ANOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY ON EXODUS


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The most important prerequisite for reconstructing the Hebrew text used by the translators of the Septuagint is acquaintance with the translation technique of the book being studied. Quantitative differences between the Septuagint and the Masoretic Text should not automatically be attributed to the translator. Examples are provided from the Greek text of Exodus.


Surveys all passages in the Bible that deal with the prohibition of murder. Compares biblical and Ancient Near Eastern law. Notes that the prohibition of using the flesh of the goring ox (Exod 21:29) is to be connected with the responsibility even of the animals, Gen 9:5. Discusses the concept of atonement, as relating to the unintentional killer and to the purification of the land through the beheading of the calf (Deut 21:1–9). (Hebrew)


The biblical reason for the enslavement of the Israelites in Egypt is not that they had committed any sin. Prior to the establishment of the covenant, they could not be held responsible for laws connected with it. The biblical view is that service to God and servitude to man are antithetical. Without the Lord as protector, they became victims of the Egyptians. When they were redeemed, they entered upon the service of God. Thus, exodus and the obligations at Sinai are interconnected. (Hebrew)


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The Sphinx Stele cannot be regarded as direct proof of the death of the first-born son of Pharaoh at the time of the exodus. Thutmose IV had several brothers who may have been the Pharaoh's first-born son who was killed by the angel of the Lord. Which, one was killed then may never be known beyond doubt, but Egyptian inscription leave ample room for the truth of the scriptural record without the questionable use of the Sphinx Stele.


The best solution to the problem of the biblical references to the land and city of Ramses within the framework of an early exodus is to assume that the original references to the city in the Pentateuch read 'Avaris' or something similar. Only after Avaris had gone out of general use did Hebrew scribes substitute the new name Ramses for the locality in question.


Terence L. Donaldson's Jesus on the Mountain develops the thought that the mountain motif in Matthew points to Christ's replacement of Zion. Presents an alternative thought: that the stronger allusion is to Sinai. Three phases (1) "sit," meaning "stay"; (2) goes up" and (3) descent in Matt 81 parallel the order of events in the Pentateuch, and call attention to further parallel details of context: infancy narratives, baptism, exodus, temptations both for Jesus and Moses.


By using syllable count, discovers in Exod 6:13; 18:10–12; 14:20; 16:8; 17:16; 21:8; 23:2; 34:35; 34:19 poetic fragments. In all of these cases the integrity of the received consonantal text is accepted, though in some cases the consonants are redivided.


The principle of determinism permeates the narration of the exodus and the future redemption. The children of Israel did not go forth from Egypt voluntarily but were forced to go. The circuitous route they were made to take was because of their wish to go back. Just as the term ge'ullah refers to the obligation of a family member to redeem one of his kin from slavery, the Lord was similarly obligated. The future redemption, too, is non-conditional and does not depend on the will of the people. (Hebrew)

Anati, Emmanuel (1985) "HAS MT. SINAI BEEN FOUND? Biblical Archaeology Review
Presents the evidence for identifying Mt. Sinai with Har Karkom (Mt. Saffron) in the Desert of Paran on the Negev-Sinai border. Finds from several archaeological excavations in the area including campsites, altars, temples, and many rock drawings of figures and symbols suggest this as a holy place with a number of possible associations with the Exodus. Evidences of occupation in the area would demand moving the Exodus back to the third millennium BC.


While neither archaeological nor historical research has solved the puzzle of the route of the Exodus (whether the northern or the southern route) turns to a study of the ecology of the southern Sinai as furnishing a possible indication. Suggests that the ecological explanation of the pattern of five monastic settlement areas in southern Sinai paralleled by the subsistence patterns of the semi-nomadic Jebekyal tribe of Bedouin may give a clue to the reason for the traditions locating the biblical Exodus sites in this area.


Examines the structure of Deut. 5:12–15. The sabbath has been interpreted as an actualization of the exodus event. But the purpose clause of verse 14b suggests strong humanitarian overtones, bringing rest to the entire household including slaves. Other Pentateuchal references to social concerns are mentioned. The call to remember the exodus was to prod Israel to extend the freedom from slavery which she received at the exodus to the dependent members of her community. Deuteronomy forced the issue of humanitarian considerations and of freedom on the community at the moments of worship and cultic celebration, notably on the sabbath, sabbatical year, and harvest festivals. Contributions of the sabbath theme to the understanding of freedom in Israel's historical process and beyond are described.


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Exodus 20:7 might more realistically be rendered "You shall not lift up the name of the Lord your God to vanity." The reason for this prohibition was that to use the name of a god in magic, whether it was to bring harm on a person or to cure him from some illness, was a way of having power over that God, of using him for your own purpose. The implications for today are discussed in terms of lightly regarding baptism vows and church attendance He is the God whom men cannot have at their private disposal.


The advocates of a late date of the Exodus (ca. 1290 BC) often base their case on the mention of the city Rameses in Ex. 1:11, alleging that it was named after one of the pharaohs Rameses of Dynasty XIX. Albright had indicated that the Ramesides might trace their ancestry back to an old Hyksos family. There has now appeared the name Rameses (or Ramose) in a mural of the reign of Amenhotep III (1412–1376). This shows conclusively that the name Rameses, at least in its nongeminate form, is pre-Dynasty XIX and that occurrence of the name in Ex. 1:11 cannot by itself preclude an early date for the Exodus.


Examinen recent archaeological data bearing on the origin of the Pentateuch, the date of the Exodus and conquest of Canaan under Joshua, noting the substantiation of the Mosaic origin of the Pentateuch and early dates for the Exodus.

Offers a translation of Exod 6:2–8 and draws attention to its chiastic structure and to the function of the terms Yahweh, oath, Canaan, and Egyptians in the passage.


Briefly comments on Magonet's article in same issue of JSOT. (see abstract no. 896).


Describes the distinctive socio-economic experiment of Israel as the context for this passage. Summarizes its content of case-laws and prohibitions. Considers the purpose of the material to stress the demarcation of Israel from the surrounding cultures and to help the covenant people to resist assimilation to Canaanite values and practices. Mentions principles that were evidently unique to Israel. Suggests reasons for obeying these laws as (1) historical experience, (2) God's compassionate nature, (3) part of what it means to be God's people. Observes the deterioration in Israel's application of these principles. Shares his assumptions in developing the implications of these principles for the present.


The Song of Mary is a two stanza poem, constructed with the use of inverted parallelism. The theme of lowliness-exaltation forms the climax of each stanza. The first stanza is the personal story of Mary. In the second her story becomes a paradigm for the people of God. The language is largely traceable to the Song of the Sea in Exod 15. Thus the poem offers a vision of the potentialities of a "New Exodus."


The coincidence of the passion with the Passover, the paralleling of the old redemption with the new, has left a profound impression upon the N.T. and has resulted in the portrayal of Jesus' death as the New Exodus of salvation, an interpretation likely derived from the mind of Jesus himself and creatively employed in the Gospels.


The Exodus story shows that God entered the conflict on the side of the oppressed and that God does validate the use of liberating violence. In the NT we find clear evidence of a deliberate move towards economic socialism and the task is to find areas of common interest with those struggling to bring about a new social order.

Calls attention to Paul's interpretation of certain OT events as reflected in I Cor. 10:1–11, notably the events surrounding the Exodus. OT events become coherent in Jesus because upon him the whole past history of Israel converged and from him the whole future of the People of God was deployed. It was the coherent organizing of all this into a single inclusive personality that made a completely new thing of OT exegesis. Precisely in connection with this central perspective Paul points the way for a sound approach to interpretation today.


Reviews various traditional commentators on the meaning of zimrat. From the name Zimri-Dagan, from Mari, concludes that the root zmr means 'protector'. (Hebrew)


Deals with the social and familiar position of Hur. Accepts Josephus' view that Hur was the husband of Miriam. Also discusses the family background of Joshua and his relationship to Moses. (Hebrew)


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A re-examination of the meaning of Yam Sup in the account of the exodus and in its other biblical contexts indicates that it never means "Reed Sea" contrary to what has been frequently stated. It is really the "sea at the end of the world or the chaos that lies beyond the ordered and created world. As such it can refer to a specific sea such as the Red Sea (or Persian Gulf or other bodies of water) as it often does, but it also has a symbolic or mythological meaning which is the case in the Exod 15 "Song of the Sea."


The main ideas of Psalm 23 are embodied in the images of the shepherd and the master at his table. These suggest two other ideas: the exodus from Egypt and the habitation in the Promised Land. The themes of the psalm can be arranged in a circle, emphasizing correspondences between vv. 1 and 4, 2 and 5, 3 and 6. There are also patterns of alliteration between verses which are parallel and contiguous in the diagram. There is a strong architectural symmetry and unity in the psalm.


Exegetes the passages and comes to four main answers: (1) God is the ultimate cause of hardening; (2) the hardening is unconditional; (3) Paul's approach is an explanation of the hardening as bringing God glory, and (4) this hardening is not specific only for the situation but it is a general principle. There is an equal ultimacy or parallel between election and reprobation in terms of unconditionality. DDu


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Paronomasia is a common ancient Near Eastern phenomenon, specimens of which are preserved in
Mesopotamian, Egyptian and Arabic literatures as well as NT and post-biblical corpora. Consideration is made of two paronomastic types—visual (including gematria, atbach, acrostic, notrikon, acronym, anastrophe and epanastrophe) and oral (including equivocal metaphor, parasonance, farrago, assonance, onomatopoeia and antanclasís). After consideration of two alternative theories on the origin of the divine name in Exod 3:14 concludes that the tetragrammaton is a quadri-radical divine name of unknown lexicographic and ethnic origin, and that its relationship with hayah in Exod 3:14 is one of paronomasia, not etymology.


