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The first three volumes of *The Cambridge History of Judaism* cover the history of the Jews from the Exile in 587 B.C.E. to the early Roman period extending into the third century C.E. A comprehensive examination is made of all the relevant literary and archeological sources, and special attention is given to the interaction of Iranian, Semitic, Hellenistic and Roman cultures. The contributors include both Jewish and Gentile scholars from many countries, and this History thus helps to deliver the study of Jewish history and Christian origins from geographical and religious limitations, and contributes to a deeper understanding and a broader tolerance.

This first volume opens with three introductory chapters to the work as a whole dealing with the geographical background, the chronology and the numismatic history of Judaism. The remainder of this volume concentrates on the Persian period, the two and a half centuries following the Babylonian Exile.

Subsequent volumes deal with (vol. II) the Hellenistic Age, and (vol. III) the early Roman Period from 63 B.C.E. to the third century C.E.

PREFACE

Critical study of Judaism, by which is meant the form which the religion of Israel assumed in and after the Babylonian exile, is of comparatively recent origin.

It began seriously among Jews about the middle of the last century. It has been continued by a number of great Jewish scholars, and sustained by the growing self-awareness and self-expression of the Jewish people. For over 80 years Gentile studies have established the rootage of the Christian religion in Jewish Apocalyptic, and first-century Judaism as the matrix of Christianity. In short, Judaism has now become a shared object of historico-critical research by Jews and Gentiles, in Europe, in Israel, and on the American continent. Historical works dealing with its formative period from the Babylonian exile to the codification of the Mishnah have appeared in many languages. Why, then, should another series of volumes be devoted to this period now?

We begin by observing that most of the historical work – certainly in English – was done by Jewish and Gentile scholars working individually and independently. Great as has been their achievement, historians of Judaism have not always been able to escape the constraints, limitations and even distortions of their respective religious and social traditions. No historical writing can achieve full impartiality, of course: partiality, indeed, may have its own valuable insight. But as the study of Judaism is peculiarly open to emotive interests and unconscious influences which make it highly susceptible to hurtful misinterpretation, no effort to get rid of the blinkers of tradition and prejudice may be deemed superfluous.

The editors have therefore sought to enlist contributors from various religious and non-religious backgrounds, and from various countries, so that the work may be truly ecumenical and international. They have particularly sought to bring together the two seas of Jewish and Gentile scholarship which have hitherto been too little intermingled. No effort has been made to reconcile contributors' differing points of view. Different approaches to and interpretations of the same sources will be found here, and even contradictory treatments of certain events

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ABBREVIATIONS

AAA	<i>Annals of Archaeology and Anthropology</i>
AASOR	<i>Annual of the American Schools of Oriental Research</i>
AB	Anchor Bible
ABR	<i>Australian Biblical Review</i>
AcOr	<i>Acta orientalia</i>
ADAJ	<i>Annual of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan</i>
AfO	<i>Archiv für Orientforschung</i>
AHHI	<i>Alon Habevra Hanumismatit Le'Israel</i>
AION	<i>Annali dell'istituto orientali di Napoli</i>
AJBA	<i>Australian Journal of Biblical Archaeology</i>
AJS Review	<i>American Journal of Jewish Studies Review</i>
AJSL	<i>American Journal of Semitic Languages and Literature</i>
ALUOS	<i>Annual of Leeds University Oriental Society</i>
ANET	J. B. Pritchard (ed.), <i>Ancient Near Eastern Texts Relating to the Old Testament</i> , 3rd edn. Princeton, N.J., 1969
ANS Museum Notes	<i>American Numismatic Society Museum Notes</i>
AOS	American Oriental Series
ArtAs	<i>Artibus Asia</i>
AS	<i>Assyriological Studies</i>
ASAE	<i>Annales du Service des Antiquités de l'Égypte</i>
ATD	Das Alte Testament Deutsch
ATR	<i>Anglican Theological Review</i>
AUSS	<i>Andrews University Seminary Studies</i>
AVTR	<i>Aufsätze und Vorträge zur Theologie und Religionswissenschaft</i>
BA	<i>Biblical Archaeologist</i>
BAR	<i>Biblical Archaeologist Reader</i>
BASOR	<i>Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research</i>
BETL	Bibliotheca ephemeridum theologiarum lovaniensium
BHT	<i>Beiträge zur historischen Theologie</i>
Bib	<i>Biblica</i>
BibOr	<i>Biblica et orientalia</i>
BIE	<i>Bulletin de l'Institut d'Égypte</i>

