

BOOK NOTICES

Biblia Sacra: Utriusque Testament: Editio Hebraica et Graeca. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft; New York: American Bible Society. Cloth, \$50.00. Phone: 1-800-32-BIBLE.

This volume is the publisher's response to scholars who sought a bookbinder to unite their Hebrew and Greek Bibles within one cover. The work combines *Biblio Hebraica Stuttgartensia* (1990) with Nestle's *Novum Testamentum Graece* in a handy volume 5½" x 7⅝ inches, and just 2¼ inches thick (14 cm x 19.5 cm, 6 cm thick).

Kennedy, D. Robert. *The Politics of the Basin: A Perspective on the Church as Community.* Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 1995. 179 pp. Paper, \$26.50.

Dr. Kennedy, professor of religion at Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Massachusetts, offers a compendium of essays on John 13:2-17 and its implications for the church as community. Intimacy, mutuality, servanthood, forgiveness, justice, suffering, and eschatology are among the themes explored from the perspective of the ritual of footwashing.

Matthews, Kenneth A. *Genesis 1:11:26.* The New American Commentary. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1996. 528 pp. \$36.99.

Matthews writes from an evangelical viewpoint, assuming Scriptural

inerrancy. The volume contains 92 pp. of introduction and substantial excurses on "Translating 1:1-2," "Interpreting the 'Image of God,'" "The Human Soul," "The Origin of Civilization in ANE Mythology," and "The Revelation of the Divine Name." Regarding origins, Matthews surveys other views, but argues for *creatio ex nihilo*. The volume includes indexes to selected subjects, persons, and scriptures.

Melton, J. Gordon, Philip Charles Lucas, and John R. Stone. *Prime-Time Religion: An Encyclopedia of Religious Broadcasting.* Phoenix, AZ: Onyx, 1997. 432 pp. \$64.95.

This work features American religious broadcasting from its inception in 1921 to the present, including some 200 Christian and non-Christian religious broadcasters, and more than 230 programs, ministries, networks, and related organizations. Entries include source references for further research. Illustrations and an index complete the volume.

Meyers, Eric M., ed. in chief. *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Archaeology in the Near East.* 5 vols. New York: Oxford Univ. Press, 1997. 2,592 pp. \$575.00.

This work reaches from prehistoric times to the rise of Islam and covers Syria-Palestine, Mesopotamia, Anatolia, Iran, Arabia, Cyprus, Egypt, and coastal North and East Africa. More than 550 scholars contributed 1,125 entries that are illustrated with 415 photographs, 220 line drawings, and 30 maps,

with index and cross references. Format features two columns of text on 8½" x 11" pages.

Rotelle, John E., ed. *The Works of St. Augustine: A Translation for the 21st Century*. Hyde Park, NY: New City Press, in process. 1-800-462-5980 or 914-229-0335.

For the first time Augustine's complete works will be available in English translation. Besides the publisher, the major partner is the Augustinian Heritage Institute, of which editor Rotelle is the director. In addition to up-to-date translation, the edition includes detailed introductions, extensive critical notes, and multiple indexes. Some 43 volumes are projected, to be released at the rate of two per year.

Sandy, D. Brent, and Ronald L. Giese, eds. *Cracking Old Testament Codes: A Guide to Interpreting the Literary Genres of the Old Testament*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1995. xii + 324. Paper, \$24.99.

Sixteen OT scholars analyze the genres of the Hebrew Bible: Narrative, History, Law, Oracles of Salvation, Announcements of Judgment, Apocalyptic, Lament, Praise, Proverb, and Non-proverbial Wisdom.

Seventh-day Adventist Encyclopedia. 2^d rev. ed. Ed. Bobbie Jane Van Dolson and Leo R. Van Dolson. Commentary Reference Series, vols 10-11. Hagerstown, MD: Review & Herald, 1996. xxiii + 966; 947 pp. \$64.99.

The *SDA Encyclopedia* first appeared in 1966 as vol. 11, of the CRS and was updated, but not greatly enlarged, in 1976. The 1996 edition virtually doubles the number of pages. Though some 1800 contributors are listed, individual articles remain unsigned. Some 650 writers wrote or revised articles for this edition, which includes 200 new biographical sketches. It is statistically current through 1994.

Gundry, Robert H. *Matthew: A Commentary on His Handbook for a Mixed Church under Persecution*. 2^d ed. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1994.

Twelve years after Gundry's first edition, he has updated it by the addition of a new preface (xi-xxx), a new appendix (641-647), and 225 new endnotes (648-673) with their head numbers added in the margin of the unreset text. A Greek index, a topical index, and an index of modern authors are retained from the highly acclaimed first edition.

Gunton, Colin E. *A Brief Theology of Revelation: The 1993 Warfield Lectures*. Edinburgh: T&T Clark, 1995. x + 134 pp. Cloth, \$29.95.

Colin Gunton, Professor of Christian Doctrine at King's College, U. of London, presents 6 lectures on the theology of revelation vis-à-vis modern theology, natural revelation, natural theology, Scripture, tradition, and history. The work includes a bibliography, Index of Names and Subjects, and Index of Scriptural References.