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Argues that in Exod 16, v. 5 does not contradict v. 23, despite most commentators, who consider that the special sabbath rule of Exod 35:3 forms the background of v. 5 but not of v. 23, a view which is used to ascribe vv. 5 and 23 to different sources.


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Surprisingly many OT texts do not mention the events at Sinai (Exod 19ff.). Furthermore, Yahweh promulgates the commandments during the exodus period in a way unusual in the Pentateuch. Certain elements in Exodus 1–18, as the mountain of God, the Midianites, and the service of God, point to a certain irregularity in the Sinai accounts. It appears that at a relatively late period, a tradition of the mountain of God was modified and amplified in Exodus 19ff. The new "Sinaitic" version was inspired
Liberation theology is still more enthusiasm than system. South America as both Christendom and Third World is a key region for its development. The paradigm is the exodus.

Revolution occurs when men have faith to risk what-is for what-can-be, the recognition of which is revelation. The paradigm of Exodus: (1) the experience of the presence of God in happenings, and (2) the political experience of 'the first nationalist revolution,' through (a) liberation, (b) negation of the past or given, and (c) a sense of destiny, finds parallels in three other theological categories: Messianism, Incarnation and Death/Resurrection.

If in itself pilgrimage is thinkable without eucharist, the real nature of the eucharist cannot be expressed without some reference to pilgrimage. The eucharist was born in pilgrimage: (1) Jesus goes up to celebrate the Passover Feast; (2) it is the sacrament of his perfect exodus; (3) it fits into the atmosphere of the Jewish pilgrimage feast of Passover, which is passage to liberation; (4) it corresponds to the nomadic spring feast of wanderers. The physical displacement of the pilgrim symbolizes the change of heart in conversion: breaking with daily routine, rendezvousing with the unexpected of the sacred, shared fellowship. The historical manifestations of the pilgrimage-conversion connection—in contrast to the eucharist—are more historically variegated. Uses examples from the first centuries, the Middle Ages and modern times. Model: Christ the Pilgrim. (An article in a number devoted to a fresh look at pilgrimage).

William Manson claimed a specific Old Testament eschatology on the basis of the divine name (Exodus 3:14) and the passage concerning God's "back" and "face" in Exodus 33:23. The strength of Manson's view lies in his connecting of the above passages for exegetical purposes. However, his rendering of the divine name in the future tense is questioned as well as his interpretation, in the second passage, of the "back" of God as the past and the hidden "face" as the future. In Hebrew usage these terms have the opposite temporal significance, and are actually metaphorical statements concerning God's uniqueness.


A presentation of the dialectical relationship existing between Israel and the nations: Israel as the people of the exodus and the people of reconciliation. The fundamental positive relation is expressed in the promise made to Abraham after the rejection of his sacrifice of Isaac. The Exodus appears (1) negatively as rupture and judgment, and (2) positively as miraculous birth, resurrection and emancipation. This understanding of her proper relation to God and the nations is the background for a right understanding of the relation of the church to the world under the new covenant.


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Categorizes "birth of the hero" paradigm into two distinct types, each with two possibilities: (1) with two mothers, either with (a) two or more heroic sons, or (b) with a single hero; and (2) with one mother, either with (a) two or more heroic sons, or (b) with one son. The (1a) mothers show social maladjustment, but the (1b) mothers are selfless and correct women. Could it be that Exodus 2, Ruth and Luke 1–2:7 had female authorship?


The words of the voice from heaven in the baptism and transfiguration narratives are fundamental to any understanding of Jesus as the Son of God. The OT background to these words is not to be found in Psalm 27, Isaiah 42:1 or Genesis 22:2, but primarily in Exodus 4:22–23, which is most closely preserved in II Peter 1:17. Whether Jesus as the Son of God is called agapetos, or monogenes, or ekletos, the root term which seems to stand behind all these is prototokos, answering to the bko ri of Exodus 4:22.
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Approaches the three chapters (Exodus 32–34) as one integral narrative and, employing the tools of literary criticism, discloses the episodic narrative technique of its construction and the string on which the episodic elements are strung together. Attempts a broader interpretation of the biblical rhetorician's object in terms of a philosophical fable addressing the offense of 'idolatry' in the context of religious iconoplasm or iconoclasm.


The Sinai serves as a land bridge linking Egypt with the great civilizations of Asia. The peninsula is composed of three geological regions: (1) coastal plateau in the north, (2) limestone plateau in the central part, and (3) mountainous area in the south. The three possible routes of the exodus are through these areas. The author favors the southern route.


A debate concerning the meaning of a key word, Brongers taking it to mean "birth stones," from which later "birth stool" was derived. He cites an Egyptian parallel and believes the use of the word shows the author to have been well-informed concerning Egyptian customs. Van der Woude thinks this rendering improbable and prefers to translate the 'bnym of Ex. 1:16 as a form of "hen," for child with prosthetic alef. (Holland)


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An examination of the idiom "set your face toward" suggests a new solution for the problem of the locales of the prophet Ezekiel. In the light of Ugaritic and other ancient texts, this is seen as the idiom of dispatch. Thus the travels of Ezekiel: 592-587 in Palestine; 587-568 in the diaspora: Transjordan, Phoenicia, and Egypt; 568 leading a new exodus of Jewish refugees back to the land of Israel by way of Edom. By the 30th year of King Jehoiachin's exile, he was back home where he had the vision of resurrected bones. Deals with the question of whether Ezekiel ever went to Babylon.


Tacitus, in the fifth book of his Histories, discusses four division of Jewish history: their origins, their religious and social custom, the topography of Judea, and more recent history, i.e. up to the siege and destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70. This study of Tacitus's account of the Jews concentrates on the first and fourth divisions. Tacitus accepted the theory that the Jews originally came from Crete. He was interested in Moses and the Exodus but largely neglected the great age of Israel's history. He focuses on their recent history, indicating, for example, that Titus ordered the destruction of the Temple to accomplish the wiping out of both the Jewish and Christian religions, which, although they were mutually hostile, "they nevertheless shared a common origin." There is some question whether this statement is actual Tacitian.


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Originally presented before the National Faculty Seminar on Church Education. Distinguishes in 2 Kgs 18f. two conversations, one of negotiation on the wall (public language) and one of faith behind the wall (communal language). The latter sectarian hermeneutic informed as it is by the Exodus narrative, is properly one of suspicion for all dominant definitions of reality, one that articulates its pain, and one that proposes an alternative ordering of society. It also contains the capacity of self-criticism if the community turns away from the first conversation to a kind of isolationism and particularism. Church educators must therefore be fully bilingual.

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The chronic conflicts in Exodus and Numbers which oppose Israel to Moses are called schemas of litigation, submitted to YHWH for arbitration. There are 3 types of schemas, each with the same 3 actors. Schema A has the people in danger and Moses going to YHWH for a program of help. Schema B has the people accusing YHWH, who announces punishment through Moses. Schema C has the people accusing Moses and eventually Moses intercedes to lessen the punishment set by YHWH. The author of this section used traditional stories, sometimes more than once in a variation of these schemas. Death in different degrees of tolerability was threatened and carried out. (French)


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Examines the problem of the Heb passage which places the altar of incense in the tabernacle Holy of Holies instead of in the Holy Place as clearly stated in Exodus and Leviticus, a location also followed in the three successive temples. This does not result from inaccuracy on the part of the author, but is a statement of the theological significance of the altar's function. The emphasis is theological rather than structural as the context would indicate, expressing the divine reality of Christ's work as High Priest in the holiest of all, the heavenly sanctuary.

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Redemption should not be an excuse for dominion, but a sign of liberation. There is a holistic character of redemption with a challenge of a drastic upheaval of the world's oppressive structures that bind three-fourths of its population under despair. Models of redemption are the Exodus and Covenant, prophetic witness to failure, and Jesus Christ the Messiah. For today redeemed people ought to bring about redemption.


A poetic and thematic analysis of Psalm 149 reveals that this psalm is rooted in the fundamental themes of Israel's early traditions and alludes to the exodus (vv 1–4) and the conquest (vv. 6–9) (v. 5 is the pivotal verse). The contrastive repetition found in this Psalm shows its bias in the political and economic realm against concentration of control in the hands of an individual or a small group and for decentralization or diffusion of power.


There are numerous factors unifying Psalm 105. The structure follows a logical sequence: (1) an introduction consisting of a call to worship (vv. 1–6) and announcement of theme (vv. 7–11); (2) the movement from Canaan to Egypt, including the wandering in Canaan (vv. 12–15) and the Joseph story (vv. 16–22); (3) the hinge verse (v. 23); and (4) the movement from Egypt to Canaan, involving the Exodus story (vv. 24–38), the desert (vv. 39–41), and the promise fulfilled (vv. 42–45). Other elements contributing to the coherence include key words, chiasmus, merismus, inclusion, distant parallelism, and irony.


