

the OT book of Leviticus is used in liturgies celebrated by Jews and Evangelical (Lutheran) Christians. After a six-page introduction, it considers the proclamation of the Torah in synagogal worship and the reception of Leviticus in it: the concept of liturgy in the heart, the aesthetic dimension of Torah proclamation, and the reception history of Leviticus. Next it discusses the book of Leviticus in Evangelical Christian worship: the Christian reception of Leviticus, how Leviticus might be read in a future system of pericopes, and the aesthetics of the liturgical reading of Leviticus in the context of a Christian "Torah year." Also included are a meditation on Leviticus 1 and reflections on what might be the place of Leviticus in future Jewish and Christian worship.

✓ T. WAGNER (ED.), *Neues Testament und Antike Kultur*. Band 5, *Texte und Urkunden* (Neukirchen-Vluyn: Neukirchener, 2008, paper €29.90) ix and 262 pp. Bibliographies. Indexed. ISBN: 978-3-7887-2228-9.

This fifth volume in the project presents introductions, translations, and bibliographies for ancient texts pertinent to the topics covered in the first three volumes. Thus for the first volume [NTA 49, pp. 209-210] it provides texts on aspects of ancient culture, the sources and their influence on the NT, historical contexts, and ancient law as regulative of human life together. For the second volume [NTA 50, p. 222] there are texts pertaining to the ritual character of human life, human persons in their social relationships, technical skill and science, and cultural matters. For the third volume [NTA 50, p. 450] there are texts on worldviews and the groups behind them, worldview themes, and worship and ethics. The fourth volume was described in NTA 51, p. 420.

H. F. WEISS, *Frühes Christentum und Gnosis. Eine rezeptionsgeschichtliche Studie*, Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament 225 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2008, €149) ix and 587 pp. Bibliography. Indexed. ISBN: 978-3-16-149606-6.

By examining the reception of the NT writings in early Christian gnosis, Weiss, professor emeritus of NT at Rostock where he taught from 1972 to 1994, seeks to demonstrate the genuinely non-Christian character of the gnostic religion, which should be understood as an independent phenomenon in the religious history of late antiquity. After a nine-page introduction on the place of this question in current research on gnosticism, he considers early Christianity and gnosis in the framework of the religious history of late antiquity, and the problem of a pre-Christian gnosis. Next he focuses on the reception of the NT writings (Synoptic Gospels, John's Gospel, Paul's letters) in the early Christian gnosis of the 2nd century A.D. Then under the heading "words with an alien voice," Weiss discusses scriptural interpretation as the origin of the gnostic heresy, the canon of gnostic scriptural interpretation, the definition of the religion of "gnosis," and the need to move beyond a static view of a "pre-Christian" gnosis.

ADDITIONAL BOOKS RECEIVED

D. A. BOSWORTH, *The Story within a Story in Biblical Hebrew Narrative*, Catholic Biblical Quarterly Monograph Series 45 (Washington, DC: Catholic Biblical Association of America, 2008, paper \$12.50) viii and 200 pp. Bibliography. Indexed. LCN: 2008053637. ISBN: 0-915170-44-2.

M. G. BOYER, *Take Up Your Cross and Follow: Daily Lenten Reflections* (Staten Island, NY: St Pauls, 2009, paper \$12.95) xv and 107 pp. LCN: 2008038774. ISBN: 978-0-8189-1294-8.

G. J. DEVERELL, *The Bonds of Freedom. Vows, Sacraments and the Formation of the Christian Self*, Paternoster Theological Monographs (Milton Keynes, UK—Colorado Springs, CO: Paternoster, 2008, paper £24.99) xv and 214 pp. Bibliography. Indexed. ISBN: 978-1-84227-527-6.

T. D. HERBERT, *Kenosis and Priesthood. Towards a Protestant Re-Evaluation of the Ordained Ministry*, Paternoster Theological Monographs (Milton Keynes, UK—Colorado Springs, CO: Paternoster, 2008, paper £29.99) xxi and 299 pp. Bibliography. Indexed. ISBN: 978-1-84227-565-8.