

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.

Brecht, Martin. *Martin Luther: His Road to Reformation, 1483-1521*. Transl. by James L. Schlaf. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1985. xiii + 557 pp. \$36.95.

Focuses on the young Luther. Chronologically, the book complements Heinrich Bornkamm's *Luther in Mid-Career - 1521-1530*. Brecht contrasts the theological perspectives of earlier biographies with the results of more-modern Luther research.

Charlesworth, James H. *The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha*, vol. 1: *Apocalyptic Literature and Testaments*. Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, 1983. 1 + 995 pp. \$35.00.

The first volume of this landmark work contains two sections: (1) Apocalyptic literature and related works, and (2) Testaments (often with apocalyptic sections). Many of these documents are here for the first time translated into modern English.

DeMolen, Richard L., ed. *Leaders of the Reformation*. Selinsgrove, Pa.: Susquehanna University Press / London, Eng.: Toronto, Ont.; and Cranbury, N.J.: Associated University Presses, 1984. 360 pp. \$39.50.

Focuses on how some of the major figures in the Reformation perceived themselves as reformers, and how their reforming ideas were related to an inward religious experience and personal piety. Eleven essays deal with Erasmus, Luther, Zwingli, Karlstadt, Loyola, Calvin, Thomas Cromwell, Reginald Pole, the Châtillon Brothers, Ferdinand II, and William Laud.

Furnish, Victor Paul. *II Corinthians: Translated with Introduction, Notes, and Commentary*. The Anchor Bible, vol. 32A. Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, 1984. xxii + 619 pp. \$18.00.

Treats the literary and theological characteristics of Paul's second epistle to the Corinthians and its historical and sociological background. Maps, diagrams, and photographs shed light on the city of Corinth and its people at the time of Paul.

Goldstein, Jonathan E. *II Maccabees: A New Translation with Introduction and Commentary*. The Anchor Bible, vol. 41A. Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, 1983. xxiii + 595 pp. \$18.00.

Examines the book of 2 Maccabees, treating its vocabulary and style, its emphasis on the miraculous, its parallels with and divergences from 1 Maccabees, its references to the teachings of the Torah and the Prophets, and its historical context. Also attempts to reconstruct sources, and concludes that 2 Maccabees is an abridgment of Jason of Cyrene's work and was written for a Greek-speaking audience as a contrast to the propaganda in 1 Maccabees.

Heinz, Johann. *Justification and Merit: Luther Vs. Catholicism*. Andrews University Seminary Doctoral Dissertation Series, vol. 8. Berrien Springs, Mich.: Andrews University Press, 1984. xi + 459 pp. Paperback, \$14.95.

Over the past several decades, as Heinz points out in this volume, the Catholic picture of Luther has changed to a more balanced and correct one. A few

ecumenically minded Catholic theologians even hold that "Catholic theology is in basic agreement with Luther in the doctrine of justification," a statement "perceived on the Lutheran side as 'most highly positive and pleasing.'" Heinz, however, reaches the conclusion that the bridging of the fundamental gap between Luther's *sola fide* principle and the Tridentine dogma of the Catholic church would require "either a disregarding of Luther or an interpreting of the Catholic doctrine in such a way that it can be brought into conformity with the Reformer." Theological subtleties or dialectic will not remove the obstacle, he contends, for to accomplish this there would be need to "relinquish fundamental structures" in the historical and dogmatic position on the part of at least "one of the dialoguing partners." And therefore, "the claim does not seem justified that consensus has been reached on justification and that the dispute over the doctrine of merit can be given up."

Knight, George A. F. *Servant Theology: A Commentary on the Book of Isaiah 40-55*. International Theological Commentary. [2d] rev. ed. Edinburgh: Handell Press / Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 1984. ix + 204 pp. Paperback, \$5.95.

Verse-by-verse theological commentary. Places "Deutero-Isaiah in the second half of the 540s B.C."

Lindars, Barnabas. *Jesus Son of Man: A Fresh Examination of the Son of Man Sayings in the Gospels in the Light of Recent Research*. London, Eng.: SPCK, 1983 / Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 1984. xi + 244 pp. Paperback, \$9.95.

Reappraisal of the meaning and use of the phrase "Son of Man" in the NT. Reviews the linguistic usage of the Aramaic phrase, taking this original meaning as

the criterion for distinguishing the authentic sayings of Jesus from those constructed by the Gospel authors, and shows each evangelist's distinctive use of the phrase. Finally, relates the whole tradition of the Son-of-Man sayings to the development of Christology.

Seton, Bernard E. *Our Heritage of Hymns: A Swift Survey*. Berrien Springs, Mich.: Andrews University Press, 1984. viii + 152 pp. Paperback, \$10.95.

Rather than presenting stories behind the writing of our hymns, this book sketches "the history of the Christian hymn by presenting some of the men and women who have written the words and composed the music for some of the best hymns that grace the English language." Short chapters range from our Greek inheritance, the Roman world, medieval times, and the Reformation era in Germany, France, and Britain, to the age of Watts and Wesley, the Victorian epoch, and our own time. Contains a bibliography and several indexes.

Sigrist, Marcel. *Neo-Sumerian Account Texts in the Horn Archaeological Museum*. Institute of Archaeology Publications, Assyriological Series, vol. 4; Andrews University Cuneiform Texts, vol. 1. Berrien Springs, Mich.: Andrews University Press, 1984. vii + 89 + 108 pp. \$23.95.

This first in a series of five volumes treats 974 economic texts from the Drehem archive (Ur III, 2100-2000 B.C.). The book contains indexes of personal names; names of deities; toponyms, temple names, and field names; geographical names; register and description of the texts; concordance of accession numbers; a Sumerian index; and 108 plates of autographed texts. A supplement volume on seals from the Ur-III epoch will appear later.

Smith, Ralph R. *Micah-Malachi*. Word Biblical Commentary, vol. 32. Waco, Texas: Word Books Publisher, 1984. xvi + 358 pp. \$18.95.

A study of the last seven "minor prophets" according to the Hebrew canon. Treats the original setting of the books, and the primary meaning of the language the prophets used for warning, rebuke, praise, and hope.

Szarmach, Paul E., ed. *An Introduction to the Medieval Mystics of Europe: Fourteen Original Essays*. Albany, N.Y.: State University of New York Press,

1984. vi + 376 pp. \$39.50/\$14.95.

The fourteen essays treat both figures who are traditionally considered important, and mystics who thus far have usually been known only to specialists and scholars. There are chapters on Augustine, Smaragdus, William St. Thierry, Bernard of Clairvaux, Friar Thomas, Julian of Norwich, Margery Kempe, Meister Eckhart, John Tauler, Nicholas of Cusa, as well as on Jewish mysticism, medieval continental women mystics, and the "Cloud of Unknowing." Each chapter concludes with bibliographical notes.