

## BOOK NOTICES

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Inclusion in this section does not preclude the subsequent review of a book. Where two prices are given, separated by a slash, the second is for the paperback edition.

Carmignac, Jean. *La naissance des Évangiles Synoptiques*. Paris: O.E.I.L., 1984. 102 pp. Paperback, French Francs 80.00.

Suggests that the synoptic gospels have been edited in a Semitic (Hebrew) language prior to their translation into Greek. — E.S.E.

Gage, Warren Austin. *The Gospel of Genesis: Studies in Protology and Eschatology*. Winona Lake, Ind.: Carpenter Books, 1984. xiii + 142 pp. Paperback, \$8.95.

Stresses that each of the major themes in Gen 1-7 (the doctrines of God, man, sin, redemption, and judgment) can be traced through the rest of Scripture, and that these first chapters of the Bible are integrated "with the rest of Genesis and Genesis with the rest of the Old Testament and the Old with the New." — E.S.E.

Gleysteen, Jan. *Mennonite Tourguide to Western Europe*. Scottsdale, Pa., and Kitchener, Ont.: Herald Press, 1984. 340 pp. Paperback, \$12.95 in U.S.A., \$16.85 in Canada.

A helpful resource tool for both general and Reformation-minded tourists to the nine Western-European countries that are treated: Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Liechtenstein, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, and Italy. This volume contains a wealth of practical information on such matters as climate, currency, holidays, store hours,

etc., in addition to providing introductions to culture, geography, and history. Also furnishes details for regional itineraries and walking tours, and includes seventeen original maps, numerous pen-and-ink illustrations, and some 115 photos. Special emphasis is placed on points of interest in Anabaptist and Mennonite history. — K.A.S.

Gritsch, Eric. W. *Martin—God's Court Jester: Luther in Retrospect*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1983. xiv + 289 pp. Paperback, \$14.95.

In addition to a full-scale biography of Luther (though a brief and fast-moving one), this volume contains two further major sections. The first of these, entitled "Neurologic Heritage," treats such topics as "Scripture and Tradition," "Christ and Caesar," etc.; and the second includes chapters on "A Christocentric Theology," "A Cruciform Church," and others related to Christian life and practice. Written in an eminently readable style, the book is also extensively documented with endnotes, and includes a bibliography and indexes. — K.A.S.

Haglund, Erik. *Historic Motifs in the Psalms*. Coniectanea Biblica, Old Testament Series, 23. Malmö, Sweden: Gleerup/Liber, 1984. 144 pp. Paperback, Swedish Crowns 80.00.

This Th.D. dissertation investigates "the cultic function of the 'historical psalms' and their importance in the OT history of ideas," and "the differences between

deuteronomic-deuteronomistic texts and other material." Methodologically, Gunkel's criteria for "Gattungsbestimmung" are used. — E.S.E.

Holmes, Arthur F. *Contours of a World View*. Studies in a Christian World View, vol. 1. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1983. ix + 240 pp. Paperback, \$8.95.

This is the initial volume in a projected ten-volume series (series title noted above), sponsored by the Institute of Advanced Christian Studies and under the general editorship of Carl F. H. Henry. Holmes's *Contours of a World View* provides an introductory philosophical framework for the endeavor, which proposes to elucidate Christianity's relationship to modern culture, both secular and religious. — K.A.S.

Holmes, C. Raymond. *Sing a New Song: Worship Renewal for Adventists Today*. Berrien Springs, Mich.: Andrews University Press, 1984. xii + 190 pp. Paperback, \$8.95.

Discusses the significance of, and means for, relating liturgy to basic Seventh-day Adventist theological positions. The indicated purpose is enhancement of the corporate worship experience. Included, in an Appendix, are some creative suggestions for order of service (these extend beyond the weekly worship service to include communion, baptism, and baby dedication). The volume contains a glossary and a bibliography. — K.A.S.

Huffmon, H. B.; Spina, F. A.; and Green, A. R. W. *The Quest for the Kingdom of God: Studies in Honor of George E. Mendenhall*. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 1983. viii + 316 pp. \$20.00.

As a *Festschrift* honoring a distinguished OT scholar of the University of

Michigan, this volume contains an array of articles by other well-known specialists in the field and touches upon several major areas in which Mendenhall himself has shown considerable interest and in which, in some cases, he has done pioneering work. Socio-political conditions, the covenant, and prophecy in ancient Israel are among such areas treated; and a number of chapters are devoted to archaeological concerns and discoveries pertaining to the ancient Near East. A bibliography of Mendenhall's productions is included. — K.A.S.

Kubo, Sakae, and Specht, Walter F. *So Many Versions?: 20th Century English Versions of the Bible*. Revised and enlarged edition. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan Publishing House, 1983. 401 pp. Paperback, \$9.95.

A considerably expanded update of the original edition of 1975. Three added chapters treat the New King James Version, the *Reader's Digest Bible*, and a number of the recent colorful "free" versions (Jordan's "Cotton Patch Version," Edington's "The Word Made Fresh," and several others). Also, various chapters in the earlier edition have now been enlarged to give further information on versions already treated in 1975, especially in cases where publication of the OT portion of such versions has taken place since 1975. A glossary of some thirty-three technical terms is another new inclusion in the present edition. — K.A.S.

