

Contents

Preface: In memoriam Géza G. Xeravits (1971–2019) — VII

Part 1: Old Testament and Early Judaism

Thomas Hieke

“From the Heavens, From the Earth”: Structure and Messages of Psalm 148 — 3

Stefan Beyerle

Different Texts and Different Interpretations of “Exile” — 29

Matthew Goff

Effaced and Naturalized Modes of Jewish Reading: The Judah and Tamar Story (*Genesis 38*), the *Book of Jubilees*, and Robert Alter — 45

Part 2: Qumran

John J. Collins

The Two Spirits and the Origin of Evil — 63

John Kampen

Reading Instruction as a Sectarian Composition — 75

Peter Porzig

Thoughts on the Way towards “Prolegomena” to an *Introduction to the Writings of the Dead Sea Scrolls*: Preliminary Reflections on the Categorization and Nomenclature of the Dead Sea Scrolls — 93

Balázs Tamási

Levi, Levites and Worship in Qumran — 107

Réka Esztári

Children Confined in the House of Darkness: An Akkadian Incantation Ritual of the Stillborn — 119

Part 3: Deuterocanonica

Beate Ego and Lucas Brum Teixeira

“Narrate omnia mirabilia eius” (Tob 12:20 Vg): Jerome’s Vulgate Version of Tobit as a *Wundergeschichte* — 153

Francis M. Macatangay

The Rhetorical Function of Burying the Dead in the Book of Tobit — 161

Tobias Nicklas

Das Wortfeld „Sterben“ im 2. Makkabäerbuch — 177

Maria Brütti

The Topic of Intercession in Second Temple Judaism: Between 2 Maccabees and 4 Ezra — 189

Benjamin G. Wright

What’s in a Name?: The Book of Ben Sira and Its Paratexts — 207

Friedrich V. Reiterer

Des Menschen Wohltat und Gottes Wohlwollen: Aspekte der Anthropologie und Theologie Ben Siras — 223

Pancratius C. Beentjes

“Better”—Proverbs in the Book of Ben Sira: Typology, Position, Topics, and Distribution over the Book — 241

Angelo Passaro

“When the Lord Created His Works from the Beginning” (Sir 16:26a): Study of Sir 16:26–17:14 — 255

Nuria Calduch-Benages

“Pillars of Gold on Plinths of Silver...” (Sir 26:18): Female Body Imagery in Ben Sira — 265

Severino Bussino

Ben Sira 36:18–37:15: the Art of Choosing — 283

Jeremy Corley

The Enigma of the Judges in Ben Sira 46: 11–12 — 315

Otto Mulder
Bethesda in Sirach 50 Revised — 335

JiSeong James Kwon
Is Wisdom in Baruch 3:9–4:4 Combined with Torah? — 351

Part 4: Cognate literature

József Zsengellér
Good and Bad Angels in the *Vitae Prophetarum* — 371

Karin Schöpflin
“All Is Vanity, Saith the Preacher”: A Psalm-like Poetical Abstract of *Qohelet* in Lord Byron’s *Hebrew Melodies* — 389

Part 5: Antique Synagogue

Anders Klostergaard Petersen
An Evolutionary Perspective on Temple, Synagogue, and *Ekklēsia* with Special Focus on Paul: A Dialogue with Géza Xeravits (and several other colleagues) — 401

Bibliography of Geza G. Xeravits — 433

List of Contributors — 441

Index of Modern Authors — 443

Index of Sources — 451

Index of Subjects — 477