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**The Philistines and Other "Sea Peoples" in Text and Archaeology** *Society of Biblical Lit* The search for the biblical Philistines, one of ancient Israel's most storied enemies, has long intrigued both scholars and the public. Archaeological and textual evidence examined in its broader eastern Mediterranean context reveals that the Philistines, well-known from biblical and extrabiblical texts, together with other related groups of "Sea Peoples," played a transformative role in the development of new ethnic groups and polities that emerged from the ruins of the Late Bronze Age empires. The essays in this book, representing recent research in the fields of archaeology, Bible, and history, reassess the origins, identity, material culture, and impact of the Philistines and other Sea Peoples on the Iron Age cultures and peoples of the eastern Mediterranean. The contributors are Matthew J. Adams, Michal Artzy, Tristan J. Barako, David Ben-Shlomo, Mario Benzi, Margaret E. Cohen, Anat Cohen-Weinberger, Trude Dothan, Elizabeth French, Marie-Henriette Gates, Hermann Genz, Ayelet Gilboa, Maria Iacovou, Ann E. Killebrew, Sabine Laemmel, Gunnar Lehmann, Aren M. Maeir, Amihai Mazar, Linda Meiberg, Penelope A. Mountjoy, Hermann Michael Niemann, Jeremy B. Rutter, Ilan Sharon, Susan Sherratt, Neil Asher Silberman, and Itamar Singer. **The Sea Peoples and Their World A Reassessment** *University of Pennsylvania Press* This volume presents the results of the 1995 international seminar on the history and archaeology of the Sea Peoples. The 17 comprehensive articles, written by leading scholars in the fields of Egyptology, Hittitology, biblical studies, and Aegean, Anatolian, and Near Eastern archaeology, examine current methodologies and interpretations concerning the origin, migration, and settlement of the Sea Peoples against the overwhelming new archaeological record from sites throughout the Mediterranean basin and the Levant. **Symposium Series 11** *University Museum Monograph*, 108 **Homelands and Diasporas Greeks, Jews and Their Migrations** *Bloomsbury Publishing* The Greek and Jewish diasporas are the most significant diasporas of Western civilisation. "Homelands and Diasporas" is the first book to explore the similarities and differences between these two experiences. In the process it sheds fascinating light on their fundamental importance for both Greek and Jewish societies. The authors examine Greek and Jewish diasporas throughout history, from classical and Biblical times to the present, and all over the world - in Greece, the Balkans, Turkey, Russia, the Near and Middle East, Spain and the US. They analyse the very nature of diaspora, examining both the Greek concept of noble expansion and the Jewish idea of enforced exile, and analyse community structures as well as social and religious networks, combining Scriptural analysis with cultural and political history. Diaspora is a difficult and emotive concept but "Homelands and Diasporas" offers a balanced and perceptive guide to the connected histories of these two peoples away from their homelands. **The Philistines and Aegean Migration at the End of the Late Bronze Age** *Cambridge University Press* In this study, Assaf Yasur-Landau examines the early history of the biblical Philistines who were among the 'Sea Peoples' who migrated from the Aegean area to the Levant during the early twelfth century BC. Creating an archaeological narrative of the migration of the Philistines, he combines an innovative theoretical framework on the archaeology of migration with new data from excavations in Greece, Turkey, Cyprus, Syria, Lebanon, and Israel and thereby reconstructs the social history of the Aegean migration to the southern Levant. The author follows the story of the migrants from the conditions that caused the Philistines to leave their Aegean homes, to their movement eastward along the sea and land routes, to their formation of a migrant society in Philistia and their interaction with local populations in the Levant. Based on the most up-to-date evidence, this book offers a new and fresh understanding of the arrival of the Philistines in the Levant. **People of the Sea The Search for the Philistines** *Scribner* The authors relate the findings of their search for the mysterious origins of the Philistines **Who Wrote That? Authorship Controversies from Moses to Sholokhov** *Cornell University Press* **Who Wrote That?** examines nine authorship controversies, providing an introduction to particular disputes and teaching students how to assess historical documents, archival materials, and apocryphal stories, as well as internet sources and news. Donald Ostrowski does not argue in favor of one side over another but focuses on the principles of attribution used to make each case. While furthering the field of authorship studies, **Who Wrote That?** provides an essential resource for instructors at all levels in various subjects. It is ultimately about historical detective work. Using *Moses*, *Analects*, the *Secret Gospel of Mark*, *Abelard and Heloise*, the *Compendium of Chronicles*, *Rashid al-Din*, *Shakespeare*, *Prince Andrei Kurbskii*, *James MacPherson*, and *Mikhail Sholokov*, Ostrowski builds concrete examples that instructors can use to help students uncover the legitimacy of authorship and to spark the desire to turn over the hidden layers of history so