Tries to cast some light on the Vatican's August 1984 instruction and to circumscribe its scope. Emphasizes its call for doctrinal discernment. Subversion of truth in favor of Marxist analysis leads to erroneous tendencies: rash attempts at integrating truths about Jesus Christ (false messianism), about the church (transforming biblical symbols, e.g., exodus: freedom from sin, into political symbols), about man (uncritical Marxist analysis, e.g., class struggle) can reduce the legitimate preferential option for the poor to questionable realizations in ambiguous situations/circumstances. Scope: suited in the Latin American context, it serves to safeguard the integrity of the apostolate whatever form it takes.

Childs, B. S. (1970) "A TRADITIO-HISTORICAL STUDY OF THE REED SEA TRADITION.
An examination of the J and P documents related to the sea tradition noting: (1) P does not follow J’s assigning the sea event to the wilderness tradition rather he joins it to the exodus tradition; (2) The parallel accounts are established as from a common source; (3) The forces which influenced the development of the tradition are the saturation of the Canaanite culture with the myth, the Jordanian tradition, the effect of the Song of the Sea (Ex. 15) on the subsequent history of the traditions and (4) The Jerusalem theology of the passover in post-exilic times contributes to the shift in emphasis in linking the exodus with the passover event.


Exodus and Numbers appear to use three different names, Ruel, Jethro and Hobab, to refer to Moses’ father-in-law. Similarly, Exodus and Numbers refer to him as a Midianite, but Judges calls him a Kenite. His true name was most likely not passed down through the ages. In the oral stage, some storytellers in the South called him ‘the friend of God’ (Ruel), and others addressed him as a ‘beloved’ (Hobab). In the North, however, since he was a priest and chieftain, the storytellers called him ‘his majesty’ (Jethro). He was probably a Midianite ethnically but a Kenite (a smith) by trade.


Ps 105 retells traditions which emphasize Yahweh’s faithfulness to his promise of the land even before Israel was in any position to take it, and call on Israel to praise the Lord who promised this land even when they did not possess it. This emphasis, with similarities to Second Isaiah and singling out of the exodus, point to a 6th cent. date for this psalm.


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Explores the problem arising from an uncertainty as to the continuing validity and appropriateness of an essentially historical-type introduction to OT study. Offers suggestions for a way forward. (1) We must listen to the stories as stories, while remembering that the literature is religious literature. (2) We can follow the example of two recent commentaries on Exodus (G. A. F. Knight, B. S. Childs) which have abandoned the older concern for detailed literary and historical analysis and allowed present form of the
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Surveys the various attempts at explanation of the artificial remains and evidences of social organization that have been commonly called MB I. Examines questions of discontinuity with EB III and MB II and theories of cultural intrusions suggested by various scholars. Proposes in place of any such theories that there is discontinuity but it is to be explained by an incursion from the south and southwest (instead of from the north or northeast), that displaced the urban culture of EB III. Also proposes that it is the memory of such a seminomadic incursion that became the basis of the Exodus story of the Bible.


The excavator of the traditional Kadesh-Barnea discusses the question of site identification, a problem aggravated by the lack of any remains for the period of the exodus. Reviews the biblical events attributed to Kadesh-Barnea and the history of its excavation and the identification of Ein el-Qudeirat with the biblical site, first suggested by Nathaniel Schmidt in 1905. The Israelite Iron Age settlements date from the 10th to the 6th cents. BC. The ostraca found there, in Egyptian hieratic but with Hebrew elements, illustrate Egyptian influence in the Sinai, and its succession of fortresses testify to its strategic importance. Lack of exodus period remains may be explained by incorrect identification, incomplete excavation, lack of remains from the earlier occupation of the Tel, or, lack of historicity for biblical records.


Argues that the traditional metaphysic of Christianity and its doctrine of impassability are incorrect. Examines the shape of classical theism, and reviews reactions to the traditional viewpoint as exemplified by E. L. Mascall who defends the traditional position and N. Pittenger who proposes a process metaphysic. Proposes trinitarian personalism as an alternative to both of the above positions.


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A new translation of Romans by both Roman Catholic and Protestant scholars has appeared in French. Three phases of the enterprise have been traced: (1) preliminary negotiations, 1963, 1965; (2) an agreement between Editions du Cerf and certain Bible Societies which resulted in an experimental panel to produce Romans and another to produce Exodus and (3) actual work in 1965. The whole Bible is expected to be completed in 10 years. Preliminary work includes a vocabulary of words and expressions.


Although discussions on the central sanctuary in the cultus of Israel have tended to make the reform of Josiah their starting point, recent modifications in critical attitudes toward Deuteronomy make it possible to begin with the traditional view of a Mosaic background to the book of Deuteronomy, and then to trace the main strands of evidence down to the period of the Exile. Exodus 20:24 and Deuteronomy 12:1–7 are not in conflict since a central sanctuary as well as other sanctuaries existed from early times.
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The word snwt in the Ugaritic text RS 22.225 is a shaphel causative from the root nawah "to be comely, beautiful," and thus is cognate with the Hebrew hapax legomenon anwehu in Exod 15:2. Hence the bicolon at the beginning of RS 22.225 should be translated: Anat went and glorified her brother's beauty and her brother's charm.

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A reexamination of Deut 1:2 and its implications for the location of Mt. Horéb, a geographical question which continues as a major point of disagreement in studies of the route of the exodus. There are two points which are crucial: the distance implied by "eleven days journey" and the direction suggested by "the way of Mt. Seir." A consideration of these two phrases in relation to the various theories supports
the traditional view locating Mt. Horeb in the southern part of the Sinai peninsula, possibly Jebel Musa.


Maintains that the narrative of Exod 32–34 is a basic unity, that it is more likely to stem from one original hand than from a number of contributors plus the final redactor, and that the connections and materials of the narrative itself reveal and support such a unity—if it is approached by way of its canonical presentation. Suggests that the text is to be approached holistically with a serious attempt to discern an internal consistency if it be there. Does not rule out source analysis, but notes that analysis has a tendency to begin too soon, and thus not really to “hear” the text. Includes concluding remarks about the theology of the unit.


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The central section of Luke brings together the theme of the Deuteronomic Exodus with the imagery of the religious pilgrimage. Jesus' pilgrimage to Jerusalem looks forward to the goal of the temple. Jesus brings in the kingdom of God by taking back God's house for God. Thus, Jesus' pilgrimage anticipates the time of salvation. Jesus' pilgrimage also looks backward in time to the Exodus. Specifically it recalls two themes: (1) God's activity as he leads his people into the new land/kingdom, and (2) Moses'/Jesus' exhortation to covenant faithfulness. The central section of Luke recalls what is basic to the whole biblical message. Through the memory of the Exodus and the imagery of the pilgrimage, the author reminds his readers that Jesus' message of the kingdom is the essence of the OT heritage.

Research concerning the dimensions of the fluctuations of the water level in the Red Sea and a study of the topography of the area north of the Suez Canal, as shown by early maps, help verify the biblical account of the crossing. At the time of the exodus there existed a path below the water level leading from the coast of Egypt to the coast of Sinai. A rare but possible combination of factors, winds, ebb, and flood tides, could have brought about the fluctuations that led to the crossing and the drowning of the pursuers. There are maps and graphs of the water levels, tides, and winds. (Hebrew)


A translation of the commentary by St. Augustine taken from his 363rd Sermon. The Sermon has probably been altered due to the negligence of copyists.


Chapter II of Saint Matthew describes the Magi. The fact that it was addressed to the Christians of Palestine explains much. Insight can be gathered through the use made of citations from the Old Testament: References to the Bethlehem of David, to the Exodus, to the Prophets are handled in the light of the salvation of the Gentiles.


Examines the exodus imagery in both Old and New Testaments, finding it rooted in the historical (Historie) arena. Prophetic imagery does not create the "history." The eschatological hope of the prophets finds its provisional, inaugural (yet final) fulfillment in Christ. Use of the exodus typology in the NT is fully coincident with Christ's great act of redemption.


Starts from the presupposition that the story of the Gerasene demoniac is laid down in layers, like an onion, and that these layers can be stripped down with the help of evidence external to the Marcian text. The outside layer of the "onion" includes the military overtones of the passage and the similarities to the OT description of the exodus from Egypt. The next layer of the "onion" has to do with prophetic reminiscence, involving parallels from Isaiah, Nahum, and the Psalms. Finally, discusses the Gentile mission in the lifetime of Christ.

Although extra-canonical this pericope is an authentic tradition going back to the beginnings of the church. The question put to Jesus was not whether the woman was liable to stoning, but whether, in view of Moses’ provision (no penalty without a warning), she could lawfully be stoned in the circumstances. The questioners expected an interpretation of the relevant passages of the Law, a midrash. The bare text admitted of doubts and here was a perfect test case. Jesus words written in the dust must have been from the opening verses of Exodus 23 which parallel his oral reply and implicate the apparently "planted" witnesses as accomplices according to the OT law. The interpretation of the story of Susanna at the time follows this same direction.


Compares terminology in 1 Peter with that used in the Exodus account. Demonstrates that this usage in 1 Peter presents the church as the legitimate successor of OT Israel. Substantiates this thesis with numerous comparisons of events in the life of the church with events in the exodus of Israel.


