christopher B. Hays surveys and analyzes existing scholarly literature on these topics from multiple fields. Focusing on the text's meaning for its producers and its initial audiences, he describes the ways in which the 'rhetoric of death' functioned in its historical context and offers fresh interpretations of more than a dozen passages in Isa 5-38. He shows how they employ the imagery of death that was part of their cultural contexts, and also identifies ways in which they break new creative ground. This holistic approach to questions that have attracted much scholarly attention in recent decades produces new insights not only for the interpretation of specific biblical passages, but also for the formation of the book of Isaiah and for the history of ancient Near Eastern religions.

**A Farewell to Arms, Legs, and Jockstraps**
Strike fast, strike hard—whether it's scoring a homerun or front-page news, Diane K. Shah, former sports columnist, knows how to grab the best story. In her memoir A Farewell to Arms, Legs, and Jockstraps, follow Diane's escapades, from interviews with a tipsy Mickey Mantle, to sneaking into off-limits Republican galas, dining with Frank Sinatra, flying a plane with Dennis Quaid, and countless other adventures where she wields her tape recorder and a tireless drive for more. From skirting KGB agents while covering the Cold War Olympics to hunting down the three mechanical sharks starring in Jaws, Diane's experiences are filled with real heart and a tongue-in-cheek attitude. An insightful look into the difficulties of navigating a male-dominated profession, A Farewell to Arms, Legs, and Jockstraps offers rich retellings and behind-the-scenes details of stories of a trail-blazing career and the prejudices facing female sportswriters during the 60s and 70s.

**Rainbows Bring Riches**

Death is one of the major themes in First Isaiah, although it has not generally been recognized as such. In this study Christopher Hays offers fresh interpretations of more than a dozen passages in Isaiah 538 in light of ancient beliefs about death. Hays first summarizes what is known about death in the ancient Near East during the Second Iron Age, covering beliefs and practices in Mesopotamia, Egypt, Syria-Palestine, and Judah/Israel. He then shows how select passages in the first part of Isaiah employ the rhetorical imagery of death that was part of their cultural context, and he also identifies ways in which those texts break new creative ground. This book's holistic approach to questions that have attracted much scholarly attention in recent decades produces new insights not only for the interpretation of specific biblical passages but also for the formation of the book of Isaiah and for the history of ancient Near Eastern religions.

**A Brief Introduction to the Old Testament**

This is a collection of ancient Near Eastern texts relevant to the study of the Old Testament. The texts have been selected from the vast body of written materials in many different languages and in a variety of media from the ancient Near East (including Egypt) from the third millennium BCE to the turn of the era.

**Wrestling the Word**

This book explores the period from the 160s to 63 B.C.E., when the Maccabees ruled the Jews, up to the publication of the Mishnah in the second century C.E.

**Theme of the Pentateuch**
A Covenant with Death

In The Simple Living Guide Janet Luhrs demonstrates how to live a deliberate, simpler life—and savor it. As Janet Luhrs says, "Simple living is about living deliberately. Simple living is not about austerity, or frugality, or income level. It's about being fully aware of why you are living your particular life, and knowing that life is one you have chosen thoughtfully. Simple living is about designing our lives to coincide with our ideals." Whether you are looking at small solutions for cutting down the stress in your life or taking the big leap toward the simpler life, this book can be your guide. Janet Luhrs, the nationally recognized founder and editor of the Simple Living Journal, brings together strategies, inspiration, resources, and real-life profiles of people who have slowed down, overcome obstacles, and created richer lives. Discover Simple Living approaches to: money, work, holidays, cooking and nutrition, health and exercise, clutter, gardening, travel, and more!

The Economic Consequences of the Peace

Renew your passion for Scripture and learn how it can mold you into the image of Christ by reading God's Word with your heart and your mind.

Video Sourcebook

John J. Collins’ Introduction to the Hebrew Bible is one of the most reliable and widely adopted critical textbooks at undergraduate and graduate levels alike, and for good reason. Enriched by decades of classroom teaching, it is aimed explicitly at motivated students regardless of their previous exposure to the Bible or faith commitments. Collins proceeds through the canon of the Old Testament and the Apocrypha, judiciously presenting the current state of historical, archaeological, and literary understanding of the biblical text, and engaging the student in questions of significance and interpretation for the contemporary world. The second edition has been revised where more recent scholarship indicates it, and is now presented in a refreshing new format.