necessary to the craft. **Technology of the Ancient Near East From the Neolithic to the Early Roman Period** *Routledge*

Peoples of the distant past lived comfortably in cities that boasted well-conceived urban planning, monumental architecture, running water, artistic expression, knowledge of mathematics and medicine, and more. Without the benefits of modern technology, they enjoyed all the accoutrements of modern civilization. **Technology of the Ancient Near East** brings together in a single volume what is known about the technology behind these achievements, based on the archaeological, textual, historic, and scientific data drawn from a wide range of sources, focusing on subjects such as warfare, construction, metallurgy, ceramics and glass, water management, and time keeping. These technologies are discussed within the cultural, historic, and socio-economic contexts within which they were invented and the book emphasises these as the foundation upon which modern technology is based. In so doing, this study elucidates the ingenuity of ancient minds, offering an invaluable introduction for students of ancient technology and science. **The First Book of Moses, Called Genesis Authorized King James Version** *Grove/Atlantic, Inc.* The publication of the King James version of the Bible, translated between 1603 and 1611, coincided with an extraordinary flowering of English literature and is universally acknowledged as the greatest influence on English-language literature in history. Now, world-class literary writers introduce the book of the King James Bible in a series of beautifully designed, small-format volumes. The introducers' passionate, provocative, and personal engagements with the spirituality and the language of the text make the Bible come alive as a stunning work of literature and remind us of its overwhelming contemporary relevance. **Maritime-Related Cults in the Coastal Cities of Philistia during the Roman Period** *Legacy and Change* *Archaeopress Publishing Ltd* This study questions the origins and traditions of the cultic rites practised during Roman times in 'Peleshet' (Philistia), located along the southern shores of the Land of Israel. **Who Wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls?** *eBookIt.com* Dr. Norman Golb's classic study on the origin of the Dead Sea Scrolls is now available online. Since their earliest discovery in 1947, the Scrolls have been the object of fascination and extreme controversy. Challenging traditional dogma, Golb has been the leading proponent of the view that the Scrolls cannot be the work of a small, desert-dwelling fringe sect, as various earlier scholars had claimed, but are in all likelihood the remains of libraries of various Jewish groups, smuggled out of Jerusalem and hidden in desert caves during the Roman siege of 70 A. D. Contributing to the enduring debate sparked by the book's original publication in 1995, this digital edition contains additional material reporting on new developments that have led a series of major Israeli and European archaeologists to support Golb's basic conclusions. In its second half, the book offers a detailed analysis of the workings of the scholarly monopoly that controlled the Scrolls for many years, and discusses Golb's role in the struggle to make the texts available to the public. Pleading for an end to academic politics and a commitment to the search for truth in scrolls scholarship, **Who Wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls?** sets a new standard for studies in intertestamental history "This book is 'must reading'.... It demonstrates how a particular interpretation of an ancient site and particular readings of ancient documents became a straitjacket for subsequent discussion of what is arguably the most widely publicized set of discoveries in the history of biblical archaeology...." Dr. Gregory T. Armstrong, 'Church History' Golb "gives us much more than just a fresh and convincing interpretation of the origin and significance of the Qumran Scrolls. His book is also... a fascinating case-study of how an idee fixe, for which there is no real historical justification, has for over 40 years dominated an elite coterie of scholars controlling the Scrolls...." Daniel O'Hara, 'New Humanist' **Giving Goliath His Due** *New Archaeological Light on the Philistines* *Baker Publishing Group (MI)* Recent excavations at Tel Miqne-Ekron have vastly increased understanding of the Philistines. Besides giving a look at the new evidence, Bierling has collected references to this amazing people from ancient literature. 