The story of the confusion of languages in Gen 11 must be based on a historical event occurring shortly before the patriarchal age. If that period began at 1900 BC or so, the date likely on the basis of a 1280 date for the Exodus, the fall of the Ur III Dynasty is the most likely occasion for the story. The reference to Babylon (Babel) must be a later interpolation. The story does not speak in universalistic terms nor does it imply that diversity of language did not exist previously. It rather reflects the impact of new languages and culture brought into Sumer at ca 1960 BC as an act of God's judgment. Sumerian archaeology and literature support this conclusion and clarify the biblical account.


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The exodus of the Palestinian Arabs in 1967 cannot be explained by their lack of roots, by reference to a "nomadic mentality" or to the events of 1948. It can be explained by an examination of the events of the war and subsequent occupation of the West Bank. For those who stayed in their homes, the occupation increased the pressure to leave. A deep attachment to their communities stands out in the refugee families. It is apparent in their feelings of displacement and uprootedness and, above all, in their desire to return.


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Interprets 2 Sam 7 as a format for integrating the emerging dynastic monarchy into the framework of the Sinaitic covenant structure. 2 Sam 7 must be seen in the light of chap. 6. a theological validation of the Davidic capturing of Jerusalem. The promises are given to David as Israel's representative. David is the agent through whom the Exodus deliverance (rest in the promised land) is finally achieved. The covenant with David fits within the Sinai covenant with Israel. The occupant of the Davidic throne must reflect the values of the Sinai covenant.


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There exists a continuity between the two central events of the Jewish and Christian understanding of the history of salvation: the exodus and the resurrection. The Passover was adapted from Israel's nomadic past and adopted to a new situation. It signified Israel's commitment to tear itself away from the security of bondage in favor of a new promising and threatening journey. The Christian Eucharist is a transformation of this same ritual (with implications for the dangerous life of freedom) in terms of Jesus.


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Luke conceives the temptation as following Christ's baptism. In this he follows Mark and Matthew. His connection of it to the Passion narratives is, however, a personal touch, a sort of first clash between the powers who will enter into mortal combat at the time of the crucifixion. There are two peculiarities here: (1) his solicitude for the Adversary, and (2) his arrangement of material which places the culminating point of the episode in Jerusalem. For Luke, the Holy City is the locale of Jesus' exodus; it is here, then, that Satan must be forced to retreat before Jesus. Both temptation and Passion are, thus, related; the Passion allowing us to understand this event which it pre-announced, while the Temptation shows clearly who is behind the human actors of the drama of the Passion. (French)


The Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) is a sort of lyric parenthesis which reflects upon the narrative in which it is placed. It shows continuity with the context (as well as with the OT Exodus and Song of Hannah) and unity within itself. It describes God in terms of saving intervention which is described in terms of semantic fields: the religious, socio-political, and the ethnic. It understands God in terms of other semantic fields: transcendence, mercy, and power. God's power is used for the purpose of showing mercy toward the humble but this necessitates conflict with the mighty. (French)

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Two very different books on religious experience have recently appeared: The Transforming Moment, by the American James E. Loder, and Mit Symbolen Leben, by Two Germans, Joachim Scharfenberg and Horst Kampfer. Loder reflects the American fear of chaos, while the Germans reflect the European fear of religious superficiality. Both books tend to overlook the social dimension of psychology and to rely heavily on psychoanalytic categories. Fundamental aspects of the subject are raised by these books, e.g., the experience of the "presence" of the Holy, the mother-child relationship as prototype of religious experience, the "logic of transformation" correlated with the experience of the "void," the value of symbols and of "scanning." In experiencing God's absence in modern society, we may need to shift from a patriarchal to an Exodus (solidarity) model, looking to the God of the future. (Dutch)


A sampling of the treatment of the NT writers and post-apostolic writers of the OT passages that have the fairest claim of being typology foreshadowing Christian baptism. Those considered are Creation and Paradise, the Flood, the Exodus and Promised land, and the Jordan and baptism. Whereas these typologies seem to present a common tradition in OT interpretation, the various (post-apostolic) writers sometimes added their own embellishments. Each of the types is seen in eschatological contexts. The new interest in typology, a result of new concern for Biblical theology, must be guarded by firm anchoring in the Scriptural message. Footnotes.


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The preacher must first make himself aware of the content of the whole book. From that foundation the preaching possibilities are: (1) a single sermon on the themes of Exodus, (2) sermons on the 3 basic themes: redemption, complaining, and the law, (3) sermons on the types of Exodus: the Passover, the Red Sea, provision in the wilderness, and the tabernacle, and (4) sermons on individual texts in Exodus.


Dura-Europos was founded around 300 BC. Breasted brought it to the attention of the scholarly world in 1922 with a report on some wall paintings he had seen in Iraq. Religious artifacts have an oriental character, with the primary gods Aplhad and Hadah. Among the many paintings is a scene of the Exodus and the Crossing of the Red Sea. A Christian chapel was converted from a private house built around 232/3 AD.


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Discusses Exod 1:12-14 as an illustration of how our focused attention on the narrative can enable us to distinguish plainly between those convictions appropriate to what Jews and Christians were meant to be and alternatives. Discusses what is wrong with compulsory servitude from the perspective of the American tradition of individual freedom. Corrects it from the biblical perspective of God's creating his people to serve him, the resulting evil character of the presumptuous claims of human masters equivalent to God's claims) upon the lives of slaves in compulsory servitude, and the implications for the service that we render.


Traces the origin of Israel's insistence that judges may not accept gifts from clients to its narrative source. Considers the Torah in Deuteronomy to be not so much a matter of rules to be obeyed as it is a matter of a story to be lived. Surveys Israel's understanding of its relationship to God embodied in its narratives of creation and exodus. Describes the Deuteronomic condemnation of bribes as tied to a specific story-bound understanding of Israel's story as a community and relationship to God as his chosen people. Shows how God's holiness made some common religious and ethical practices impossible for Israel. Reflects on the relation of any ethical system to a foundational story which conditions how reality is perceived.

Looks at how some Latin American theologians have used the Exodus story (Ex. 1:1–15) to throw light on their people's need of 'liberation.' There are real parallels between the Israelites' situation in Egypt and that of oppressed peoples today. The Exodus story contains, further, a theocentricity which can be missed by liberation theology. Isa. 40–55 heightens the emphasis on man's inner liberation, through the ministry of the suffering servant,' without losing a concern for the outward. The church is called to propagate a concept of liberation which respects the way the idea of liberation develops in Scripture. This will involve it taking the fruitfulness of affliction seriously.


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One must first deal with the 2 recensions of the petition, as recorded by Matthew and Luke. Finds the variants between the 2 to be negligible. Investigates the meaning of 'epiousios, which is the principal difficulty. Compares the request for bread with the manna incident in Exodus. On the assumption that an original Aramaic lies behind this idiom, examines the rare term sekom itself, as to the original meaning. Concludes that the close analogy between the formulation of the fourth petition and the text of Exod 16:4 is much the best exegetical explanation; at the same time it clears up other difficulties. (French)


Wisdom, ch. 10–19 contain a midrash of the Exodus which uses and amplifies older biblical texts. This is evident in Wisdom 10:21 which contains a clear reference to Exod. 15:1–21. The conclusion of the text, however, is only obliquely that of Ps. 8:3. The Targum Juershalmi which contains references to the praise of children in its exposition of this section of Exodus is likely representative of synagogal preaching on this point and thus the author of Wisdom is not the first to make use of Ps. 8 in this connection. The Targum is, therefore, a source of great value which historians of either ancient Judaism or the New Testament may neglect only at their own risk.
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Concludes the article begun in Les, 39:5–20. Considers about a dozen terms in the light of the ancient Near East. Hebrew goy, "nation" is related to Mari gaum, and the term yobel, "jubilee," is to be understood in relation to Akkadian wussuru, "release," and andurar, "release from debts." Hebrew am ha-ares is to be compared with a Hittite reference to "the people of the country" and is to be understood as all the people of the land. Consideration of the semantic history of these words leads to the conclusion that the document is early, dating from the exodus from Egypt. (Hebrew)


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Utilizing data collected from Teen Challenge Centers in selected areas around the world, concludes that drug addicts find greater meaning and purpose through the treatment programs of such centers than in those of their nonreligious counterparts. Secular treatment centers report success rates from 2 to 15%, depending on location and what is being measured, whereas Teen Challenge Centers, started in Brooklyn, NY, by David Wilkerson, show rates from 46 to 95%. This is accomplished through Teen Challenge's three phase program, which is carried on over a period of one year. The study, comprised of 128 subjects, ought to be replicated on a larger number of subjects. Test scores might also be compared with those of other types of therapeutic communities, such as Synanon, Daytop, Integrity House and Exodus.

