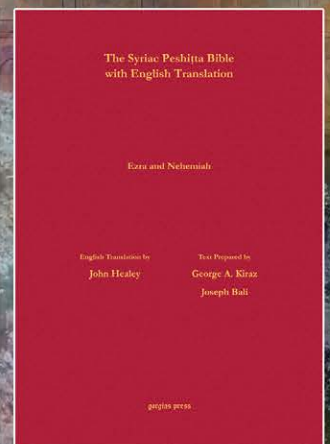
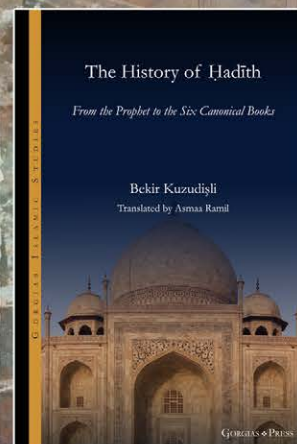
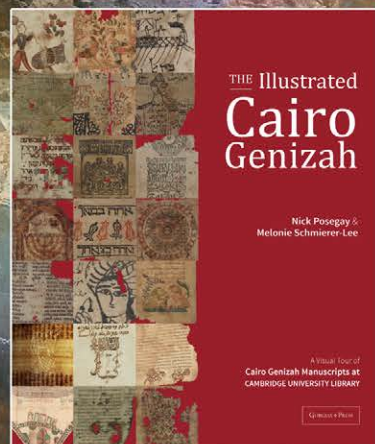
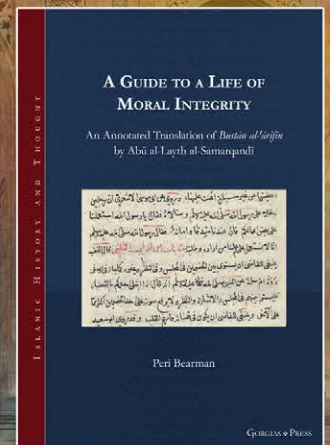
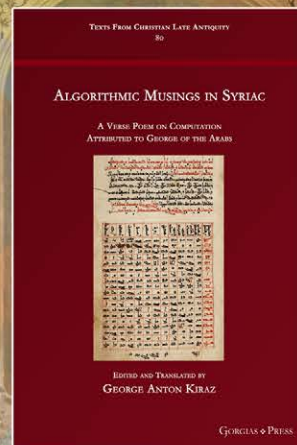
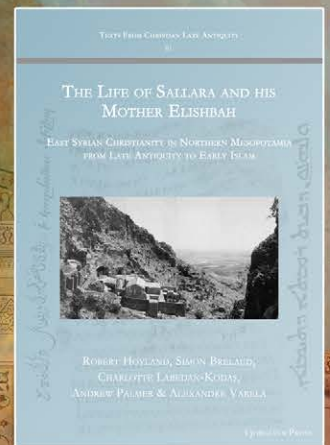
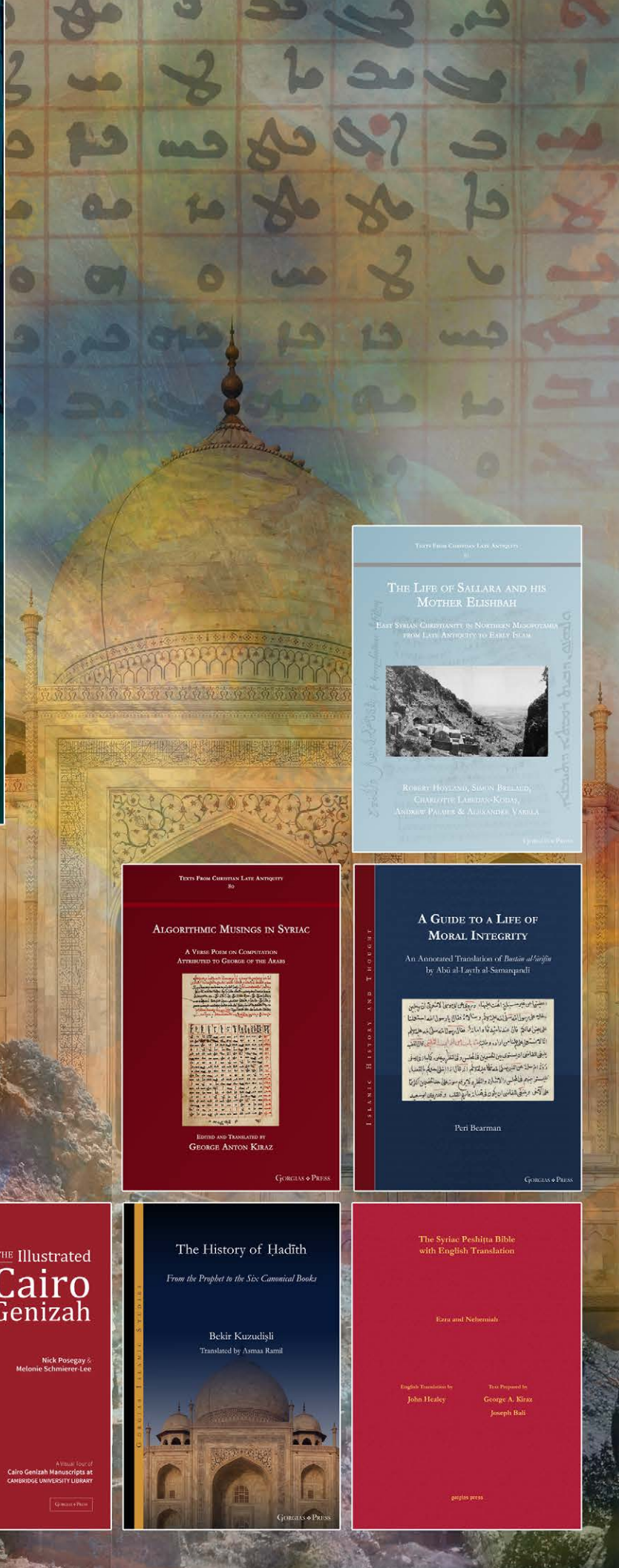




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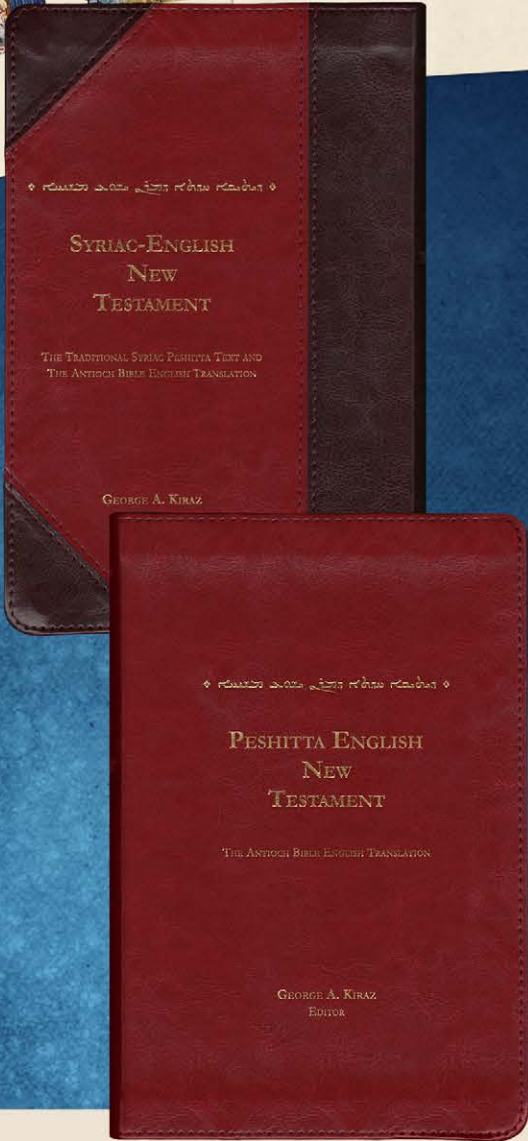