Anti-Semitism

When her young son was diagnosed with fatal pulmonary hypertension, religion professor Pagels' spiritual and intellectual endeavors took on a new urgency, leading her to investigate what Jesus and his teachings meant to his followers before the invention of doctrine.
Beyond Belief

Dabby Finnegan got roped into being auctioned off for the annual Valentine’s Party, and nothing could have prepared him to face the vibrant and determined Paige Brogan. From the moment she jumps into his arms to collect her prize, his life will change. Paige Brogan has had a crush on Dabby for a long time, and this auction is exactly what she’s been waiting for to finally catch his eye. When Paige wins a date with Dabby, the only thing she wants to do is spend the day with him working at his tavern. As Paige and Dabby get to know one another, Dabby has a hard time understanding why this incredible woman would be interested in him. It’s when the rainbows are overhead, and green beer is flowing that Dabby finally realizes what he has and vows to never lose it. About The Celebration Series Welcome to the fourth book in the Celebration Township Series, Rainbows Bring Riches. This series consists of thirteen stories that take place over the course of a year, beginning with Christmas. During that year, twelve more stories will unfold in the Township of Celebration, Pennsylvania, and each release will coincide with an upcoming holiday.

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible

From classroom aids to corporate training programs, technical resources to self-help guides, children's features to documentaries, theatrical releases to straight-to-video movies, The Video Source Book continues its comprehensive coverage of the wide universe of video offerings with more than 130,000 complete program listings, encompassing more than 160,000 videos. All listings are arranged alphabetically by title. Each entry provides a description of the program and information on obtaining the title. Six indexes -- alternate title, subject, credits, awards, special formats and program distributors -- help speed research.

The Origins of Isaiah 24-27

This popular textbook regards the Pentateuch as a literary whole, with a single theme that binds it together. The overarching theme is the partial fulfilment of the promises to the patriarchs. Though the method of the book is holistic, the origin and growth of the theme is also explored using the methods of traditional source analysis. An important chapter explores the theological function of the Pentateuch both in the community for which the Pentateuch was first composed and in our own time. For this second, enlarged edition, the author has written an Epilogue reassessing the theme of the Pentateuch from a more current postmodern perspective.

Introduction to Reading the Pentateuch
Reading the Bible with Heart and Mind

Built on decades of studying and teaching the Old Testament, this introduction is unusual in setting out background information, noting interpretative possibilities, raising questions and suggesting approaches. It operates more like a workbook, with the aim of encouraging students to investigate the Old Testament, both critically and prayerfully, for themselves. Contents Preface Part 1: Introduction Part 2: The Torah Part 3: The Prophets Part 4: The Writings Part 5: Looking Back Over the Whole

The Simple Living Guide

A Companion to the Ancient Near East

Isaiah 24-27 has been an enduring mystery and a hotly contested text for biblical scholars. Early scholarship linked its references to the dead rising to the New Testament. These theories have remained influential even as common opinion moderated over the course of the twentieth century. In this volume, Christopher B. Hays situates Isaiah 24-27 within its historical and cultural contexts. He methodically demonstrates that it is not apocalyptic; that its imagery of divine feasting and conquering death have ancient cognates; and that its Hebrew language does not reflect a late composition date. He also shows how the passage celebrates the receding of Assyrian power from Judah, and especially from the citadel at Ramat Rahel near Jerusalem, in the late seventh century. This was the time of King Josiah and his scribes, who saw a political opportunity and issued a peace overture to the former northern kingdom. Using comparative, archaeological, linguistic, and literary tools, Hays' volume changes the study of Isaiah, arguing for a different historical setting than that of traditional scholarship.
Hair $tylist Riches Book

The Former Prophets of the Hebrew Bible includes the books of Joshua through 2 Kings; it is a narrative of ancient Israel's history of some seven hundred years from the 'conquest' of Canaan to the exile, when Israel lost the land. Thomas Mann adopts a critical perspective and incorporates many distinct literary sources from different times into his work. The result is a compelling example of ancient historiography as well as an impressive artistic achievement. The book contains fascinating (and often horrifying) stories of war, religious fanaticism, terror, and disaster, as well as stories of deep personal loyalty, friendship, and faith. Finally, in a deeply thoughtful and constructive way, The Former Prophets addresses perennial questions like, amongst others, 'What is the relationship between divine sovereignty and human political institutions?' or 'In what sense are historical events the result of human acts and also of divine Providence?'