Halas, Stanislas (1984) "SENS DYNAMIQUE DE L'EXPRESSION LAOS EIS PERIPOIESIN EN

An examination of pertinent texts using peripoiësis shows this word means "salvation" in the NT. Thus the expression laos eis peripoiësin in 1 Pet 2:9 does not mean "a people whom God has acquired," but "a people destined for salvation" or "a people on the way to salvation." The dynamic character of this phrase becomes clear when it is recognized that it is based on exodus language, i.e., the faithful, new people of God, are on the way to a new Promised Land—salvation. (French)


Deut. 16:1–8 goes back to a single basic form with a concentric structure (vs. 1–3ab*, 4–6, 7b), which was originally formed on the basis of a traditional ordinance for Massoth (vs. Iaa, b*, 3ab*, 4a) using standard elements in the Passover, then expanded in vs. 2a end, b, 8). According to the basic form the week of Massoth was to follow the Passover feast at the central sanctuary at a time which was marked out within the history of salvation by means of the feeding of Massoth as the time for remembrance of the exodus. It was the redactor who in vs. 3ab end, b, 8 declared Massoth to be a feast to be celebrated at the sanctuary. (German)


The usual derivation of the Feast of Unleavened Bread from the Canaanite agricultural civilization cannot be justified by the narrative and calendric traditions of the OT or by the basic features of the feast itself (date, duration of a week, unleavened bread as food, relationship with the Exodus). It is rather a feast which was developed, from the starting point of the old custom of eating unleavened bread at Passover, as a deliberate answer of the Yahwistic religion to a way of life which had become sedentary, at a time when the archaic shepherds' rite of the Passover had lost its immediacy with the assimilation of the Israelites to an agricultural life. (German)

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Responds to the article by John Bimson and Daving Livingston, "Redating the Exodus" (see abstract #1005). Rejects their basic method which involves moving the close of Middle Bronze II from 1570 BC to 1420 BC to fit into their dating of the exodus at about 1440 BC. This contradicts clear archaeological evidence from Megiddo and other sites as well as lacks appropriate Egyptian correlations. B&L's attempt to relocate Ai fares no better. Likewise the archaeological scene in Transjordan does not fit their reconstructed chronology.


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Hanson, Anthony. (1976) "JOHN I. 14–18 AND EXODUS XXXIV. New Testament Studies
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Since Wellhausen, the account of building the Tabernacle has been viewed as the result of a gradual expansion of an original story found in Exodus 25–29 plus 39:42–43 plus Leviticus 9. Here analyzes the structure of the extant Tabernacle account and compares it with other accounts of building temples found in the Bible (1 Kgs 5:15–9:25) and Mesopotamian and Ugaritic sources. The Tabernacle story in its canonical form is shown to be identical in pattern to these other accounts (especially to the Samsuiluna B inscription; Exod 25:1–9 plus 35:1–36:8 has a close parallel in Gordon UT 51 V 74–VI 21).


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The exodus narrative over-simplifies events from the Israelite perspective, but even more from the Egyptian. Suggests that it is not intended as a record of events but a theological interpretation of historical process. The text defies chronology, geography and "casting" (Exod 12:37), and shows chief interest in continuing institutions: passover, the feast of unleavened bread, and the offering of firstlings. The chief difficulty in the process interpretation is the role of Moses--the archetypal prophet. He is the focus of
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The OT had little patience with oppressive masters, as is shown by the parable of Jotham, Samuel's critique of the monarchy, and the stories of Solomon, Naboth, and Jehoiakim. But the Bible did urge people to be responsible individuals capable of independent action. God needs human lovers of the poor and human peacemakers if his will is to be done on earth. Such "Lords" have their job description filled out in Genesis 1, Psalm 72, the messianic promises, and the Yahwist's theological interpretation of the patriarchs and the Exodus. True liberated leadership is kingship like that of Yahweh, passionate for the weak and intolerant of social inequities.


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Basing his proposed reconstruction of the events very largely on the phraseology and Philistine allusion in the "Song of the Sea" of Exod 15 the exodus can better be dated between 1200 and 1175 BC. The overthrow of the Egyptians was by a storm at sea (the Red Sea) on which the Israelites had already fled by boat for Sinai (or Arabia). The prose narrative with its allusions to dry land is later, therefore less dependable, and Goshen was in Upper rather than Lower Egypt.


Gen 15:13, 16 and Exod 12:40–41 provide different data for the length of the stay of Israel in Egypt. None of this has any worth as a source for the actual chronology of Israel. The four generations of Gen 15:16 had their origin in the expectation of a restoration of Ephraim sometime within the 1st cent. after the destruction of Samaria in 721. The difference between 400 (Gen 15:13) and 430 (Exod 12:40–41) arose because the latter figure includes both the period of Joseph's rule and the 400 year period of oppression. The figure 430 stems from the composite text of Ezek 4:4–8, where an original figure of 390, denoting the period that all Israel had sinned, was supplemented by a figure of 40 years of punishment for Judah. In both Ezekiel and Exodus, a new act of liberation (an Exodus) was expected after 430 years. (German)


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P. R. Davies and D. M. Gunn (see abstract no. 2554) misunderstood my article on divine speech formulas, explicitly labeled "preliminary." They did not realize that I distinguished between formulas introducing divine speech and non-introductory phrases referring to God's speaking. They are right in suggesting that the speaking of angels should be regarded as God's speaking. They fail to mention the hard evidence for the 7 + 7 pattern in Exodus and the 7 + 3 + 1 pattern in Leviticus 1–10. The misunderstood bracket function of qara excluded two occurrences because they function within coherent clusters.


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The Jew is the most urbanized resident of America. He has a stake in the present crisis gripping our cities. Only in the past few years, after the massive exodus to the suburbs, have Jews begun to ask the questions that many Protestants had already answered in the affirmative: Are we also irrelevant in the city? There are signs that the Jewish community is re-thinking its role in urban action. The work of the American Jewish Committee, the oldest Jewish human relations agency in this nation, is illustrative with its efforts among Jewish businessmen, housing developers, financiers, economic developers, planners, educators, and government officials. The Jewish community will continue to participate progressively in urban development barring the extremist form of racial polarization and violence. CY, Jr


Notes, corrections and comments on various items in the commentaries of Moses ben Nachman (Ramban) and to the notes of the editor, Charles Chavel. Notes contain much comparative material from other medieval commentators. (Hebrew)


 Discusses: (1) what counts as an act of stealing, (2) what assumptions underlie the notion, (3) what is the appropriate response to such acts, (4) to whom is the guide to action addressed, (5) why the guide to action is considered wrong or right, (6) whether any circumstance may modify the force of the guide to action. Considers A. Phillips' theory that this prohibition refers primarily to kidnapping and enslaving Israelites (a capital offense) rather than property theft (punishable in other ways). Understands property theft to be not explicitly prohibited by this text, but included in NT prohibitions of stealing. Develops a theory of theft to answer the six concerns. Finds attractive the wrongness of stealing persons, but regards property theft as included in the Biblical view.

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In a monograph B. Jackson has reconstructed an Urgesetz for Ex. 21:22–25 occupying itself with two possible consequences of a blow given to a pregnant woman, (1) miscarriage, including perhaps premature birth, and (2) the woman's death. Except for premature birth, this interpretation already appears in the anonymous Tannaitic exegesis of Mechilta d'Rabbi Ismael. This astute exegete read past the complications of the addition of the aberratio ictus problem (A wanted to hit B, but struck C) and found the main meaning. The biblical law of the pregnant woman thus reflects actual practice even in biblical times.


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Short comments on Auffret's article (same issue of SOT) (see abstract no. 892).


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This passage is commonly analyzed as a complex narrative compiled from three of the Pentateuchal sources. On the contrary, these 6 verses are best understood as an original unit. Vs 25b does not refer to the giving of specific laws or commandments but rather to the definition of the nature of the divine commandment as such. (Hebrew)


The Hebrew salish Ex. 14:7, has been rendered "officer, third officer in a chariot." Others, such as Fisher and Yadin, have connected it with Ugaritic tlt sswm mrkbt, "a team of 3 horses." However, as Potratz shows, there is no reference to such teams of horses in Ugarit or in Exodus, and salis refers to a human being. It should be rendered as "officer, knight, hero," and connected with another meaning, tlt--"metal, bronze" (Aistleitner). Thus the salis a "bronzed man," an armored knight. (Hebrew)


Isa 48:6–7 was written in a time of change. He speaks of a second exodus, but one which would be different from that out of Egypt. He uses the language of the first exodus as we may in developing Liberation Theology. While Isaiah was not speaking of the Messiah, for he had a corporate concept, one Jesus seems to have favored is the title 'the Son of Man'. Union with Christ brings a new world and a new order, showing us things we have never known before.

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McKenzie, Steve (1979) "EXODUS TYPOLOGY IN HOSEA. Restoration Quarterly
A typological study of Hosea demonstrates a repetition of Israel's history. Instead of a circular view of history Hosea sets forth a view that is 2-fold: the old part is coming to a close and the new is breaking in. In this process there is a return to the beginning point of the old which is also the first event of the new era. Because of Israel's sin she will return to Egypt, but God has a saving purpose. He will bring her out again.


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The conception of God as King, which emphasizes God's sovereignty, is closely bound up with the battle motif (creation battle, Zion battle, Exodus battle, and battle of the Day of the Lord). Depicting the God who manifests his power through combat with evil, this motif of the chaos battle suggests that the evil which is everywhere present in the world has metaphysical dimensions, that victory over evil is not to be achieved by human agents, and that the powers which are hostile to God will first be eradicated by God's ultimate eschatological victory.


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The perspective of a foundry engineer can clarify the story of the golden calf. The engraving tool (heret) and the throwing of the calf into the fire need clarification. Suggests that the process was the lost wax process (cire perdue). A wax model is prepared and carved by engraving tools. It is then coated with a clay slurry and, once the clay is set, the entire mold is fired. During the firing the clay hardens while the wax melts and runs out, leaving a cavity which is an exact negative replica of the original wax model. While the mold is still hot, the molten metal is poured in. The clay is broken away leaving the finished product.