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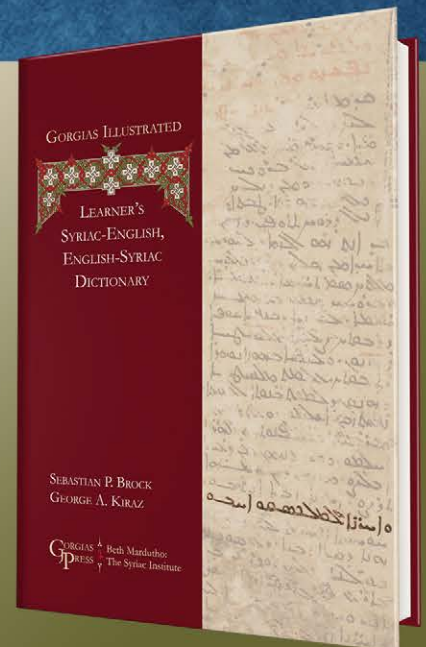


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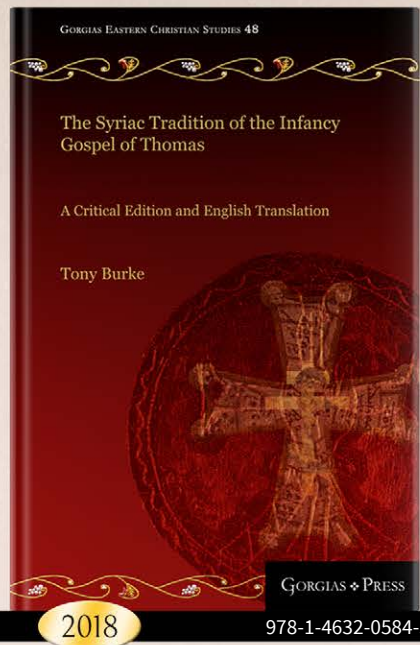
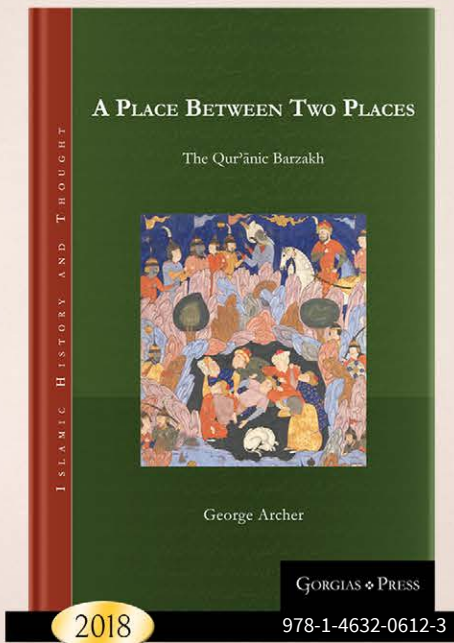
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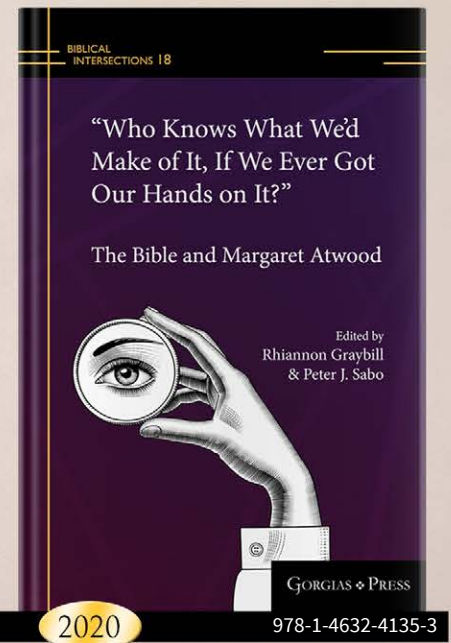
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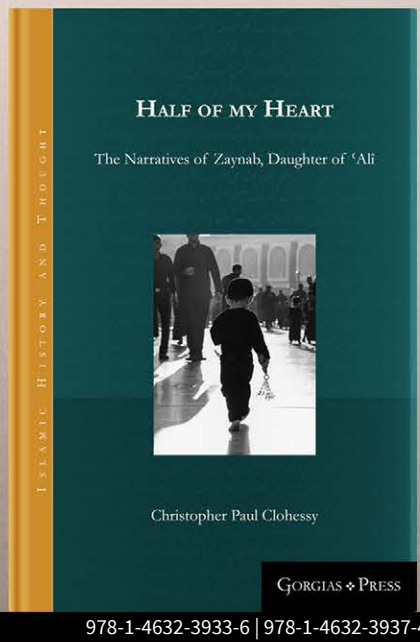