LaRondelle, Hans K. *Deliverance in the Psalms: Messages of Hope for Today*. Berrien Springs, Mich.: First Impressions Publishers, 1984. vii + 210 pp. \$12.50/\$8.50.

A fairly comprehensive introduction to the religious significance, poetic style, and theology of the Psalter, plus an

analysis of a selection of eighteen psalms. The eighteen psalms are explained first in their own historical context and then from a NT christological perspective. The subtitle "Messages of Hope for Today" is *apropos*, for the volume seeks to provide fresh, helpful, and stimulating insights that are useful and practical for our own day. — K.A.S.

LaSor, William Sanford. *The Truth about Armageddon: What the Bible Says about the End Times*. New York and San Francisco: Harper & Row Publishers, 1982. xii + 226 pp. Paperback, \$7.95.

Contains a sequential series of studies emerging from presentations given by LaSor in Presbyterian churches in Pasadena and Hollywood, California. In large part, the topics treated do relate to "the end times" (only one chapter specifically on "Armageddon," however); but the scope is broader, as indicated by the inclusion of chapters on "The Present Age," "The People of God," "The Servant of the Lord," "The Satanic Character of This Age," and "The Messianic Idea." The author brings to bear his extensive experience as a seminary teacher (he is Professor Emeritus of Old Testament Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary), utilizing freely the biblical literature, and at times treating even the historical development of concepts. — K.A.S.

MacPherson, Dave. *The Great Rapture Hoax*. Fletcher, N.C.: New Puritan Library, Inc., 1983. viii + 210 pp. Paperback, \$5.00.

Provides in popular style a cogent discussion of weaknesses in Pretribulationism, emphasizing its late origin (not earlier than 1830), and also documenting a transition from belief in a very short tribulation period to the concept of a 3½-year tribulation. The author reiterates

and enlarges upon his position in earlier books that the idea of a "secret rapture" of the church originated with Mary Macdonald in Scotland in 1830. One of several appendixes provides an interesting discussion of Lacunza, who sometimes has been considered (incorrectly so) as holding a pretribulation-rapture view akin to that of present-day Dispensationism. — K.A.S.

Meyers, Eric M., and Strange, James F. *Archaeology, the Rabbis, and Early Christianity: The Social and Historical Setting of Palestinian Judaism and Christianity*. Nashville, Tenn.: Abingdon, 1981. 207 pp. Paperback, \$7.95.

Attempts to reconstruct an accurate picture of rabbinic Judaism and Christian origins in Roman Palestine, integrating historical literature with current archaeological findings. Suggests greater diversity in early Palestinian Christianity, and a more extensive and more irenic contact between the Jewish and Christian communities than is usually assumed. — E.S.E.

Oberman, Heiko A. *The Roots of Anti-Semitism: In the Age of Renaissance and Reformation*. Trans. from the German by James I. Porter. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1984. xii + 163 pp. \$13.95.

A standard work on the topic, now available in English (originally in German: *Wurzeln des Antisemitismus: Christenangst und Judenplage im Zeitalter von Humanismus und Reformation* [Berlin, 1981]). This book surveys the attitude toward Jews in western Europe just prior to and during the Reformation era, giving particularly detailed attention to Martin Luther. Extensively documented. — K.A.S.

Saarnivaara, Uuras. *Can the Bible Be Trusted? Old and New Testament*

*Introduction and Interpretation.* Minneapolis: Osterhus Publishing House, 1983. 808 pp. Paperback, \$20.00.

Written from the conservative point of view, the book deals with inspiration, reliability, and authority of the OT and NT. Discusses liberal-critical views and methods. Contains short introductions to all canonical books in the Bible, and also gives scientific and archaeological information. — E.S.E.

Wiklander, Bertil. *Prophecy as Literature: A Text-Linguistic and Rhetorical Approach to Isaiah 2-4.* Coniectanea Biblica, Old Testament Series, 22. Malmö, Sweden: Gleerup/Liber, 1984. xiii + 278 pp. Paperback, Swedish Crowns 150.00.

This revised edition of a Th.D. dissertation "seeks to make a contribution within the field of interpretation of O.T. prophetic discourse," the conclusion being that "Isa. 2-4, contrary to the opinion of most contemporary scholars, be considered as a coherent, unified and functional unit of language." — E.S.E.

Willis, Lloyd A. *Archaeology in Adventist Literature 1937-1980.* Andrews University Seminary Doctoral Dissertation Series, vol. 7. Berrien Springs, Mich.: Andrews University Press, 1984. ix + 669 pp. Paperback, \$12.95.

Since the nineteenth century, but especially during the present century, the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church has shown a consistent interest in biblical archaeology; but only from the 1930s onward have a number of SDA scholars received formal advanced training in OT studies and biblical archaeology. The focus of this volume is on this more recent period. Willis surveys the general scholarly literature on biblical archaeology, and then examines and analyzes certain trends noticeable in SDA discussions of archaeology, as these trends are represented in various denominational books and periodicals and also in general scholarly journals dealing with the field. (Willis's dissertation, of which the present publication represents a slightly revised form, was completed in 1982; and the dissertation abstract was published in AUSS 21 [1983]: 87-88). — E.S.E.