Luke 9:1–50 provides a preview of the journey that follows in 9:51–19:44. It depicts the journey of the prophet Jesus whose calling fate both recapitulate and consummate the career of Moses in Deuteronomy. Before the journey is announced (9:51), Luke sets forth a fourfold exodus typology of the prophetic calling of Jesus that conforms closely to that of Moses in Deuteronomy. This typology includes: (1) the voice of God from a cloud; (2) persistent stubbornness of the people in not listening to the voice; (3) revelation that the journey would end in suffering and death; and (4) those who follow as little children enter the land of deliverance and receive the blessings of the covenant.


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The secondary insertion of the Decalogue into the Sinai narrative of Exodus was motivated by theological concerns. Just as Deut 4–5 attaches theological and apologetic significance to the transmission of the Decalogue at Horeb, so Exodus 20:22–23 refers to Yahweh's speaking from heaven to declare his transcendence, Israel's election and his gift of the commandments. The insertion therefore took place at a relatively late time and after the inclusion of the Decalogue in Deut 4–5.


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Calum Carmichael's (The Laws of Deuteronomy) thesis that Deuteronomy was essentially a reworking of material found in Genesis, Exodus, and Numbers, is favorably discussed. In addition to accepting Carmichael's link between Deut 22:10 and Gen 34 suggests that Deut 25:4 "you shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading corn," is to be linked with Gen 38, the story of Onan.


The word wayehezu should not be translated 'saw' but 'made a covenant' hozeh, with God. (Hebrew)


The nature of the book found by the priest Hilkiah can be ascertained by considering the expressions used in speaking of it and the actions of king Josiah subsequently. The term "book of the covenant" suggests Exodus, while the laws concerning the Passover have their source in both Exodus and Deuteronomy. Similarly, the strong laws against idolatry come from the same sources. It may be concluded that the book was a collection of chapters (or scrolls) from Exodus and Deuteronomy. (Hebrew)


Addresses some of the major issues raised by Goedicke (BAR, Sept./Oct., 1981). Goedicke has been selective in his use of the biblical materials as well as uncritical; likewise in his use of the Egyptian evidence. The Joseph story is not dependable history, but late, giving us an overly simplified picture. The patriarchs are incorrectly identified with the Hyksos and there are no means of identifying Semitic artifacts in the Delta with the Hebrews. The destruction of the Egyptian army probably happened in the Bardawill area in the late 19th Dynasty period.


The essence of the exclusive contract into which God and each of Israel's three progenitors, and later, the nation entered, is the "Land." The laws in Exodus through Deuteronomy pertained to the structure and quality of the community of Israel after God had fulfilled his vow to settle them in the land. The Israelite occupation of Canaan constituted and fulfilled not just an element, but the very heart of the covenant between God and the Israelite nation. The land was not a benevolent gift but a contractual obligation for both God and Israel.


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direction. In some languages the position of the hearer is also a point of reference. Examples from Exodus illustrate how translations can be handled.


A symposium surveying the content and theology of the Book of Exodus.


The 150 psalms which comprise the Book of Praise vary in literary type, mood and tone, purpose, and persona. But the matter of all of them is God, and the manner in energy—in shouts of joy or groans from the abyss. Though the praise-singers have no sense of personal immortality, the poems are rooted in the conviction that God is life and to live is to fear and love God. The psalter may also be studied as the Bible's thesaurus, concerned with all parts of biblical revelation: creation, exodus, law, wisdom, prophecy, gospel, and apocalypse. Of special interest are the imagistic preparations the psalms make for the gospel. In the Psalms God is shepherd, gardener, farmer, king, champion warrior, righteous judge, parent, teacher, healer, generous host. God is the Word, rock, sheltering wing, light, water, bread. In the gospels these images re-appear as Word made Flesh. Important too is the impact the Psalter has had on other literature, and among English poets none is more psalm-saturated than the 17th cent. poet and priest, George Herbert.


E. M. Good and Loewenstamm's theory that zmrt in Ex. 15:2 means "glory" is rejected. Both this Hebrew text and a Ugaritic passage (RS 24.252 Rev.) invoked by Loewenstamm demand the definition "protection." This evidence compels one to claim the existence of a root *dmr/zmr "protect" in certain areas of Northwest Semitic.


Studies the detailed structure of the three "visions of God" (1:1, 8:3, 40:2) individually and demonstrates their mutual interrelationships. The chariot vision of 1–3 is firmly imbedded in a matrix of the call-narrative pattern. In 8–11, an adaptation of the rib pattern, the chariot vision is repeated, symbolizing the desertion of the sinful city by the one whose presence in the sanctuary had previously given meaning to the life of the people. Chaps. 40–48 are a loose adaptation of the exodus and settlement theme, emphasizing the restoration of the people to their land and the renewal of their cultus and of the Lord's presence in their midst.


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The church of the poor in Latin America is illustrated by the experiences of the religious community of Solentianne in Lake Nicaragua. A priest came and the people took charge of their own lives, were persecuted and exiled, and took part in the revolt against Somoza. The themes of Exodus and hope are strong as God is in Christ on the side of the poor. The church accompanies the poor in the revolution and the revolution of the poor brings renewed faithfulness and understanding of mission in the church.


Zionism spouses traditional roots in reformulating the nature of Jewish identity, predicted in its exodus from Egypt eventually to return to the promised land. Contrasting this traditional ghetto exclusiveness against a more contemporary framework of emancipation and 19th cent. nationalism contributed by the thoughts of various rabbinate leaders, traces the contributions of each group. However, in the end, the Modernists, while helpful, collapsed and made possible the birth of Zionism. Part of a symposium on "Israel on its 36th birthday: retrospect and prospect."


An analysis of certain structural correspondences in Ex. 16:6–8 which aids in the translation of the verses.

Examines the reason for the original provision requiring the release of a Hebrew slave after six years, and considers why the laws of slavery in Exod 21: 2–11, in contrast to other ancient Near Eastern law collections, should head the Book of the Covenant.


E. W. Nicholson's Exodus and Sinai in History and Tradition suggests that the Decalogue was first inserted into Deuteronomy and then later into Exodus, but a detailed examination shows clear signs of alteration from the Exodus version. Nicholson fails to recognize that the Deuteronomic redactors deliberately rejected the Exodus tradition in 20: 22–23, which may be the work of Proto-Deuteronomists. Some connection with the golden calf led to the introduction of a prohibition of molten images in 20: 22–23.


The messianic interpretation of Isa 53 did not exist in 1st cent. Judaism nor did it become important in the church until patristic times. The poet wrote to exiles for whom the restoration promised by Ezekiel seemed a deception. He seeks to answer why God is inactive. He says that for those who can see the divine plan is clear. Return from exile is a "second exodus," but a new start, not a recapitulation. The "new Moses" is not a son of David but a servant suffering like the original Moses. The judgment he brings to the whole earth is not condemnation but "applied law." It is achieved by God's, not man's, action; the servant's part is to suffer. Moses is the pattern of vocation for the whole people. The church fathers correctly rescued it from neglect, and its message needs to be heard today.


Exod 33:19cd constitutes a manifestation of God's glory, a "passing by" of his goodness, and a proclamation of his name. These three realities overlap so that it may be said that God's glory and his name consist fundamentally in his propensity to show mercy and his sovereign freedom in its distribution. The passage answers the questions of Rom 9:14–15 by showing not how God acted in any particular instance or how he acts in principle in certain situations. Rather, it is a declaration of the nature of God and underlies his decrees and acts.


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J. Koenig's identification of the biblical Sinai with the Arabian Al-Jaw is improbable both because he has misunderstood the data and because he supports the identification with flimsy reasoning. A more reasonable explanation is that the "Jewish" traditions concerning the areas are the result of an Islamic Judaising of a pagan shrine, made possible by the Midianite tradition edited into the Exodus accounts in the Pentateuch. (French)


Latin American Christians read Exodus as socio-economic liberation. Egypt was a society of classes with the state predominating society. Post-exodus Israelite society was classless and stateless, deliberately established as a revolutionary society. Jesus set up a similar society opposed to that of his day. The gospel of the kingdom today means fighting capitalism in Latin and North America, stripping the wealthy of the power provided by capitalism. Social analysis of the Bible helps us understand why capitalism is wrong, retain currently relevant issues, and discard or adapt issues made irrelevant by progress or oppression.


From the biblical perspective, to express one's admiration and need of the Lord in any situation is to praise the Lord. Song is a manifestation of faith, the response to God's saving action. This is exemplified in Exodus 14–15, where the Hebrew tribes are united in their song of praise to God for deliverance from Pharaoh's armies.


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Ever since the Exodus, the land, the history and the people of Israel have been examined in religious terms. In our own time, all three have become secularized for both Jews and non-Jews, but the religious components of these elements still have binding power. In terms of the immediacy of Jewish existence, the politics of land, current events, and people appear to predominate. But in long-range terms as we try to envision the goals of Judaism, the moral and religious factors are indispensible to the continued existence of the people and its still unfolding life style.


The prophets repeatedly recall Israel to the Exodus event not only to reroot her in her past and thus return her to what she should be, but also to interpret the meaning of present history and to project into the future what she will become. The event becomes both exterior (something which will happen in objective history) and interior (something which she will experience on a spiritual level). In this process, Israel's understanding of herself is deepened. She sees God's choice as initiating the process of her redemption within history. She sees herself as redeemed not for herself but for Yahweh. Only because of her faith in one God, who is both the Lord of history and the Yahweh of her covenant, can Israel view history as a purposive continuity.
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Ralph Linton and A. F. C. Wallace have introduced the terms "nativism" and "revitalizationism" to describe the restoration of any people's ancient culture. The exodus under Moses revitalized the culture and faith of the Hebrews. Because of what the exodus did it may be defined as a revitalization movement, perhaps the earliest known to history.