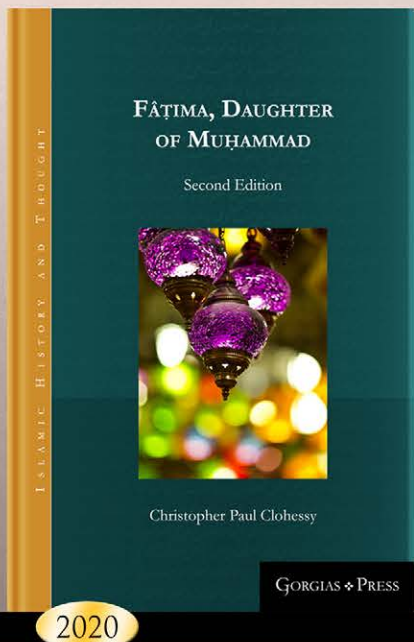
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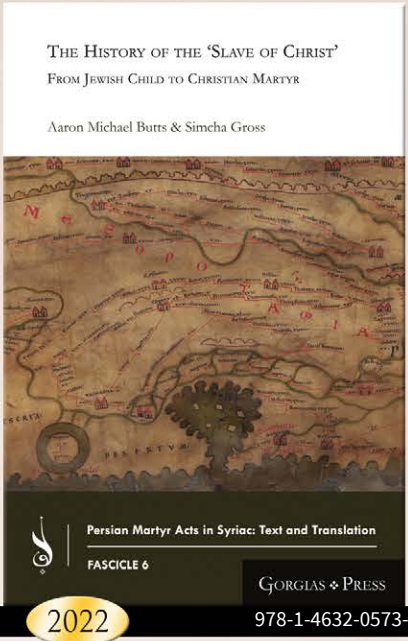
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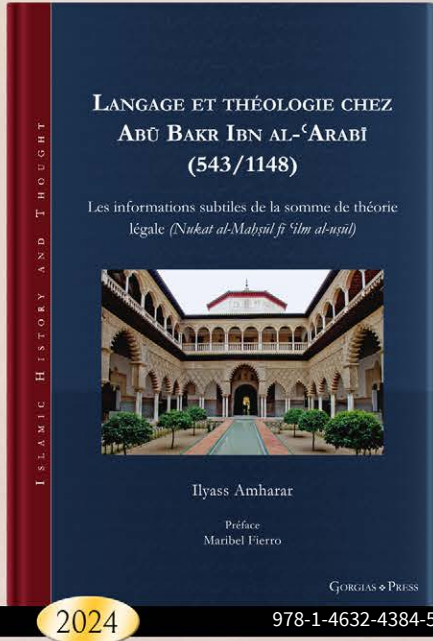
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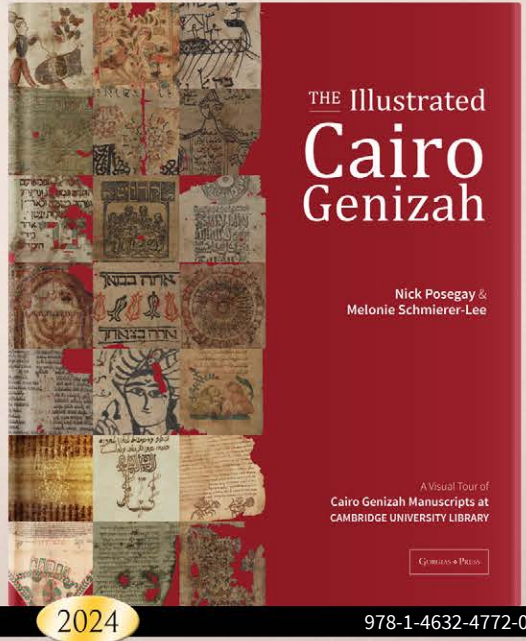
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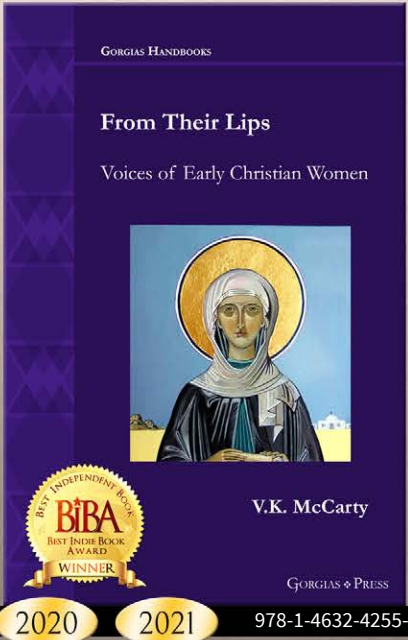
