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a significant achievement this book moves our understanding of the history of israel forward as dramatically as john bright s a history of israel martin noth s history of israel and william f albright s from the stone age ot cristianity did at an earlier period

grounded in the latest archeological developments victor matthews s a brief history of ancient israel presents a concise history of israel covering the ancestral period conquest and settlement the monarchy and both the exilic and postexilic periods using supplemental figures and insets the author concentrates on providing a cogent and condensed discussion of events he examines historical geography archaeological data and where relevant comparative cultural materials from other ancient near eastern civilizations with an accessible yet high quality introduction a brief history of ancient israel will be of immense value to both students of the old testament and the scholars who teach them

the historical and literary questions about ancient israel that traditionally have preoccupied biblical scholars have often overlooked the social realities of life experienced by the vast majority of the population of ancient israel volumes in the library of ancient israel draw on multiple disciplines such as archaeology anthropology sociology and literary criticism to illumine the everyday realities and social subtleties these ancient cultures experienced this series employs sophisticated methods resulting in original contributions that depict the reality of the people behind the hebrew bible and interprets these scholarly insights for a wide variety of readers individually and collectively these books will expand our vision of the culture and society of ancient israel thereby generating new appreciation for its impact up to the present patrick miller investigates the role religion played in an expanding circle of influences in ancient israel the family village tribe and nation state he situates israel s religion in context where a variety of social forces affected beliefs and where popular cults openly competed with the official religion miller makes extensive use of both epigraphic and artefactual evidence as he deftly probes the complexities of iron age culture and society and their enduring significance for people today

the definitve guide to the history of ancient israel the history of ancient israel covers the epic story of jewish civilisation from its beginnings to the destruction of jerusalem and the temple in ad 70 it deals with israel s relations with the great empires which shaped its development and with the changing internal structure of the jewish state drawing both on excavation and the hebrew bible

argues that ancient israel has been invented by scholars in the image of a european nation state influenced by the israeli state created in 1948 biblical scholars have contibuted to dispossessing the palestinians of their land and their past

this english translation of the second edition of christian frevel s essential textbook geschichte israels kohlhammer 2018 covers the history of israel from its beginnings until the bar kokhba revolt 132 135 ce frevel draws on archaeological evidence inscriptions and monuments as well as the bible to sketch a picture of the history of ancient israel within the context of the southern levant that is sometimes familiar but often fresh and unexpected frevel has updated the second german edition with the most recent research of archaeologists and biblical scholars including those based in

europe tables of rulers a glossary a timeline of the ancient near east and resources arranged by subject make this book an accessible essential textbook for students and scholars alike

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

the appearance in 1992 of in search of ancient israel generated a still raging controversy about the historical reality of what biblical scholars call ancient israel but its argument not only takes in the problematic relationship between iron age palestinian archaeology and the biblical israel but also outlines the processes that created the literature of the hebrew bible the ideological matrix the scribal milieu and the cultural adoption of a national literary archive as religious scripture as part of the process of creating judaisms while challenging the whole spectrum of scholarly consensus about the origins of israel and its scriptures it is written more in the style of a textbook for students than a monograph for scholars because its author believes it offers an agenda for the next generation of biblical scholars in this reader friendly polemic davies brilliantly addresses an essential issue and at numerous points represents a vanguard in biblical studies robert b coote interpretation a rich mine of provocative quotations will provoke considerable opposition and debate and deserves to be read and reflected on by all biblical scholars keith whitelam sots book list

offers readers a concise introduction to the tools and data available for investigating the world of ancient israel

guides readers through the themes central texts prayers festivals and practices of ancient israel s worship traditions in the old testament

the history of ancient israel a guide for the perplexed provides the student with the perfect guide to why and how the history of this most contested region has been studies and why it continues to be studied today philip r davies one of the leading scholars of ancient israel in recent years begins

by examining the relevance of the study of ancient israel giving an overview of the sources and issues facing historians in approaching the material davies then continues by looking at the various theories and hypotheses that scholars have advanced throughout the 20th century showing how different approaches are presented and in some cases how they are both underpinned and undermined by a range of ideological perspectives davies also explains the rise and fall of biblical archaeology the maximalist minimalist debate after this helpful survey of past methodologies davies introduces readers to the current trends in biblical scholarship in the present day covering areas such as cultural memory the impact of literary and social scientific theory and the notion of invented history finally davies considers the big question how the various sources of knowledge can be combined to write a modern history that combines and accounts for all the data available in a meaningful way this new guide will be a must for students of the hebrew bible old testament