50 photographs and 10 maps. **The Story of Patriarchs and Prophets** *The Conflict of the Ages Illustrated in the Lives of Holy Men of Old Philistine-To-Palestine* *Exposing the World's Biggest Deception.* *Joseph D. Shellim.* Knowledge is power. Arm yourself. A global chaos and mayhem has extended across the nations. All was blamed on the Middle East Conflict. Yet now a different manifestation has emerged, affirming this was never a local issue about Palestine or of land occupation: Israel holds less than 0.5% of land in Arabia. There was never any land issue across the nations, yet the mayhem extended globally. Thereby, was this conflict wrongly accounted - or was it designed to erupt as it has - and for what purposes? Exposing the long suppressed and omitted issues will cause intense debating; it may even change your views. The issues of Palestine and its global impacts are now exposed as never before - historically, theologically and politically, of both ancient and modern times. The big questions: - Who Are "Palestinians"? Why was this name transferred from Jews to Arabs after 2,000 years in 1964? Why were the 3000 year names of Hebrew towns changed to West Bank in 1950? Was King David of Bethlehem, or Jesus of Nazareth, as Palestinians? What was the message of the Dead Sea Scrolls that was hidden from the world? - Chamberlain, Hitler and Hajj Amin: Why did Britain appoint Hajj Amin as Grand Mayor of Jerusalem in contradiction of the Balfour Mandate? Was Britain's division of Palestine and her White Paper Policy legal or crimes against humanity? - Who are Arabs? A historical enquiry traces the origins of the Arab group and their first emerging. The issue becomes controversial when the people called as Arabs are connected with Canaan, Abraham, Ishmael, Israel, Judea and Jesus Christ. - Today's Global Refugee Crisis: Why are Millions of Christians and Arabs fleeing their ancient homelands? Why were no ruling conditions placed on the new Arab states - and how does it impact all nations today? Is today's chaos and mayhem circumstantial or designed? Whatever your views of the modern world's most controversial issue, this book will arm you with long suppressed and de-classified archives, exposing a host of deceptions created to cover great errors of the 20th century. These have backfired and plunged humanity into chaos and mayhem. Causes and effects apply. "Philistine-To-Palestine" is presented with quotes and interviews from the widest range of credible sources. From Scholars, Theologians, Clerics, Lawyers, Presidents, Kings, Ottoman Sultans, Arabian Emirs, Ambassadors, Authors, Talk Show Hosts, Human Rights Advocates and Bloggers. A 3,000 year population survey of Palestine and 40 historical images expose the great deceptions of the modern world that have come to haunt all nations. Perhaps we are driving on the wrong lane of this highway? Knowledge is power. Arm yourself. **Biblical peoples and ethnicity** an archaeological study of Egyptians, Canaanites, Philistines, and early Israel,

**1300-1100 B.C.E. *Society of Biblical Lit* Ancient Israel did not emerge within a vacuum but rather came to exist alongside various peoples, including Canaanites, Egyptians, and Philistines. Indeed, Israel's very proximity to these groups has made it difficult—until now—to distinguish the archaeological traces of early Israel and other contemporary groups. Through an analysis of the results from recent excavations in light of relevant historical and later biblical texts, this book proposes that it is possible to identify these peoples and trace culturally or ethnically defined boundaries in the archaeological record. Features of late second-millennium B.C.E. culture are critically examined in their historical and biblical contexts in order to define the complex social boundaries of the early Iron Age and reconstruct the diverse material world of these four peoples. Of particular value to scholars, archaeologists, and historians, this volume will also be a standard reference and resource for students and other readers interested in the emergence of early Israel.**