BIES	<i>Bulletin of the Israel Exploration Society</i>
BIFAO	<i>Bulletin de l'institut français d'archéologie orientale</i>
BJRL	<i>Bulletin of the John Rylands University Library</i>
BKAT	Biblischer Kommentar: Altes Testament
BMB	<i>Bulletin de Musée de Beyrouth</i>
BO	<i>Bibliotheca orientalis</i>
BOT	De Boeken van het Oude Testament
BR	<i>Biblical Research</i>
BSac	<i>Bibliotheca Sacra</i>
BSOAS	<i>Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies</i>
BWANT	Beiträge zur Wissenschaft vom Alten und Neuen Testament
BZ	<i>Biblische Zeitschrift</i>
BZAW	Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft
CAP	A. Cowley, <i>Aramaic Papyri of the Fifth Century B.C.</i> Oxford, 1923.
CBQ	<i>Catholic Biblical Quarterly</i>
CIS	<i>Corpus inscriptionum semiticarum</i>
ClassPhil	<i>Classical Philology</i>
CR AIBL	<i>Comptes rendus de l'Académie des inscriptions et belles-lettres</i>
CTM	<i>Concordia Theological Monthly</i>
DJD	<i>Discoveries in the Judaean Desert of Jordan</i> , ed. P. Benoit <i>et al.</i> Oxford, 1961.
EncJud	<i>Encyclopaedia Judaica</i> , ed. C. Roth and J. Wigoder, Jerusalem–New York, 1971
ERE	<i>Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics</i>
ET	English translation
ETL	<i>Ephemerides theologicae lovanienses</i>
EvT	<i>Evangelische Theologie</i>
EV(V)	English version(s)
ExpTim	<i>Expository Times</i>
FRLANT	Forschungen zur Religion und Literatur des Alten und Neuen Testaments
HAT	Handbuch zum Alten Testament
HKAT	Handkommentar zum Alten Testament
HomBib	<i>Homiletica en Biblica</i>
HR	<i>History of Religions</i>
HSCP	<i>Harvard Studies in Classical Philology</i>
HTR	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
HUCA	<i>Hebrew Union College Annual</i>
ICC	International Critical Commentary
IDB	G. A. Buttrick (ed.), <i>Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible</i>
IDBSup	Supplementary volume to <i>Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible</i>

IEJ	<i>Israel Exploration Journal</i>
ILN	<i>The Illustrated London News</i>
INJ	<i>Israel Numismatic Journal</i>
Int	<i>Interpretation</i>
IntNumConv	<i>International Numismatic Convention, Jerusalem, 1963</i> , ed. A. Kindler, Tel Aviv–Jerusalem, 1967.
IOS	<i>Israel Oriental Studies</i>
ITQ	<i>Irish Theological Quarterly</i>
JA	<i>Journal Asiatique</i>
JAOS	<i>Journal of the American Oriental Society</i>
JBL	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
JBR	<i>Journal of Bible and Religion</i>
JCOI	<i>Journal of the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute</i>
JCS	<i>Journal of Cuneiform Studies</i>
JHS	<i>Journal of Hellenic Studies</i>
JJS	<i>Journal of Jewish Studies</i>
JNES	<i>Journal of Near Eastern Studies</i>
JQR	<i>Jewish Quarterly Review</i>
JSOR	<i>Journal of the Society of Oriental Research</i>
JSOT	<i>Journal for the Study of the Old Testament</i>
JSS	<i>Journal of Semitic Studies</i>
JTS	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i>
KAI	H. Donner and W. Röllig, <i>Kanaanäische und aramäische Inschriften</i> . 2nd edn. Wiesbaden, 1968
KAT	Kommentar zum Alten Testament, ed. E. Sellin.
KD	<i>Kerygma und Dogma</i>
Leš	<i>Lešonénu</i>
MDOG	<i>Mitteilungen der deutschen Orient-Gesellschaft</i>
MIO	<i>Mitteilungen des Instituts für Orientforschung</i>
MPAIBL	<i>Mémoires présentés à l'Académie des inscriptions et belles-lettres</i>
MVAG	<i>Mitteilungen der vorderasiatisch-ägyptischen Gesellschaft</i>
NC	<i>Numismatic Chronicle</i>
NNM	<i>Numismatic Notes and Monographs</i>
NTS	<i>New Testament Studies</i>
OIP	Oriental Institute Publications
OLZ	<i>Orientalische Literaturzeitung</i>
Or.Ant	<i>Oriens antiquus</i>
Or	<i>Orientalia</i> (Rome)
OTS	<i>Oudtestamentische Studiën</i>
PAAJR	<i>Proceedings of the American Academy of Jewish Research</i>
PEFQS	<i>Palestine Exploration Fund, Quarterly Statement</i>
PEQ	<i>Palestine Exploration Quarterly</i>

