

While such a wealth of issues will certainly invite further discussion, Henze has provided us with a marvellously fresh reading of *2 Baruch* that moves beyond earlier deadlocks and represents the very cutting edge of research into *2 Baruch*.

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Jewish Interpretation of the Bible: Ancient and Contemporary

Karin Hedner Zetterholm

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This book, translated from the Swedish, offers general readers and students an introduction to Jewish biblical exegesis as found in a range of sources both pre-modern and contemporary. Hedner Zetterholm divides her survey into five chapters: 'Continuity and Change in Rabbinic Judaism', which offers a general introduction to the topic and examines some of the central doctrinal underpinnings of traditional Jewish biblical interpretation; 'Tradition in the Making', which surveys the Mishnah, Tosefta and Talmuds; 'Rabbinic Interpretation—Midrash', which covers the midrashic method and collections and includes a particular focus on the Akedah; 'The Jewish Character of the Early Jesus Movement', which looks at Jesus and Paul in their Jewish contexts; and 'Continuity and Change in Contemporary Judaism', which engages with contemporary forms of Judaism from the perspective of their approaches to the methods and objectives of biblical interpretation.

The author has produced an eminently useable textbook. She succeeds in presenting complex materials and the attendant scholarly debates without oversimplification. She remains focused throughout on her guiding theme: 'the ability of Jewish tradition to change and adapt while at the same time preserving a commitment to the Bible and its traditional interpretations' (p. xi). Another appealing feature of this work is that the historical context of the exegetical traditions examined is not neglected—nor is the uninitiated reader swamped with too much history. The chapter on the 'Jewish Character of the Early Jesus Movement' will be useful to those teachers who wish to introduce their students to this often (for the student) novel concept. One minor criticism of the text is the absence of a treatment of the rich world of mediaeval Jewish scriptural exegesis. Were the author to include such a chapter in future editions it would render an already excellent book even more useful.

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Jewish Travel in Antiquity

Catherine Hezser

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While an increasing number of volumes in recent decades have investigated travel in antiquity, Jewish mobility has received little attention. Hezser observes that one reason is a long-standing scholarly paradigm that portrays Jewish rabbis as sedentary and