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My scholarly career first brought me into studies of the early Christians as presented in the Lucan Acts of the Apostles; then to Philo of Alexandria, and then further back to the New Testament. The present work contains a collection of studies carried out in the last decade, dealing with issues both in the works of Philo, and in the New Testament as represented by the 1 Letter of Peter.

Three of the studies presented here have been previously published.¹ I am grateful to the Publishers for their acceptance of my request to reuse these works in the present volume. Two have been presented as papers at seminars and or conferences.² The first chapter is not previously published or made public in any other ways, but as it deals with one particular introductory question on the making of 1 Peter, it is included here.

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¹ Torrey Seland, “The ‘Common Priesthood’ of Philo and 1 Peter: A Philonic Reading of 1 Peter 2.5,9,” *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 57 (1995): 87–119; Torrey Seland, “πάρουκος καὶ παρεπίδημος: Proselyte Characterizations in 1 Peter?” *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 11.2 (2001): 239–68; Torrey Seland, ‘The Moderate Life of the Christian *paroikoi*: A Philonic Reading of 1 Pet 2:11,’ in *Philo und das Neue Testament Wechselseitige Wahrnehmungen*. Hrg. Von Roland Deines und Karl-Wilhelm Niebuhr. Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament 172 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2004), 241–264.

² Most of Chapter Four: ‘*The Moderate Life of the Christian Paroikoi: A Philonic reading of 1 Pet. 2:11*’ was read as a paper at a conference in Eisenach 1–4 May 2003 on ‘Philo and the New Testament—The New Testament and Philo’. Chapter Five: “*Conduct your selves honourably among the Gentiles? (1 Pet 2:12): Assimilation and Acculturation*” was read as a seminar paper at Divinity College, University of Edinburgh, during my stay there as a Visiting Nordic Scholar in November 1998.

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