**The David Story: A Translation with Commentary of 1 and 2 Samuel *W. W. Norton & Company* "A masterpiece of contemporary Bible translation and commentary."—Los Angeles Times Book Review, Best Books of 1999 Acclaimed for its masterful new translation and insightful commentary, The David Story is a fresh, vivid rendition of one of the great works in Western literature. Robert Alter's brilliant translation gives us David, the beautiful, musical hero who slays Goliath and, through his struggles with Saul, advances to the kingship of Israel. But this David is also fully human: an ambitious, calculating man who navigates his life's course with a flawed moral vision. The consequences for him, his family, and his nation are tragic and bloody. Historical personage and full-blooded imagining, David is the creation of a literary artist comparable to the Shakespeare of the history plays.**

**Warfare in the Old Testament The Organization, Weapons, and Tactics of Ancient Near Eastern Armies *Kregel Academic* Boyd Seevers (PhD, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) is an expert on ancient warfare and has participated in numerous archaeological excavations in Israel. He lived in Israel for eight years, during which time he was a visiting professor at Jerusalem University College. This experience gave Seevers great insight into world he describes in Warfare in the Old Testament. He is currently professor of Old Testament Studies at Northwestern College (MN), where he was named teacher of the year in 2006 and 2012.**

**Antiquities of the Jews ; Book - II *Alpha Edition* The book, "" Antiquities of the Jews; Book - II "" , has been considered important throughout the human history, and so that this work is never forgotten we have made efforts in its preservation by republishing this book in a modern format for present and future generations. This whole book has been reformatted, retyped and designed. These books are not made of scanned copies and hence the text is clear and readable.**

**The Material Culture of the Northern Sea Peoples in Israel Black Ships and Sea Raiders The Late Bronze and Early Iron Age Context of Odysseus' Second Cretan Lie *Lexington Books* The end of the Bronze Age in the Eastern Mediterranean was a time of social, political, and economic upheaval - conditions reflected, in many ways, in the world of Homer's Odyssey. Jeffrey P. Emanuel examines the Odyssey's Second Cretan Lie (xiv 191 - 359) in the context of this watershed transition, with particular emphasis on raiding, warfare, maritime technology and tactics, and the evidence for the so-called 'Sea Peoples' who have been connected to the events of this period. He focuses in particular on the hero's description of his frequent raiding activities and on his subsequent sojourn in the land of the pharaohs, and connections between Odysseus' false narrative and the historical experiences of one particular Sea Peoples group: the 'Sherden of the Sea.'**

**Sophie's World A Novel About the History of Philosophy *Farrar, Straus and Giroux* One day Sophie comes home from school to find two questions in her mail: "Who are you?" and "Where does the world come from?" Before she knows it she is enrolled in a correspondence course with a mysterious philosopher. Thus begins Jostein Gaarder's unique novel, which is not only a mystery, but also a complete and entertaining history of philosophy.**

**David and Goliath Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants *Little, Brown* Explore the power of the underdog in Malcolm Gladwell's dazzling examination of success, motivation, and the role of adversity in shaping our lives, from the bestselling author of The Bomber Mafia. Three thousand years ago on a battlefield in ancient Palestine, a shepherd boy felled a mighty warrior with nothing more than a stone and a sling, and ever since then the names of David and Goliath have stood for battles between underdogs and giants. David's victory was improbable and miraculous. He shouldn't have won. Or should he have? In David and Goliath, Malcolm Gladwell challenges how we think about obstacles and disadvantages, offering a new interpretation of what it means to be discriminated against, or cope with a disability, or lose a parent, or attend a mediocre school, or suffer from any number of other apparent setbacks. Gladwell begins with the real story of what happened between the giant and the shepherd boy those many years ago. From there, David and Goliath examines Northern Ireland's Troubles, the minds of cancer researchers and civil rights leaders, murder and the high costs of revenge, and the dynamics of successful and unsuccessful classrooms—all to demonstrate how much of what is beautiful and important in the world arises from what looks like suffering and adversity. In the tradition of Gladwell's previous bestsellers—The Tipping Point, Blink, Outliers and What the Dog Saw—David and Goliath draws upon history, psychology, and powerful storytelling to reshape the way we think of the world around us. Suffering and the Sovereignty of God *Crossway* In the last few years, 9/11, a tsunami, Hurricane Katrina, and many other tragedies have shown us that the vision of God in today's churches in relation to evil and suffering is often frivolous. Against the overwhelming weight and seriousness of the Bible, many Christians are choosing to become more shallow, more entertainment-oriented, and therefore irrelevant in the face of massive suffering. In Suffering and the Sovereignty of God, contributors John Piper, Joni Eareckson Tada, Steve Saint, Carl Ellis, David Powlison, Dustin Shramek, and Mark Talbot explore the many categories of God's sovereignty as evidenced in his Word. They urge readers to look to Christ, even in suffering, to find the greatest confidence, deepest comfort, and sweetest fellowship they have ever known.**

