

A VERY BRIEF BIBLIOGRAPHY

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CHRISTIANS AND THE HEBREW BIBLE

You may want to begin or continue your studies with a THOROUGH study of the Psalms as an introduction to the Hebraic/Jewish, Messiah/Christ Spirit = Holy Spirit and the Word FROM G-d to Jews, Christians, and all humans. Untold intellectual and spiritual treasures await you and you WILL grasp the Spirit which pulsed through the life and teaching of Jesus ... that's a promise ... and Jesus invited all of us to become his disciples and live and be transparent of the same Spirit. Only through this Spirit can the biblical deity be experienced. NOT IN SERIES: • Hirsch, Samson Raphael, *The Psalms*. Rendered into English by Gertrude Hirschler. Two Volumes. New York: Philipp Feldheim, 1960, 1966 (1882). • Sabourin, L., *The Psalms: Their Origin and Meaning*. New York: Alba House, 1974. IN SERIES: **Anchor Bible**: • Dahood, M., *Psalms I:1-50*. The Anchor Bible. Garden City, New York, 1966; *Psalms II:51-100*. The Anchor Bible. Garden City, New York, 1979, 1968; *Psalms III:101-150*. The Anchor Bible. Garden City, New York, 1970. **Artscroll** • Feuer, Avrohom Chaim, *Tehillim/Psalms*. Two Volumes. Commentary from Talmudic, Midrashic and Rabbinic Sources. The Artscroll Tanach Series. Brooklyn, N.Y.: 1977. **BK** • Kraus, Hans-Joachim, *Psalms 1-150: A Commentary*. Two Volumes (1-59, 60-150). Biblischer Kommentar - translated. Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1988/89 (1978). **FOTL** • Gerstenberger, Erhard S., *Psalms. Part I with an Introduction to Cultic Poetry*. Volume XIV. The Forms of the Old Testament Literature = FOTL. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans, 1988. **ICC**: • Briggs, Charles Augustus and Emilie Grace Briggs, *A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on The Book of Psalms*. Two Volumes. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1906/07. **NCBC**: • Anderson, A. A., *The Book of Psalms*. Two Volumes (1-72, 73-150). New Century Bible Commentary. Grand Rapids/London: Eerdmans/Marshall, Morgan & Scott, 1972. **OTL**: • Weiser, Artur, *The Psalms: A Commentary*. The Old Testament Library. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1962 (1959). **Soncino**: • Cohen, A., *The Psalms: Hebrew Text & English Translations with an Introduction and Commentary*. London: The Soncino Press, 1945. **WBC**: • Craigie, Peter C., *Psalms 1-50*. Word Biblical Commentary 19. Waco, TX: Word Books, 1983. • Tate, Marvin E., *Psalms 51-100*. Word Biblical Commentary 20. Waco, TX: Word Books, 1990. • Allen, Leslie C., *Psalms 101-150*. Word Biblical Commentary 21. Waco, TX: Word Books, 1983

CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

Please, study, at least the following books as a beginning: • FLANNERY, Edward. H., *The Anguish of the Jews: Twenty-three Centuries of Anti-Semitism*. Revised and Updated. A Stimulus Book. New York/Mahwah, 1985 (Preface by John M. Oesterreicher. Quest Books. New York and London: Collier and MacMillan, 1965). • NICHOLLS, William, *Christian Antisemitism: A History of Hate*. Northvale, New Jersey/London: Jason Aronson, 1993. Then turn, e.g., to • ISAAC, Jules, *The Teaching of Contempt: Christian Roots of Anti-Semitism*. Translated by Helen Weaver. Biographical Introduction by Claire Huchet Bishop. New York/Chicago/San Francisco: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1964 (1962). • RADFORD RUETHER, Rosemary, *Faith and Fratricide: The Theological Roots of Anti-Semitism*. New York. A Crossroad Book. The Seabury Press, 1979 (1974). • LARSSON, Gören, *Fact or Fraud? The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*. Jerusalem, San Diego, Basel, Taberg, Nijkerk, Tokio, Gisborne: AMI-Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies and Research, 1994. - a very important booklet about a vicious and persistent lie. For more information write to: P.O. Box 22029, San Diego, California, 92192 U.S.A. • LUTHER, Martin, "On the Jews and Their Lies," in (1543) *Luther's Works*. Volume 47. Philadelphia: Fortress and St. Louis: Concordia, 1962) 123-306. - a vitriolic outburst written in his last year 1543 - surpassed medieval anti-Jewish horror and was read by the Nazis. What a legacy! The most important recent book is • CARROLL, James, *Constantine's Sword: The Church and the Jews. A History*. Boston, New York: Houghton Mifflin, 2001. Please, do not deprive yourself of a deep spiritual experience by not reading this book. For those who know German the best book on the topic, in my opinion, is • KRAPP, Martin, *Kein Stein bleibt auf dem anderen: Die Christliche Schuld am Antisemitismus*. Neukirchen-Vluyn: Neukirchener, 1999.

CHRISTIANS AND THE LAW-COURT PATTERN OF PRAYER

First refresh your memory by reading articles on "Covenant," esp. the one by MENDENHALL in the IDB and ABD. Then turn to the following books and read them VERY thoroughly: • LAYTNER, A., *Arguing With God: A Jewish Tradition*. Northvale, N.J.: Jason Aronson, 1990. • BLUMENTHAL, David R., *Facing the Abusing God: A Theology of Protest*. Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993. Turn to the following Psalms and study them thoroughly. LAMENTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL: Psalms 5, 6, 7, 13, 17, 22, 25, 26, 28, 31, 35, 36, 38, 39, 42, 43, 51, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59, 61, 63, 64, 69, 70, 71, 86, 88, 102, 109, 120, 130, 140, 141, 142, 143. LAMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY: Psalms 12, 44, 58, 60, 70, 77, 79, 80, 82, 83, 85, 90, 94, 106, 108, 123, 126, 137.