niels peter lemche focuses on the way israelites understood themselves at different points in history before within and after the monarchy this book is essential reading for anyone interested in understanding israel s rich history volumes in the library of ancient israel draw on multiple disciplines such as archaeology anthropology sociology linguistics and literary criticism to illuminate the everyday realities and social subtleties these ancient cultures experienced this series employs sophisticated methods resulting in original contributions that depict the reality of the people behind the hebrew bible and interprets these insights for a wide variety of readers

when this provocative text was first published lemche presented a new model of how we should understand israelite society its history and its religion lemche argues first that israel was the result of a social development among the canaanite population of palestine in the second half of the second millennium bce this implies that israelite religion was originally canaanite and that what we think of as typically jewish religion did not arise until c 500 bce lemche s radical reassessment of israelite history is based on the conviction that the old testament contains hardly any historical sources older than the seventh century bce the early history of israel must therefore be reconstructed from archaeological results and non biblical evidence not from the old testament in this new edition lemche provides an extensive new introduction and bibliography considering how the field has developed since the work first appeared

a respected archaeologist s engaging revealing take on ancient israel a thorough yet readable examination of a much debated subject of relevance also to the current israeli palestinian situation this book is sure to reinvigorate discussion of the origins of ancient israel

in this groundbreaking work that sets apart fact and legend authors

finkelstein and silberman use significant archeological discoveries to provide historical information about biblical israel and its neighbors in this iconoclastic and provocative work leading scholars israel finkelstein and neil asher silberman draw on recent archaeological research to present a dramatically revised portrait of ancient israel and its neighbors they argue that crucial evidence or a telling lack of evidence at digs in israel egypt jordan and lebanon suggests that many of the most famous stories in the bible the wanderings of the patriarchs the exodus from egypt joshua's conquest of canaan and david and solomon's vast empire reflect the world of the later authors rather than actual historical facts challenging the fundamentalist readings of the scriptures and marshaling the latest archaeological evidence to support its new vision of ancient israel the bible unearthed offers a fascinating and controversial perspective on when and why the bible was written and why it possesses such great spiritual and emotional power today

the nation particularly in exodus and numbers is not an abstract concept but rather a grand character whose history is fleshed out with remarkable literary power in her innovative exploration of national imagination in the bible pardes highlights the textual manifestations of the metaphor the many anthropomorphisms by which a collective character named israel springs to life she explores the representation of communal motives hidden desires collective anxieties the drama and suspense embedded in each phase of the nation s life from birth in exile to suckling in the wilderness to a long process of maturation that has no definite end in the bible pardes suggests history and literature go hand in hand more explicitly than in modern historiography which is why the bible serves as a paradigmatic case for examining the narrative base of national constructions pardes calls for a consideration of the bible s penetrating renditions of national ambivalence she reads the rebellious conduct of the nation against the grain probing the murmurings of the people foregrounding their critique of the official line the bible does not provide a homogeneous account of nation formation according to pardes but rather reveals points of tension between different perceptions of the nation s history and destiny this fresh and beautifully rendered portrayal of the history of ancient israel will be of vital interest to anyone interested in the bible in the interrelations of literature and history in nationhood in feminist thought and in psychoanalysis

the history of biblical israel as it is told in the hebrew bible differs substantially from the history of ancient israel as it can be reconstructed using ancient near eastern texts and archaeological evidence in a concise history of ancient israel bernd u schipper uses this evidence to present a critical revision of the history of israel and judah from the late second millennium bce to the beginning of the roman period considering archaeological material as well as biblical and extrabiblical texts schipper

argues that the history of israel in the preexilic period took place mostly in the hinterland of the levant and should be understood in the context of the neo assyrian expansion he demonstrates that events in the exilic and postexilic periods also played out differently than they are recounted in the biblical books of ezra and nehemiah in contrast to previous scholarship which focused heavily on israel s origins and the monarchic period schipper s history gives equal attention to the persian and early hellenistic periods providing confirmation that a wide variety of forms of yhwh religion existed in the persian period and persisted into the hellenistic age original and innovative this brief history provides a new outline of the historical development of ancient israel that will appeal to students scholars and lay readers who desire a concise overview