The Priestly Tabernacle (Exodus 25–31, 35–40) purports to be Moses' Tabernacle in the wilderness. Many scholars have felt that the Tabernacle as described is much too cumbersome and elaborate for its nomadic setting. Wellhausen held that it was simply a retrojection of the Temple in desert dress. Menahem Haran has argued that it represents the Shiloh sanctuary. The writer rejects these alternative identifications and favors the view of Frank Moore Cross that the Priestly Tabernacle was David's Tent of Yahweh.


Perhaps 300 Yemenite manuscripts are scattered around the world, as yet unpublished. This manuscript of poems reflects the chaotic conditions in Yemen between 1628 and 1690. The forced exodus of the Jews from San'a is the background to these poems, which are rich in biblical allusions. Includes a detailed linguistic analysis.


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historiosophy than scientifically provable history. Archaeology can neither sustain nor refute the Bible. It does not relate to the central concerns, but has its own, and also important role.


Discusses (1) discovery of redaction and release of tradition; (2) form and intention of the traditional material; and (3) the redaction of Luke. Concludes that Acts 12 deals with an appeal to the God of the Exodus.


A preliminary look at Egyptian religion is necessary for an understanding of the doctrine of God in Exodus. The foundation for the theology of Exodus is 12:12 which points to the book as a contest between Yahweh and the gods of Egypt. The second passage to be considered is the revelation of the divine name in the attributes and works of God.


Luke is commonly seen to have no theology of the cross. With an emphasis on realized eschatology, he sees the passion not as a temporary setback, but the consequence of Jesus' words and deeds. His preaching fulfills prophecies; every village opposes his announcement of God's forgiveness. They cling to the tradition and the temple, while for Jesus, sacrifice is the blasphemy. Luke omits connecting Elijah with the Baptist. For him Jesus is the expected Elijah; his journey to Jerusalem a repetition of the exodus and passover. The upper-room story stresses the Kingdom rather than sacrificial ideas. It is the Emmaus story which inaugurates the church's eucharist. The same theme of forgiveness is continued in the story of Stephen. Possibly Luke wished to warn the developing church against falling into the failed patterns of the old Israel.


Examines afresh the problem that exists as to whether the 430 years of Exodus 12:40 covers both the sojourn of the patriarchs in Canaan (215 years) and the sojourn in Egypt (215 years) per the LXX, or whether the entire 430 years applied to the Egyptian sojourn, per the MT. To this end reconsiders the genealogical data and concludes that they favor the longer period in Egypt. Likewise the historical and archaeological evidence fit best when the 430 years is taken to refer to Egypt alone. Since a mid-15th cent. date is assumed for the exodus, both Abraham and Joseph would fall into the period of the Twelfth Dynasty.


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A typical 6th cent. AD amulet from Khirbet ’Eitayim has verses from Exodus, Numbers and Deuteronomy written with misspellings in Samaritan script. From the same tomb is a similarly shaped amulet with a Greek inscription and the depiction of St. George slaying the dragon. The site was inhabited by Christians, but 5 km. to the south is Khirbet Sumeiraya, which may preserve the Samaritan name. The first amulet may be from there. 1 plate, 2 figures.


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Excavations have shown that by the end of the Late Bronze Age, which is generally agreed to cover the period of approximately 1550 to 1200 BCE, the land of Canaan was in an advanced state of decay. Canaanite culture came to an abrupt end in the course of the second half of the 13th cent. A significant number of citystates, among them Lachish, Bethel, and Hazor, ceased to exist. All the evidence points to violent destruction caused by human agency. Several diverse and variegated lines of evidence converge to make a very good case for placing the events of the Exodus within the 13th cent. BCE.


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The present tendency to see the Exodus as a leading biblical motif and history as a process of liberation transposes one theological meaning complex to another level of understanding. Exodus as a deliverance and a guiding is determined by the goal and not by what is left behind. In the NT Paul refers to freedom as being granted not asserted by the subject. The biblical Exodus does not depend on some fetter being broken but on availing of an already existing freedom. Hermeneutical use of metaphors carried the same dangers as allegorization. Israel's freedom (and ours) is defined by the living space God opens and is not a presupposition for our actions; it rather makes them possible.


In reply to Rendtorff's Das überlieferungsgeschichtliche Problem des Pentateuch pleads for a Yahwist beginning with Exodus for his examples, discovering stylistic connections, theological composition, a determination for dating the Yahwistic level. Postulates the time of Solomon for the activity of the Yahwist and discusses his theological intentions. (German)
The dispute concerning the two traditions depends partly on the last of qualification with which they are classified as either cultic or narrative traditions. In fact both are attested more than once in either form. The exodus tradition circulated from earliest times in various literary types, both cultic and non-cultic. For the Sinai tradition we have to distinguish between elements of a very ancient tradition and a cult legend whose home is Shechem. The latter was from the beginning connected with the exodus tradition by elements of both framework and content. The oldest elements in the Sinai pericope may have already influenced the account of the exodus event, but the elements preserved in Judges 5:4f and Ps. 68:8f show no connection with it.


To search for the prophetic passages in the Pentateuch one must seek to identify the theology of the redaction over against the theology of the underlying sources. The structure of the Exodus portrayal has revealed the importance of the faith in Israel for the redactor (Exod 4:31; 14:31). Similar faith themes occur in the Sinai tradition, the patriarchal history and the wilderness narrative. This redaction in the spirit of the prophets comes from post-exilic times and relates to the priestly layer. (German)


After an analysis of the immediate context of the verse provides an exegesis noting that the account is a combination of two stories: appearance and mission. God appeared to Moses, and God commissioned Moses. Should 'ehye be translated in the future or the present tense? And what is the meaning and function of 'aser? The provisional translation of Ex. 3:14 is as follows: "And God said to Moses, 'Ehyeh! (I will be there), because I will be there!' And He said, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelite: Ehyeh (I will be there) has sent me to you!" (Dutch).

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In his early years as a professor of Bible, Luther taught mainly the OT. His interpretation of the Decalogue in Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5 followed that of Augustine in many respects, and he identified it with natural law and reason, which had been obscured by the fall. The prologue he understood to be gospel, indicating that the law was based on grace alone. Nevertheless, the individual commandments are law, which Christ has fulfilled and completed, through the promise of God. Luther sees the first commandment as the basis for the rest and for proper interpretation.


Surveys various family and ritual laws, showing that they reflect the social reality of agricultural communities. A development can be shown in the conception of the festivals. In Exodus and in Deuteronomy, they reflect the agricultural reality. In the Post-Exilic book of Leviticus they have been transformed into cultic and formalized festivals. (Hebrew)


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The Washington Journalism Review made an irresponsible attack on Prof. Hans Goedicke of Johns Hopkins U. in reporting Goedicke's theory regarding the date of the exodus. The Review claimed he "altered" the text and then tried to cover up this deliberate attempt to mislead. An examination of the evidence however does not support such charges and indicates that the unfairness of the way he was treated calls for a retraction and apology by the author, Lee Lescaze and the Washington Journalism Review.


A resume of the evidence that Hans Goedicke presents to support his recently published view that the biblical exodus from Egypt occurred in 1477 BC during the reign of Queen Hatshepsut. It covers site identification of Pithom and Raamses unrelated to the 13th cent. sites usually advocated, reasons for Israelite requests for release, analysis of the route followed, a seismic explanation of the drowning of the Egyptians, an Hatshepsut inscription alluding to the event, and evidence of Israelite presence in Sinai.


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Reexamines Gerster's protosinaitic inscription No. 1. After summarizing five previous attempts to identify the signs and translate them, gives his identifications and translation: "And for the congregation and Hobab, a mighty furnace." Interprets the congregation as Israel on their way out of Egypt. Hobab as Moses' father-in-law, and the furnace as a smelter, evidenced also by the slag heaps nearby. These implications follow: Israel followed the southern route, but somewhat north of traditional Mt. Sinai; the Protosinaitic script was developed in the 16th or 15th cent., the Exodus occurred in the 15th cent.; Israel used the local metal for construction of the bronze furnishings of the tabernacle under Kenite tutelage.


One of the central biblical doctrines is that God is on the side of the poor and the oppressed. Tragically, evangelical theology has largely ignored this doctrine, and thus our theology has been unbiblical on this important point. This does not mean that the poor and oppressed are automatically included in the church nor that knowing God is nothing more than seeking justice for the poor—as some liberal theologians have held. God displayed his power at the Exodus in order to free slaves. He works in history to cast down the rich and exalt the poor. The people of God, if they are really the people of God, are also on the side of the poor and oppressed.


