

Special Issue

The Bible and Ancient Mesopotamia

Message from the Guest Editor

Over the last half-century, the foci of Hebrew-Bible research have diversified dramatically. One of the trajectories that has provided valuable insights into biblical textuality is the investigation of its relationship with Sumerian, Babylonian, and Assyrian theological speculations, and literary and scientific practices. This work has shed light on the impact of Mesopotamian culture on Judean intellectual inquiry and worldviews, especially during the era of Mesopotamian domination and exile. However, the influence of Mesopotamian theological concepts and rhetorical devices on the writers of the New Testament has received limited attention. Research on the New Testament has overlooked influences from regions beyond the eastern borders of the Roman Empire. Therefore, we invite you to contribute to this Special Issue, which aims to: 1. Showcase leading-edge research on the relationship of the biblical record, predominantly the Hebrew Bible but also including the New Testament, apocryphal and pseudepigraphic writings, and the Dead Sea Scrolls, with ancient Mesopotamia; 2. Rapidly disseminate this research to a wide readership.

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