PJ	<i>Palästina-Jahrbuch</i>
PW	Pauly-Wissowa, <i>Real-Encyclopädie der classischen Altertumswissenschaft</i>
PSBA	<i>Proceedings of the Society of Biblical Archaeology</i>
QDAP	<i>Quarterly of the Department of Antiquities in Palestine</i>
RAL	<i>Rendiconti Accademia Nazionale de Lincei</i>
RB	<i>Revue biblique</i>
RE	<i>Realencyklopädie für protestantische Theologie und Kirche</i>
REg	<i>Revue d'égyptologie</i>
REG	<i>Revue des études grecques</i>
REJ	<i>Revue des études juives</i>
RES	<i>Répertoire d'épigraphie sémitique</i>
RevQ	<i>Revue de Qumran</i>
RGVV	Religionsgeschichtliche Versuche und Vorarbeiten
RHR	<i>Revue de l'histoire des religions</i>
RLA	<i>Reallexikon der Assyriologie und vorderasiatischen Archäologie</i>
RN	<i>Revue Numismatique</i>
RJO	<i>Rivista degli studi orientali</i>
RJR	<i>Recherches de science religieuse</i>
SAW	<i>Sitzungsberichte der österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften</i>
SBO	<i>Studia Biblica et Orientalia</i>
SBT	Studies in Biblical Theology
ScEccl	<i>Sciences ecclésiastiques</i>
SchTU	<i>Schweizerische theologische Umschau</i>
SCO	<i>Studi classici e orientali</i>
SE	Seleucid Era
SEÁ	<i>Svensk exegetisk årsbok</i>
SH	Studia Hellenistica
SJT	<i>Scottish Journal of Theology</i>
SPAW	<i>Sitzungsberichte der preussischen Akademie der Wissenschaften</i>
ST	<i>Studia Theologica</i>
TbZ	<i>Theologische Zeitschrift</i>
TLZ	<i>Theologische Literaturzeitung</i>
TPQ	<i>Theologisch-Praktische Quartalschrift</i>
TRu	<i>Theologische Rundschau</i>
TRev	<i>Theologische Revue</i>
TWNT	G. Kittel and G. Friedrich (eds.), <i>Theologisches Wörterbuch zum Neuen Testament</i>
TynBull	<i>Tyndale Bulletin</i>
TZ	<i>Theologische Zeitschrift</i>
VD	<i>Verbum domini</i>
VDI	<i>Vestnik Drevnei Istorii</i>

Vf	<i>Verkündigung und Forschung</i>
VT	<i>Vetus Testamentum</i>
VTSup	<i>Vetus Testamentum, Supplement</i>
WMANT	Wissenschaftliche Monographien zum Alten und Neuen Testament
WO	<i>Die Welt des Orients</i>
WZKM	<i>Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde des Morgenlandes</i>
WZLeipzig	<i>Wissenschaftliche Zeitschrift der Karl-Marx Universität, Leipzig</i>
ZA	<i>Zeitschrift für Assyriologie</i>
ZAS	<i>Zeitschrift für ägyptische Sprache und Altertumskunde</i>
ZAW	<i>Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>
ZDMG	<i>Zeitschrift der deutschen morgenländischen Gesellschaft</i>
ZDPV	<i>Zeitschrift des deutschen Palästina-Vereins</i>
ZKG	<i>Zeitschrift für Kirchengeschichte</i>
ZKT	<i>Zeitschrift für katholische Theologie</i>
ZST	<i>Zeitschrift für systematische Theologie</i>
ZTK	<i>Zeitschrift für Theologie und Kirche</i>