the most refreshing and innovative approach to ancient israelite society which i have ever read matthews and benjamin draw extensively and creatively on biblical and ancient near eastern literature as well as the newest work in anthropology this book fills a major need for a masterful synthesis of life in ancient israel mark smith st joseph s university

intended primarily as a textbook for undergraduates this volume has the following major divisions each divided into chapters i an introduction to the people including the essential stance of the biblical material methods of analysis and the geographical setting ii the origins of the people including a brief history of old testament criticism the patriarchal traditions the exodus event and the covenant at sinai iii the growth of the people from the wilderness period to the time of elijah iv the demise of the people from the emergence of the literary prophets to the time of the exile v the renewal of the people from the second isaiah through the end of the old testament period there is an extensive bibliography arranged topically and by chapters indexes of authors and subjects and photos and maps scattered appropriately throughout the volume concerning many basic issues a range of scholary opinions is cited followed by a judicious evaluation and a list of the author's conclusions only occasionally may the average informed reader want to take serious issue with the author each chapter dealing with the biblical text is accompanied by a list of passages which the student is to read in conjunction with it a helpful procedure treatment of a particular segment of biblical material often includes discussion of its theological stance the author has included coverage of many more topics than introductions of comparable size from the journal of biblical literature review by lloyd r bailey duke university professor kuntz has written a very helpful introductory text the traditions and texts of the hebrew bible are set within a historical framework but the text is more than a history of ancient israel kuntz presents in a succinct fashion major historiographical and interpretative positions he has included an excellent bibliography which includes commentaries atlases journals as well as bibliographies structured along the lines of the table of contents kuntz has written a very readable and thorough introduction to the hebrew bible from the journal of the american academy of religion by richard d hecht university of california santa barbara although the subtitle includes the three areas of literature history and thought this volume is primarily concerned with the literature of the old testament a vast amount of information is made available in a breezy well articulated and engaging style kuntz keeps his readers informed on presently controversial issues but he does not allow the intricacies of such current debates to obscure the flow of the work as a whole each chapter is amply footnoted and an extensive annotated bibliography concludes the volume some seventy photographs enhance an already clear and concise presentation the vigorous and open stance of the work evident in its lack of defensive or apologetic intent finds confirmation in the author's statement to engage in the old testament hermeneutical task is to engage in a dialogue with ancient israel as that dialogue unfolds the interpreter will be required to place his own view of the world on trial kuntz has ably demonstrated that the major task of introducing the old testament to the interested layperson can be accomplished successfully without jargon and sophisticated detail this volume deserves a wide readership and will serve as a very fine foundation in introductory courses to the entire old testament from the catholic biblical quarterly by david p reid ss cc washington theological coalition silver spring maryland

miller and hayes has long been my number one recommended textbook for classes on the history of ancient israel and judah while i may not agree with every word i know of nothing like it for the systematic way in which it sets out the whole range of evidence discusses it critically and bases its historical reconstruction on the results the field has been moving so rapidly however with new discoveries and radically different interpretations of familiar material that it was reaching the point where this book would need to be replaced this new edition represents such a significant revision with account taken of all the most recent main discussions that it will again immediately resume its premier position in the field ii g m willianisc n regius professor of hebrew university of oxford more than two decades have passed since miller and hayes s history helped us absorb the lessons learned when a regnant synthesis that largely authenticated israel s version of its past had shattered as presented in its pages israel s history was far more complicated and exhilarating than the one presented in scripture and its people proved concerned with much more than just communion with god in this completely rewritten edition the frame is basically the same but the details are richer and more absorbing if only because archaeological discoveries and scholarly debates since then have multiplied the questions writing a limpid prose shaping a story that is neither bland nor boring miller and hayes continue to guide us reliably through thorny issues jack m sasson mary jane werti jan professor of judaic and biblical studies vanderbilt university miller and hayes s

comprehensive work has clearly and superbly represented an important scholarly tradition in the study of the history of ancient israel this revision with substantial bibliographic updating and increase in illustrations and visuals will preserve its status as a standard in the field k lawson younger jr professor of old testament semitic languages and ancient near eastern history trinity evangelical divinity school in a time of polarization over the veracity and usefulness of various forms of data this volume is a welcome addition both for its level headed and even handed treatment of all relevant materials and the sheer volume of material presented the authors respect the intelligence of their readers and supply them with the data the range of scholarly debate on the topic and their own analysis allowing both beginning students and seasoned scholars to soundly evaluate the situation tammi j schneider professor school of religion claremont graduate university

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