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Ephesians from 1919-20 and Barth's lectures from 1922-23 and 1928-29 on the epistle of James [see *NTA* 55, p. 169].

MICHAEL BATTLE, *Heaven on Earth: God's Call to Community in the Book of Revelation* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2017, paper \$25) xviii and 200 pp., table. Bibliography. LCN: 2016032995. ISBN: 978-0-664-26254-9.

This discussion of Revelation relies on personal experience (including vignettes from theologians, hymnody, literature, and popular culture) to make a case for a sense of how to realize heaven on earth. It first considers the nightmares and strange occurrences in the narrative of Revelation, suggesting that the writer of Revelation never allows heaven and earth's nightmares to separate. Next it treats waking up to the problems of Christian faith today (e.g. individualism). Then it engages with some guides (M. L. King and D. Tutu) to help navigate the paralysis of nightmares and idealisms. Battle, professor of church and society at General Theological Seminary in New York, observes that in John's stream of consciousness, he has interrupted our logic numerous times by making us see wars in heaven and a Lamb who, instead of being slaughtered, has the power to heal. R. Williams has provided a two-page foreword.

THOMAS R. BLANTON AND RAYMOND PICKETT (EDS.), *Paul and Economics: A Handbook* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2017, paper \$39) xxxvi and 437 pp., 2 figs., halftone, 6 maps, 8 tables. Bibliographies. Indexed. ISBN: 978-1-5064-0603-9.

The fourteen essays in this volume treat carefully selected topics on the main economic issues relevant to the study of the Pauline epistles. After Pickett's 24-page introduction, the contributions are by D. B. Hollander on the Roman economy in the early empire; J. Liu on urban poverty in the Roman empire—material conditions; T. A. Brookins on the economic profiling of early Christian communities; R. A. Horsley on Paul's shift in economic "location" in the locations of the Roman imperial economy; A. Weissenrieder on architecture—where the Pauline communities met; U. Roth on Paul and slavery—economic perspectives; Z. A. Crook on the economic location of benefactors in Pauline communities; J. T. Fitzgerald on food and drink in the Greco-Roman world and in Pauline communities; N. Elliott on socioeconomic stratification and the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11:17-34); T. R. Blanton on the economic functions of gift exchange in Pauline assemblies; J. S. Kloppenborg on Paul's collection for Jerusalem and financial practices in Greek cities; Concannon on economic aspects of intercity travel among the Pauline assemblies; L. L. Welborn on Marxism and capitalism in Pauline studies; and W. Blanton on a new horizon for Paul and the philosophers—shifting from comparative "political theology" to "economic theology."

K. EDWIN BRYANT, *Paul and the Rise of the Slave: Death and Resurrection of the Oppressed in the Epistle to the Romans*, Biblical Interpretation 141 (Leiden—Boston: Brill, 2016, €110/\$142) xvi and 244 pp. Bibliography. Indexed. LCN: 2016010684. ISBN: 978-90-04-29675-6.

Based on a doctoral dissertation supervised by L. L. Welborn and accepted by Macquarie University in 2013, this book examines the letter to the Romans and argues that Paul characterizes his apostolic calling as that of a slave in order to offer slaves an alternative consciousness or means of conceptualizing their identity. After a 27-page introduction, it treats the social reality of slavery, the polemical construction of messianic identity in Romans 6, the letter to the Romans as prophetic discourse, and negotiating the language of dominion in Rom 6:12-23. Bryant, senior pastor at Mount Pisgah Baptist Church in Dayton, OH, suggests that Paul's use of the second person plural throughout Rom 6:12-23 intimates that although slaves may have individually discovered positive ways to imagine their existence, a true acknowledgement of their new identity in Christ involved the ability to participate in community without having to rely upon the privileges or restrictions associated with patrons, masters, and others who governed Roman identity.

AURÉLIE CALDWELL, *Paul, misogyne ou promoteur de l'émancipation féminine? Étude de 1 Co 11,2-16*, Études Bibliques, nouvelle série 72 (Leuven—Bristol, CT: Peeters, 2016, paper €80) 432 pp., table. Bibliography. Indexed. ISBN: 978-90-429-3408-5.

Based on a doctoral dissertation supervised by M. Gourgues and accepted by Carleton University in Ottawa in 2014, this book presents a thorough analysis of 1 Cor 11:2-16 in order to

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