**Recent Excavations in Israel Studies in Iron Age Archaeology *Eisenbrauns* Ancient Greeks West and East *BRILL* Offering new evidence and interpretations of the relationship of Greeks and local peoples throughout the ancient world, this richly illustrated collection of papers shows how Greeks viewed other people, and how the establishment of Greek colonies culturally enriched both locals and Greeks. The volume is richly illustrated.**

**Mein Kampf *Diamond Pocket Books Pvt Ltd* 'MEIN KAMPF' is the autobiography of Adolf Hitler gives detailed insight into the mission and vision of Adolf Hitler that shook the world. This book is the merger of two volumes. The first volume of MEIN KAMPF' was written**

while the author was imprisoned in a Bavarian fortress. The book deals with events which brought the author into this blight. It was the hour of Germany's deepest humiliation, when Napoleon has dismembered the old German Empire and French soldiers occupied almost the whole of Germany. The book narrates how Hitler was arrested with several of his comrades and imprisoned in the fortress of Landsberg on the river Lech. During this period only the author wrote the first volume of MEIN KAMPF. The Second volume of MEIN KAMPF was written after release of Hitler from prison and it was published after the French had left the Ruhr, the tramp of the invading armies still echoed in German ears and the terrible ravages had plunged the country into a state of social and economic Chaos. The beauty of the book is, MEIN KAMPF is an historical document which bears the imprint of its own time. Moreover, Hitler has declared that his acts and 'public statements' constitute a partial revision of his book and are to be taken as such. Also, the author has translated Hitler's ideal, the Volkischer Staat, as the People's State. The author has tried his best making German Vocabulary easy to understand. You will never be satisfied until go through the whole book. A must read book, which is one of the most widely circulated and read books worldwide.

**One God - One Cult - One Nation Archaeological and Biblical Perspectives** *Walter de Gruyter* Recent archaeological and biblical research challenges the traditional view of the history of ancient Israel. This book presents the latest findings of both academic disciplines regarding the United Monarchy of David and Solomon ('One Nation') and the cult reform under Josiah ('One Cult'), raising the issue of fact versus fiction. The political and cultural interrelations in the Near East are illustrated on the example of the ancient city of Beth She'an/Scythopolis and are discussed as to their significance for the transformation in the conception of God ('One God'). The volume contains 17 contributions by internationally eminent scholars from Israel, Finland and Germany.

**Chosen for Purpose Overcoming Giants and Living Your Dreams** *Dayna Bickham* What are you here for? What is your purpose? Do you have one? How can you find it? We all ask these questions at one time or another as we go through life. Finally, here is a book that explores the journey. In Chosen for Purpose, Dayna Bickham ventures into the story of David and Goliath and shares beautiful truths will help equip you in your pursuit of purpose. Woven in are everyday stories of struggle and faith -- capturing the moments when lives find purpose in some truly extraordinary ways. You were chosen for this moment in time. You were called for this season. When you discover who you were designed to be you will begin to see life is not just a random stream of events, but opportunities for greatness. You will begin to dream again. You will hope for more. Even if giants stand between you and your dreams -- you will overcome. Giants were made for slaying and you were made for greatness.