From the Maccabees to the Mishnah

Lucidly written by leading biblical scholars, this text serves as a unique and captivating guide to the Hebrew Scriptures. Employing the narrative chronology of the Bible itself and the history of the ancient Near East as a framework, the text covers all the books of the Hebrew Bible, along with the deuterocanonical books included in the Bible used by many Christians.

The Chronographia

Commentaries on the Laws of England

Throughout the pages of Hair$tylist Riches, Charlotte Howard takes you for a walk inside the hair industry, sharing the Christian principles that have helped her and others create success. You will discover the ins and outs of being a successful hairstylist, using proven strategies and effective money-making techniques. Whether you are a newbie or experienced hairstylist looking for guidance on working for someone else or want to venture out on your own? Hair$tylist Riches can be your step-by-step guide. Inside Hairstylist Riches you will discover: *Why It's Important to Love Yourself And Put God First In Everything You Do *How to Use Your Powerful Hair Artistry to Build Your Credibility *How to Master Your Hair Artistry Even If You Are Brand New *How to Build Your Hair Artistry Platform Using The Power of Social Media *How to Use Your Hair Artistry to Build Local Awareness And Make a Difference *How to Create a Six Figure Income Using Your Powerful Hair Artistry Skills *How to Create a Profitable Salon Business Without Draining Your Bank Account *How to Create Systems That Work For You And Your Team *How to Increase Your Retail Sales And Revenue Growth *How to Increase Your Client And Customer...
Referrals

How to Increase Your Visibility In The Marketplace When You Purchase Hair Stylist Riches, You are Helping
Women With Cancer: Look Good Feel Better is a non-medical, brand-neutral public service program that teaches beauty
techniques to cancer patients to help them manage the appearance-related side effects of cancer treatment. Look Good
Feel Better group programs are open to all women with cancer who are undergoing chemotherapy, radiation, or other forms
of treatment. In the United States alone, more than 700,000 women have participated in the program, which now offers
14,500 group workshops nationwide in more than 3,000 locations. Thousands of volunteer beauty professionals support
Look Good Feel Better. All are trained and certified by the Personal Care Products Council Foundation, the American Cancer
Society, and the Professional Beauty Association National Cosmetology Association at local, statewide, and national
workshops. Other volunteer health care professionals and individuals also give their time to the program. Charlotte is giving
Look Good Feel Better, the first $25,000 from sales of this book. So even though you are educating yourself, you are also
making a difference in lives of women facing cancer.

The Old Testament

This study considers the historical, cultural, and literary significance of some of the most important Ancient Near East (ANE)
texts that illuminate the Hebrew Bible. Christopher B. Hays provides primary texts from the Ancient Near East with a
comparison to literature of the Hebrew Bible to demonstrate how Israel's Scriptures not only draw from these ancient
contexts but also reshape them in a unique way. Hays offers a brief introduction to comparative studies, then lays out
examples from various literary genres that shed light on particular biblical texts. Texts about ANE law collections, treaties,
thetical histories, prophecies, ritual texts, oracles, prayers, hymns, laments, edicts, and instructions are compared to
corresponding literature in the Pentateuch, Prophets, and Writings of the Hebrew Bible. The book includes summaries to
help instructors and students identify key points for comparison. By considering the literary and historical context of other
literature, students will come away with a better understanding of the historical, literary, and theological depth of the
Hebrew Bible.

