

period, close to that of Ben Sira and the Qumran texts). Then it treats the Hebrew text of Qoheleth according to the following outline: Eccl 1:1-11—creation is ordered, but humans don't benefit from it; 1:12-18—"I am Qoheleth"; 2:1-11—Qoheleth and his לַב investigate pleasure and toil; 2:12-16—Qoheleth and his לַב investigate wisdom and folly; 2:17-26—Qoheleth's conclusion (hate toil, enjoy what you can); 3:1-15—creation may be ordered, but that order is not clear; and so forth. Discussion of each passage includes the Hebrew text, an English translation, and a phrase-by-phrase analysis of the text. A ten-page glossary and an English translation of Qoheleth are included. Holmstedt is professor of biblical Hebrew and West Semitic languages at the University of Toronto, Cook is professor of OT at Asbury Theological Seminary, and Marshall is assistant professor of biblical languages at Houston Baptist University.

GUDRUN HOLTZ, *Jungfrauengeburt und Greisinnengeburt: Zur Rezeptionsgeschichte von Gen 21,1f im antiken Judentum und im frühen Christentum*, Biblisch-Theologische Studien 172 (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2017, paper €25) 152 pp. Bibliography. Indexed. ISBN: 978-3-7887-3253-0.

This book investigates the central role played by the story of the conception and birth of Isaac in Gen 21:1-2 in disputes between Jews and Christians over the origin of Jesus. After a four-page introduction, it discusses the history of research on Gen 21:1-2; Gen 21:1-2 in the context of Gen 15:1-25:19; "rewritten Bible"—the origin of Isaac in the book of *Jubilees*; the origin of Isaac in post-biblical Hebrew-Aramaic traditions (Targums, rabbinic midrash); the origin of Isaac in Philo of Alexandria; and the early Christian interpretation of Gen 21:1 (Isaac as Sarah's son according to the promise or the Spirit in Galatians; the Sarah-Abraham material in the *Protevangeliium of James*). Holtz, who teaches NT and ancient Judaism at the University of Tübingen, concludes that the rabbinic traditions that attribute Sarah's pregnancy to an extraordinary act of God can be read as polemically-oriented parallel stories to the Christian virgin birth that refute its singularity or deny this and reclaim the creative action of God solely for the women of Israel.

GIOVANNI IBBA, *La preghiera alla fine del Secondo Tempio: Una selezione*, Religione e religioni (Bologna: Dehoniane, 2017, paper €29) 357 pp. Bibliographies. Indexed. ISBN: 978-88-10-60471-7.

This volume contains a selection of prayers from manuscripts dating from the 2nd century B.C.E. to the 1st century C.E. that document a particular period of the history of Judaism and include many important themes, such as the problem of evil and soteriology, that are useful for understanding some elements of the preaching of Jesus. After a nineteen-page introduction, portions of some twenty-four prayers drawn from the Dead Sea scrolls are presented under three headings: blessings and curses (1QS i 24-ii 18; 1Q28b; 1QM/1Q33; 4Q286-287/4QBer^{a-b}; 4Q280; etc.); hymns and psalms (11Q5/11QP^s^a; 4Q403; 1QH^a; etc.); and exorcisms, apotropaic formulas, and other compositions (11Q11; 4Q560; 4Q184; 4Q510; etc.). The book provides for each selection the Hebrew text and an Italian translation on facing pages with brief notes below; comments on the theological character of the text, and when possible indications of possible links to the NT; and bibliography. Ibba is professor on the faculty of theology at the Istituto Superiore di Scienze Religiose in Firenze, and is the author of *Il Vangelo di Marco e l'impuro* (2014).

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IAN JOHNSTON, *Galen: Hygiene*. Vol. 1, *Books 1-4*; vol. 2, *Books 5-6, Thrasylbulus, On Exercise with a Small Ball*, Loeb Classical Library 535-536 (Cambridge, MA—London: Harvard

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