**Yavneh** *Saint-Paul* In the words of late Professor Moshe Kochavi, the Philistine repository pit at Yavneh is the kind of discovery made only once every fifty years. It is the richest repository pit ever found from Bronze and Iron Ages Israel/Palestine, containing thousands of cultic finds originating from a temple, including an unprecedented number - more than a hundred - of cult stands (so-called 'architectural models') carrying rich figurative art, dozens of fire-pans, chalices and other objects. The present volume includes the full publication of the excavation, the stratigraphy, the cult stands and the figures detached from cult stands, several clay and stone altars and some pottery vessels related to burning of plant material, most likely incense. This exceptional book raises a host of highly important and intriguing questions. Is this a favissa, or even a genizah? Why are many cult stands badly broken, while some are intact - were cult stands broken on purpose? What is the explanation for the unique stratigraphy and for the layer of gray ash in the pit - was fire kindled inside as part of a ritual? How do we know that these finds are Philistine? Are they part of the 'furniture' of the temple or objects dedicated by worshippers as votives? Do the figures on the cult stands represent mortal beings, or divinities? If divinities, can we relate them with Biblical or extra-biblical data on the gods of the Philistines? What was the function/s of cult stands? Were they models of buildings, supports for images, offering tables, altars, or perhaps incense burners? Why are female figures dominant, while male figures are virtually absent? In discussing such topics, Yavneh I treats issues that are central to many fields of study: religion and cult in Iron Age Israel/Palestine; the history and archaeology of the Philistines and their 'western' relations; Near Eastern iconography, the meaning of cult stands/architectural models and the understanding of votive objects and of repository pits in general. Literally salvaged from the teeth of a bulldozer, these rare finds are now published. Generations of scholars will discuss and reinterpret them - there is no 'final word' for such finds and hence, this final excavation volume is not an end, but a beginning.

**David and Solomon In Search of the Bible's Sacred Kings and the Roots of the Western Tradition** *Simon and Schuster* The co-authors of *The Bible Unearthed* draw on recent archaeological findings to illuminate the origins of modern civilization as reflected by the reigns of two ancient biblical kings, identifying mythical and factual elements attributed to their characters and chronicling how their stories represent Jewish faith. Reprint. 35,000 first printing.

**Bronze Age Civilization The Philistines and the Danites 1177 B.C. The Year Civilization Collapsed** *Princeton University Press* In 1177 B.C., marauding groups known only as the "Sea Peoples" invaded Egypt. The pharaoh's army and navy managed to defeat them, but the victory so weakened Egypt that it soon slid into decline, as did most of the surrounding civilizations. After centuries of brilliance, the civilized world of the Bronze Age came to an abrupt and cataclysmic end. Kingdoms fell like dominoes over the course of just a few decades. No more Minoans or Mycenaeans. No more Trojans, Hittites, or Babylonians. The thriving economy and cultures of the late second millennium B.C., which had stretched from Greece to Egypt and Mesopotamia, suddenly ceased to exist, along with writing systems, technology, and monumental architecture. But the Sea Peoples alone could not have caused such widespread breakdown. How did it happen? In this major new account of the causes of this "First Dark Ages," Eric Cline tells the gripping story of how the end was brought about by multiple interconnected failures, ranging from invasion and revolt to earthquakes, drought, and the cutting of international trade routes. Bringing to life the vibrant multicultural world of these great civilizations, he draws a sweeping panorama of the empires and globalized peoples of the Late Bronze Age and shows that it was their very interdependence that hastened their dramatic collapse and ushered in a dark age that lasted centuries. A compelling combination of narrative and the latest scholarship, 1177 B.C. sheds new light on the complex ties that gave rise to, and ultimately destroyed, the flourishing civilizations of the Late Bronze Age—and