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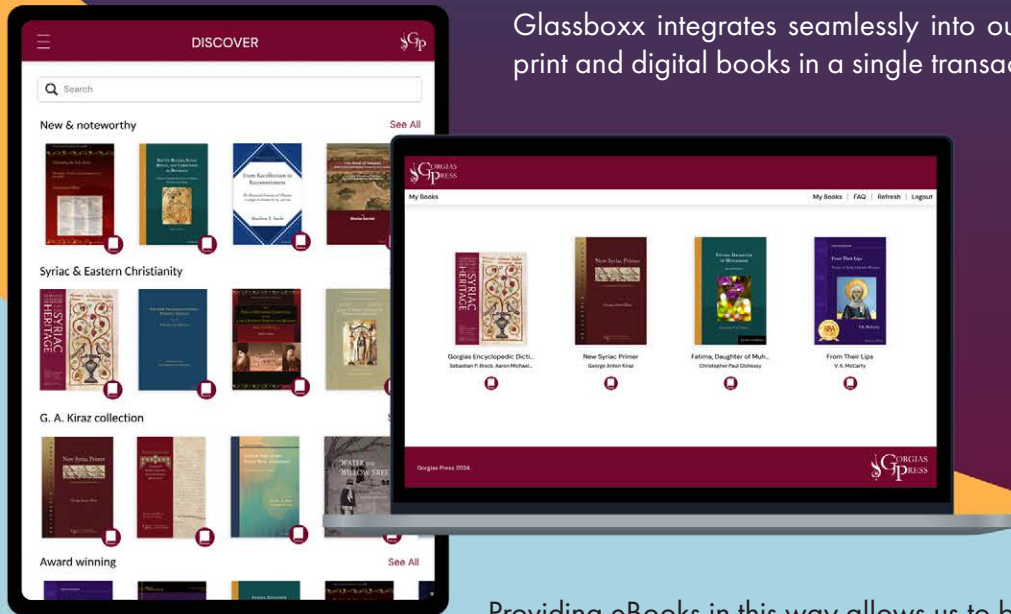
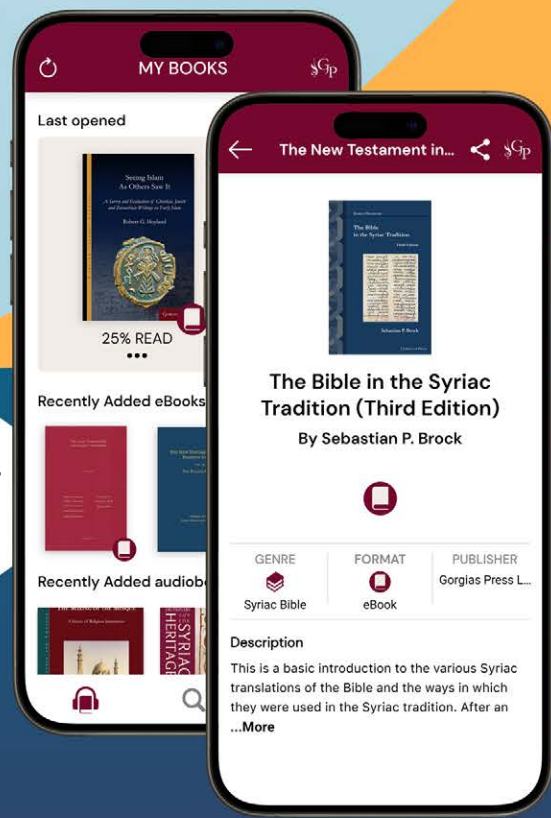
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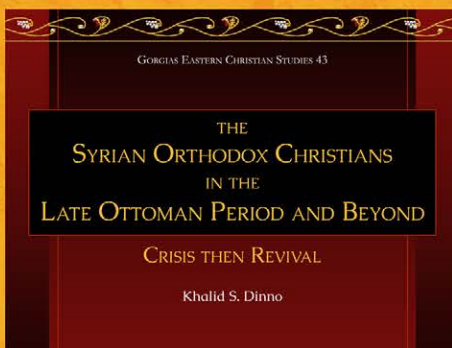
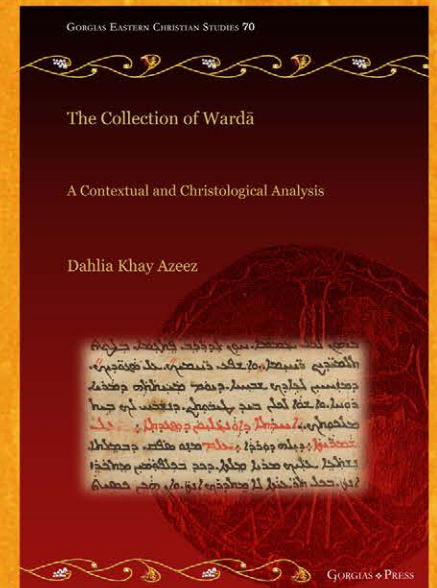
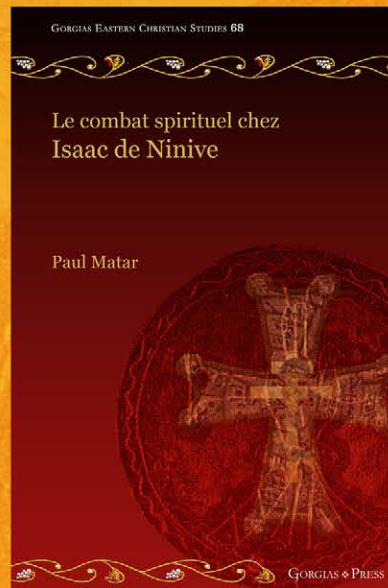
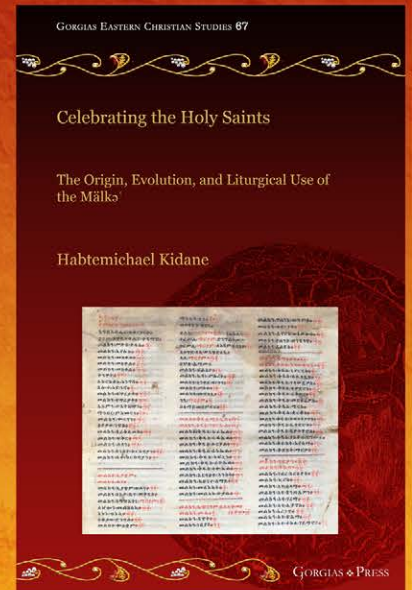
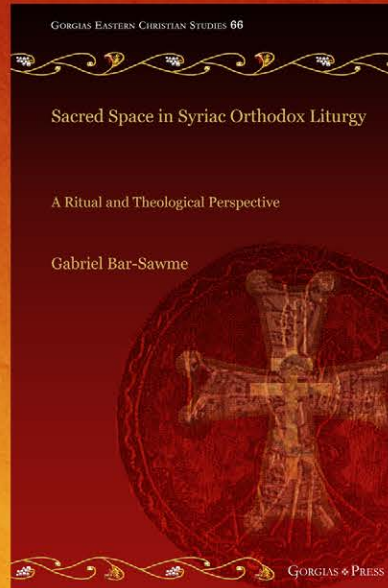