In this study, which is the continuation of an earlier essay (Bib, 1980, 61(4):530–553,) emphasizes that the fundamental concern of Deutero-Isaiah is to convince his fellow-Jews in Babylonian exile that Yahweh is a powerful God in order to give them complete consolation. This exilic prophet draws heavily from the Psalms, especially Ps 68 and 78, and from Hab 3, which depict Yahweh's victory over powerful enemies of Israel. He combines these motifs effectively with the exodus to encourage his people to look forward to a hopeful future. (Spanish)


The texts dealing with the "new exodus" in Deutero-Isaiah contain a vocabulary which refer to situations related to hunger, thirst, heat, drought, water with blessing, leader through the wilderness, and behind him the power of Yahweh. There are expressions which only with violence find a place in the imagery of the exodus, as the metaphor of childbirth applied to Yahweh in Isaiah 42:14. The texts which contain the order to depart (48:20–21 49:9, 12; 52:11–12) are spoken from a distance, not close to the exiles. (Spanish)

Ska, Jean-Louis (1979) "LA SORTIE D'EGYPTE (EX 7–14) DANS LE RECIT SACERDOTAL (Pg) ET LA TRADITION PROPHETIQUE (The Exodus from Egypt (Exodus 1–14) in the Priestly Account (Pg) and the Prophetic Tradition). Biblica 60(2):191–215.

Similarities between the account in Exod 7–14 and Ezek 1–2, 25–28 indicate contacts between priestly circles and disciples of Ezekiel in the exile. Theologically, Pg emphasizes God's revelation through signs and wonders, and views Moses and Aaron as prophetic proclaimers of divine judgment. God's signs harden Pharaoh's heart, which leads to judgment on Egypt. Through Moses and Aaron, Israel is depicted as having a prophetic role to the nations. Behind Egypt stands Babylon; and behind Israel's Egyptian bondage, her Babylonian captivity. By delivering Israel from Babylon, God will manifest his glory and show himself to be lord of history. (French)

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Covenant and law are two of the most significant terms in the OT. Surveys the role of the terms in Exodus. (1) The covenant with the fathers, 5:4–8, (2) the Sinai covenant and the law, 19–24, (3) the covenant and the sabbath, 31:12–17, (4) the broken covenant 32, and (5) the renewed covenant,34.


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History in the Bible derives its meaning from God's redemptive acts, seen in the event of the Exodus and in the person of Jesus Christ on the cross. Both of these events were revolutionary acts and Asian Christians can see in the revolutionary experiences of their world that God is mediating his saving grace in the events of their history as He did in the events of the history of Israel and the Christian Church.


Whereas Fletcher tends to isolate participation from the future as well as the past, the theologians of hope posit the future as the source of a valid and necessary perspective for evaluating the present. The ontological claim of the reality of the not-yet offers a theological perspective for evaluating both the moral character of situations and the quality of the norm of love displayed in any given situation. In anthropological perspective, Fletcher's situational man is arrogant, unimaginative, and provincial in his limited vision of future possibilities. The image of the exodus community in pursuit of a new humanity exposes Fletcher's situational man as too satisfied and comfortable in the world to become actively involved in the revolutionary character of contemporary society.

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Examines the problems created by radical redatings of the Exodus. Emmanuel Anati's redating to the third millennium BC creates other insuperable problems of dating. Immanuel Velikovsky, Donovan Courville, and John Bimson all date the Exodus on the basis of 1 Kgs 6:1 about 1450 BC instead of the usual 1250 BC, but other than this did not alter accepted biblical chronology. Instead Velikovsky compressed Egyptian chronology and, likewise, Courville and Bimson have compressed the archaeological periods. Demonstrates the impossible synchronizations with established dates in Egyptian, Mesopotamian, and Greek history.


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According to von Rad, Deut. 26:5b-9 was an ancient Hebrew credo, a cult legend originally having no connection with either the Exodus or Sinai traditions. Similarity between Pentateuchal literary forms and ancient Near Eastern treaty patterns throws new light upon the credo passages. The credo corresponds to the historical introduction which traces the contacts between those involved in the treaty. The historical prologue to a covenant demand was substantially correct, but not necessarily complete. If the cultic credo of Deut. 26:5b-9 is incomplete, its omission of the Sinai tradition is easily explained. Out of Israel's total experience items could be selected for incomplete credos according to their relevance for particular cultic occasions.

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The enumeration of the nations of Canaan are common in the Heptateuch. In Exod. xiii and xxiii seven, five and three are mentioned. Greek MSS. deal with these enumerations in different ways, and it is possible from the enumerations to distinguish a grouping of families of texts and recensions. The thesis of this article is: (1) that n in Exodus is a manuscript which stands apart; (2) that n and its cognates are related to OL; (3) that the B text-type is basic to the n-group; (4) that the n-group is Lucianic.


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There is greater and more rapid change in Hungarian society today than ever before. This is due in part to the nationalization of the means of production and rapid industrialization of the economy. These changes greatly affect the church, whose rural congregations are being weakened through exodus to the cities. Compounding the problems are an official state ideology and the secularization of Hungarian society. Because the church belongs to God it always has a future.


The prophecy of the Bible that Satanic delusions will abound as the end of the age draws near, is applied to the realm of spiritual gifts and physical healing. James 5:14–16 while standing diametrically opposed to magical healing procedures, yet cannot be applied as an unqualified directive to the church today. The healing of which this text speaks is based upon a healing covenant with Israel as noted in Exodus 15:26, and involves an instantaneous and complete healing in response to faith in Christ. This promise is operative within the Gentile church only when it is God's will to heal and is not a general promise to all believers. The idea that Christ died for the sicknesses of the body as well as for the sins of the soul is denied.
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The significance of self-revelations for the period from patriarchs to the exodus is realized by study of five areas: patriarchal promises, the example of Joseph's life, prophecies of Jacob prior to his death, Joseph's request concerning his body, and the witness of Levi. Advance information was given to Abraham and Jacob. The life of Joseph set the example and gave further encouragement. Prophecies by Jacob and Joseph anticipate settling in Canaan. Malachi's assertions concerning Levi (2:4–6) indicate a special subjective work at the beginning of the period.


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Two different translations of Amos 9:7 have resulted in two different interpretations: (1) An equality between the nations and Israel, or (2) a possibility that Yahweh could choose another people. A third interpretation stresses the presence of an alliance and a formula of possession. A similar literary genre is found in Isa. 2:6–16 (the rib pattern) after the break-down of the alliance: (1) a question addressed to the children of Israel reminding them of the bond of belonging to Yahweh (v. 7a, Isa. 2:11), (2) an allusion to their exodus from Egypt (v. 7b, Isa. 2:10), and (3) an announcement of judgment introduced by the adverb hinneh (v. 8, Isa. 2:13–16). (French)
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The question as to whether the exodus should be dated around 1440 BC or about 1290 BC is much discussed and important. The answer has implications as to how Scripture should be interpreted, e.g., 1 Kings 6:1 and also relates to Biblical inerrancy. It is obvious that the answer to this question has profound impact on chronology. Dividing the discussion into the categories of (1) Tells occupied without burning; and (2) cities burned on their tells (Ai, Jericho, Hazor); challenges the evidence put forth to establish the late date theory. Concludes that not only does the artifactual evidence not support the late date view, but that it is conclusive against it.


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Statistical methods to show whether a passage is composite and to differentiate between oral and written material have been proposed by Ronald E. Bee, who tested his analyses of verb frequency and irregularity indices based on words joined by qamethep in Exodus, Ruth and Deuteronomy. He has made some unwarranted assumptions, left room to maneuver by using thematic links, and has made his tests for composite origin and oral written composition over-sensitive. A more sophisticated model could be developed.

Palestine receives its name from the Philistines. The historical role of the Philistines is traced, using evidence from the Bible and Egyptian sources. The problem of the identity of the Philistines in the Patriarchal and Exodus narratives must be faced. There is an anachronism. The reference to Philistines is anachronistic, but the situation, involving neighboring peoples, is accurately described. The scribal editors deliberately inserted the anachronistic references in order to make the earlier events intelligible to people of a later generation.


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B. S. Childs' recent work, The Book of Exodus.- A Critical, Theological Commentary covers the text, the origins, transmission, and literary history of the text in present form, the present form of the text in its OT setting, NT citations of the OT text, the text's history of exegesis in Jewish and Christian traditions, and contemporary theological reflection. Areas vulnerable to criticism include the breadth of coverage, the priority given to the received form of the OT text, the limitation of NT material to particular citations of the OT text, insufficient consideration of corresponding OT texts, and the relevance of some material in the history of exegesis. Its useful materials and its challenging thesis about the character of an OT commentary will make it a landmark in the history of exegesis.


Considers Deut 16:1–8 to demonstrate what happens when ancient worship traditions are challenged by fresh faith perceptions, not in the spirit of innovation, but with intent to restore authentic, original meanings. Discusses the two articles of faith wedded together in this passage: (1) Israel owes its existence solely to the grace of the Exodus Lord who liberated God's people for obedient worship and worshipful obedience; (2) Israel is to centralize its worship in one place, presumably Jerusalem, evidently to correct liturgical practices that had become intolerable in their ancient forms. Considers their broader implications for Jews and Christians today.

Focuses on key texts (Exod 6:3 and Jer 7:22) because they share two similarities: (1) They use 'not' (Hebrew lo') to express a negation which if taken literally would directly contradict major portions of antecedent Scripture. (2) Both texts are used by the higher critics of the Pentateuch as evidence of the existence of independent literary sources. Argues that both texts may employ 'not' figuratively as a form of hyperbolic irony intended to intensify the contrast between what is present in the mind of the audience and who ought to be present. Establishes a broad base of evidence for the existence of this idiom and examines two groups of examples.


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