that set the stage for the emergence of classical Greece. **Goliath's Legacy Philistines and Hebrews in Biblical Times** *Otto Harrassowitz* In the 12th century BCE, revolutionary changes and major population movements took place in the eastern Mediterranean. One element of this complex process was the appearance of the warlike Sea Peoples on the coast of the Middle East. Among the groups that we know of the most important seem to be Philistines. It is no accident that the name of the region--Palestine--comes precisely from this ethnonym. The book examines the impact of the Sea Peoples, especially the Philistines, on the local population, and on the Hebrews in particular. To determine the chronological sequence, the first part presents the biblical narrative in a synthetic way, and thus the Philistines' role in the history of Israel and Judah. These considerations complement the study of geography, in which toponyms are discussed to establish a range of the Philistines' impact. Concerning the likely duration of an impact of the Philistines on the Hebrews, two periods were suggested: the early Iron Age (ca. 1150-900 BCE) and the domination of Assyria (ca. 750-650 BCE). The second part of the book discusses the culture of the Hebrews, known from the Bible, which may have its roots in the Philistines' heritage. These phenomena are divided into thematic groups. The impact of the Philistines on the Hebrews was much larger than previously thought, and it was not connected only with Judah's and Israel's response to the presence of a hostile neighbor. Several components of Hebrew culture and some literary motifs in the Bible seem to derive specifically from the Philistines' culture. **David The Divided Heart** *Yale University Press* Of all the figures in the Bible, David arguably stands out as the most perplexing and enigmatic. He was many things: a warrior who subdued Goliath and the Philistines; a king who united a nation; a poet who created beautiful, sensitive verse; a loyal servant of God who proposed the great Temple and founded the Messianic line; a schemer, deceiver, and adulterer who freely indulged his very human appetites. **David Wolpe**, whom *Newsweek* called "the most influential rabbi in America," takes a fresh look at biblical David in an attempt to find coherence in his seemingly contradictory actions and impulses. The author questions why David holds such an exalted place in history and legend, and then proceeds to unravel his complex character based on information found in the book of Samuel and later literature. What emerges is a fascinating portrait of an exceptional human being who, despite his many flaws, was truly beloved by God. **Philistines Giving Goliath His Due** *Shangri LA Publications Limited* A culmination of Bierlings many years of Biblical archaeology fieldwork and detailed Philistine research, this is a must read! He provides a bold study; answering who were these mysterious people. Scholars have already hailed his research as an excellent book ... a useful handbook for anyone interested in the subject - K. Schoville, a successful synthesis of current views ... a good introduction ... important methodological considerations - R. A. Mullins, popular, almost conversational, but also a worthwhile introduction for Bible students, anthropologists, or historians - R. E. Hendrix. This is the first study to give Goliath and all the Philistines their due. Bierling uses the most recent excavation information from Philistine sites and textual comparisons. As T. V. Brisco comments, he covers much ground ...distilling the excavation reports from many sites. **Homelands and Diasporas Greeks, Jews and Their Migrations** *I.B. Tauris* The Greek and Jewish diasporas are the most significant diasporas of Western civilisation. "Homelands and Diasporas" is the first book to explore the similarities and differences between these two experiences. In the process it sheds fascinating light on their fundamental importance for both Greek and Jewish societies. The authors examine Greek and Jewish diasporas throughout history, from classical and Biblical times to the present, and all over the world - in Greece, the Balkans, Turkey, Russia, the Near and Middle East, Spain and the US. They analyse the very nature of diaspora, examining both the Greek concept of noble expansion and the Jewish idea of enforced exile, and analyse community structures as well as social and religious networks, combining Scriptural analysis with cultural and political history. Diaspora is a difficult and emotive concept but "Homelands and Diasporas" offers a balanced and perceptive guide to the connected histories of these two peoples away from their homelands. **Philistine Iconography A Wealth of Style and Symbolism** *Saint-Paul* Ikonographie lässt viele Rückschlüsse auf eine Gesellschaft zu. Die Ikonographie der Philister hilft, die sozialen, ethnischen, religiösen und ideologischen Aspekte dieser Kultur besser zu verstehen. Die Philister entwickelten während der Eisenzeit (ca. 1200-600 v.Chr.) eine distinguierte Kultur. David Ben-Shlomo präsentiert und diskutiert den Bestand der ikonographischen Darstellungen der Philisterkultur (Tonmalereien, Statuen, Eisenschnitzereien, Glyptik u.a.). Der figürliche Stil und der Symbolismus spiegelt sowohl die Rückbindung der Philisterkultur an die ägäische Heimat als auch den laufenden Prozess der Interaktion mit den lokalen Gastkulturen in der südlichen Levante eindrücklich wider. Die Ikonographie liefert so ein bedeutendes Zeugnis, das die sozialen, ethnischen, religiösen und ideologischen Aspekte der Philister und ihrer Nachbarn im östlichen Mittelmeerraum besser zu verstehen hilft. **A Bible Reader's History of the Ancient World** *Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies* As its title suggests, this volume is written for readers of the Bible. It is intended to provide historical backgrounds concerning the peoples and lands of the Bible and is meant to supplement a study of the biblical narrative itself. Thus it is not a traditional history of the ancient Near East, because it does not address all periods and all societies but has its focus on those that enlighten the biblical text. It is also written with those Bible readers in mind who travel or study in Bible lands, with emphasis on places and artifacts that visitors frequently see today. **The Story of Prophets and Kings As Illustrated in the Captivity and Restoration of Israel** The story of Israel's triumphs, defeats, backslidings, captivity, and reformation abounds in great. **Life of David Discipleship Lessons from 1 and 2 Samuel** David's remarkable life, insights, and achievements inspire us today. David's story is compelling, exciting -- with "chance" encounters, narrow escapes, beautiful women, and a warrior who carves out an empire. David is a singer-songwriter, whose body of work is revered by millions of fans three thousand years after his death. His character encourages us, his weaknesses speak to us, his faith moves us. He is the king of Israel's Golden Age and points us to his great descendant, the Son of David, Jesus Christ the Lord. This book is designed to aid your study of David's life, with a special emphasis on what we can learn as Jesus' disciples today. Twenty maps and charts help you understand his family, as well as the geography of his sojourns, escapes, battles, and conquests. The historical background and geopolitical context will help you to appreciate David in his own world and grasp his internal complexity. Classes and small groups will find this a helpful curriculum guide to their

