

PREFACE

Eleven of the twelve essays in this volume have appeared elsewhere over the years 2000 to 2005. (The exception is the first essay, on “Hellenistic Judaism in Recent Scholarship,” which appears here for the first time). I have made occasional minor corrections, standardized the style, and updated some references. Otherwise the essays are reprinted as they originally appeared. In the case of chapter 8, “Life after Death in Pseudo-Phocylides,” I have added a postscript to respond to a rejoinder to the original essay by P. W. van der Horst.

The original publication information is as follows:

1. “Hellenistic Judaism in Recent Scholarship,” not previously published, was delivered as a paper at a conference on “Athens and Jerusalem” at UCLA in March, 2003.
2. “Cult and Culture: The Limits of Hellenization in Judea,” in J. J. Collins and G. E. Sterling, ed., *Hellenism in the Land of Israel* (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame, 2001) pp. 38–61.
3. “Reinventing Exodus: Exegesis and Legend in Hellenistic Egypt,” in R. A. Argall, B. A. Bow, and R. A. Werline, ed., *For A Later Generation, The Transformation of Tradition in Israel, Early Judaism and Early Christianity* (Harrisburg, PA: Trinity Press International, 2000) 52–62.
4. “Messianism and Exegetical Tradition. The Evidence of the LXX Pentateuch,” in M. A. Knibb, ed., *Messianism and Septuagint* (Leuven: Peeters, 2005).
5. “The Third Sibyl Revisited,” in E. Chazon and D. Satran, ed., *Things Revealed. Studies in Early Jewish and Christian Literature in Honor of Michael E. Stone* (Leiden: Brill, 2004) 3–19.
6. “Spells Pleasing to God. The Binding of Isaac in Philo the Epic Poet,” in A. Yarbro Collins and M. M. Mitchell, ed., *Antiquity and Humanity, Essays on Ancient Religion and Philosophy presented to H. D. Betz* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2001) 3–13.
7. “Joseph and Aseneth. Jewish or Christian?” *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha* 14(2004) 57–72.

8. "Life after Death in Pseudo-Phocylides," in F. García Martínez and G. P. Luttikhuisen, ed., *Jerusalem, Alexandria, Rome. Studies in Ancient Cultural Interaction in Honour of A. Hillhorst* (Leiden: Brill, 2003) 75–86.
9. "The Reinterpretation of Apocalyptic Traditions in the Wisdom of Solomon" appeared in Italian as "La Reinterpretazione delle Tradizioni Apocalittiche nella Sapienza di Salomone," in G. Bellia and A. Passaro, ed., *Il Libro della Sapienza. Tradizione, Redazione, Teologia* (Rome: Città Nuova, 2004) 157–71. An earlier form of this article appeared as "Apocalyptic Eschatology in Philosophical Dress in the Wisdom of Solomon," in J. L. Kugel, ed., *Shem in the Tents of Japhet. Essays on the Encounter of Judaism and Hellenism* (Leiden: Brill, 2002) 93–107.
10. "The Mysteries of God," in F. García Martínez, ed., *Wisdom and Apocalyptic* (Leuven: Peeters, 2003) 287–306.
11. "The Jewish World and the Coming of Rome," in W. Dever and S. Gitin, ed., *Symbiosis, Symbolism, and the Power of the Past. Canaan, Ancient Israel and Their Neighbors from the Late Bronze Age Through Roman Palestine. Proceedings of the Centennial Symposium, W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research and American Schools of Oriental Research, Jerusalem, May 29–31, 2000*. (Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2003) 353–62.
12. "Anti-Semitism in Antiquity? The Case of Alexandria," in C. Bakhos, ed., *Ancient Judaism in its Hellenistic Context* (Leiden: Brill, 2005) 9–29.

I wish to express my gratitude to University of Notre Dame Press, Trinity Press International, Peeters, Mohr Siebeck, T. & T. Clark International, Eisenbrauns and Brill Academic Publishers for permission to republish.