Character in Crisis

If the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom formed in the life of faith, its end is nothing less than the shaping of a
moral self and community attuned to the character of God. This pursuit of wisdom is an ongoing journey, never a simple
arrival. For the wisdom writings of the Old Testament, the pursuit of wisdom calls for the ongoing attainment of instruction,
insight, shrewdness, knowledge, prudence, learning, and skill. And persons who attain wisdom think more deeply, are more
discerning, and have a keener insight into the complexities and nuances of decision making. For a world-perspective that
assumes the power and reality of divinity, being wise means living ethically - and to live ethically, one must be in a constant
intellectual pursuit of meaning. The book details the structure, themes, and contribution to both ancient and modern society of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes. The chapters on Sirach and the Wisdom of Solomon will discuss the consonance and dissonance with “canonical wisdom,” giving special attention to the development of their core ideas. The book will conclude with a chapter on Wisdom’s abiding legacy.

**An Introduction to the Old Testament**

Offers comprehensive coverage of the history of magic rituals and practices throughout the world, presenting information on voodoo, ancient Egyptian and Hebrew magic, palm reading, secret symbols, astrology, exorcism and spells to overcome enemies and obtain wealth

**Mesopotamia and the Bible**

"With this volume, Carolyn Sharp takes her stand as an exceptional `repairer of the breach' that many perceive between biblical scholarship and the life of faith. Her engaging, judicious, and balanced assessment of current issues in biblical scholarship coupled with her reflections about their significance for the church and the world promise to inspire and challenge every reader---lay reader and biblical scholar alike."---Christine Roy Yoder, Associate Professor of Old Testament, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia "In this volume, Carolyn Sharp exposes the cultural and theological assumptions of the very act of reading the Bible. She calls on readers to see the different ways that scholars read the biblical text in this postmodern world and to experiment with these different ways to read. Students would be well served to wrestle with this book."---Beth LaNeel Tanner, Assistant Professor of Old Testament, New Brunswick Theological Seminary "This is a smart, brave, and bold book, and here is a teacher and writer whom I trust implicitly."---Brent A. Strawn, Associate Professor of Old Testament, Candler School of Theology, Emory University "This is no ordinary introduction to the Bible or to critical methods. Rather, Sharp engages us in a conversation about what it is to read the Bible in our various social, ecclesial, and ideological locations."---Ellen F. Davis, Amos Ragan Kearns Distinguished Professor of Bible and Practical Theology, Duke Divinity School

**The Origins of Isaiah 24-27**

The study of Syro-Mesopotamian civilization has greatly advanced in the past twenty-five years. In particular the renewed interest in Eastern (or 'Mesopotamian') Syria has radically altered our understanding of not only the ancient Near East, but of the Bible as well. With Syria east of the Euphrates becoming one of the most active areas of archaeological investigation in the entire Near East, the need for a synthesis of this research and its integration with the Hebrew Bible has greatly
increased. This volume charts the state of our knowledge, following a general chronological flow, and will appeal not only to scholars of the ancient Near East but also to Biblical specialists interested in the historical and religious backgrounds to the Israelite and Judahite kingdoms.

**History of the Franks**

Situates a hotly contested section of Isaiah within its historical and cultural contexts, correcting misunderstandings of older scholarship.

**A Lifetime of Riches**

Traces the life of the author of the best-selling guide to personal and financial success, Think and Grow Rich!, from his impoverished childhood in Virginia to his career as a business journalist.

**Wisdom Literature**

David A. deSilva demonstrates in this book how paying attention to the cultural themes of honor, patronage, kinship and purity opens us to new facets of the New Testament documents.

**The Book of the Former Prophets**

"When Jean Louis Ska's Introduzione alla lettura del Pentateuco was first published in Italy, it was quickly hailed as the most attractive and usable introduction to the Pentateuch to appear in modern times. Because of its strengths, it was soon translated into French. The English translation published by Eisenbrauns has been completely reviewed and updated (including the bibliography) by Ska. Among the book's many strengths are its close attention to the ways in which modern cultural history has affected Pentateuchal interpretation, attention to providing the kinds of examples that are helpful to students, presentation of a good balance between the history of interpretation and the data of the text, and the clarity of Ska's writing. For both students and scholars, many consider this book the best contemporary introduction to the Pentateuch."--Publisher's website.

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