study of 1 and 2 Samuel, with links to free participant handouts as well as thorough preparation for the leader. Thought-provoking questions will stimulate many insightful discussions. Preachers and teachers will find a great deal of their research done for them. Lessons are heavily footnoted for those who want to dig deeper, but are optional for the general student. According to Paul, "David ... served God's purpose in his own generation." Your understanding of David's life and faith will help you to live out God's plan for you in your own generation. **Ancient Israel's Neighbors** Oxford University Press Whether on a national or a personal level, everyone has a complex relationship with their closest neighbors. Where are the borders? How much interaction should there be? How are conflicts solved? Ancient Israel was one of several small nations clustered in the eastern Mediterranean region between the large empires of Egypt and Mesopotamia in antiquity. Frequently mentioned in the Bible, these other small nations are seldom the focus of the narrative unless they interact with Israel. The ancient Israelites who produced the Hebrew Bible lived within a rich context of multiple neighbors, and this context profoundly shaped Israel. Indeed, it was through the influence of the neighboring people that Israel defined its own identity-in terms of geography, language, politics, religion, and culture. **Ancient Israel's Neighbors** explores both the biblical portrayal of the neighboring groups directly surrounding Israel-the Canaanites, Philistines, Phoenicians, Edomites, Moabites, Ammonites, and Arameans-and examines what we can know about these groups through their own literature, archaeology, and other sources. Through its analysis of these surrounding groups, this book will demonstrate in a direct and accessible manner the extent to which ancient Israelite identity was forged both within and against the identities of its close neighbors. Animated by the latest and best research, yet written for students, this book will invite readers into journey of scholarly discovery to explore the world of Israel's identity within its most immediate ancient Near Eastern context.