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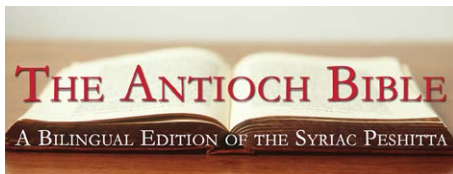
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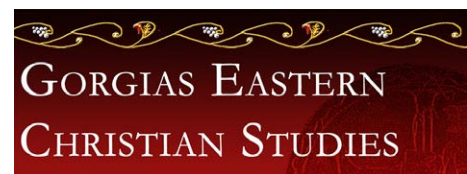
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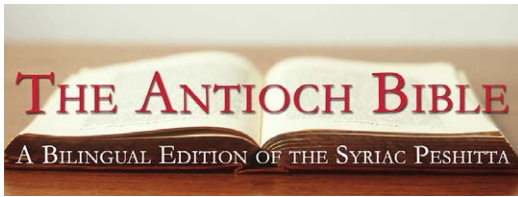
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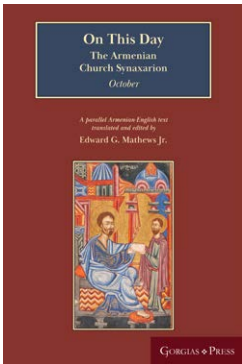
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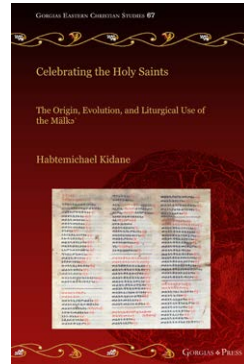
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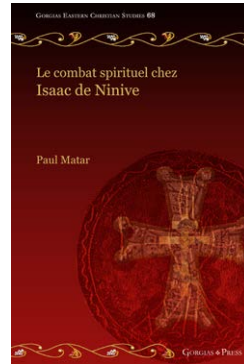


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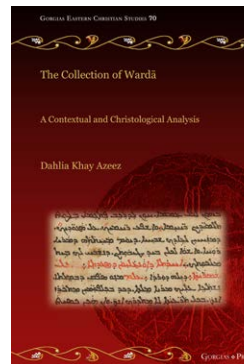


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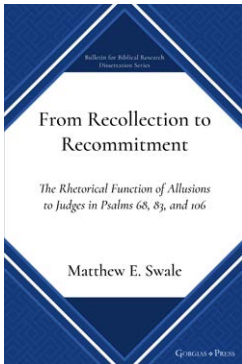
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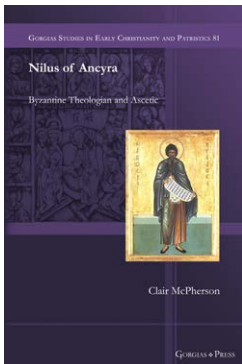
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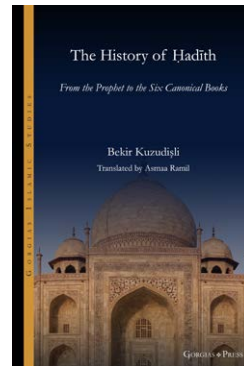
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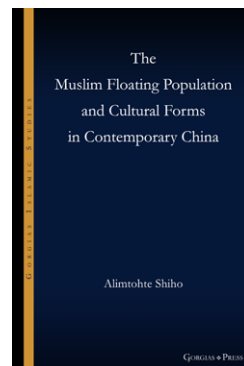
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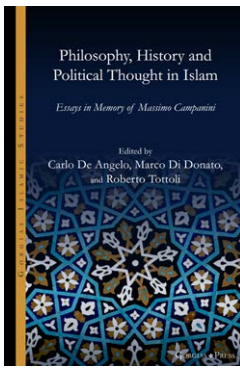


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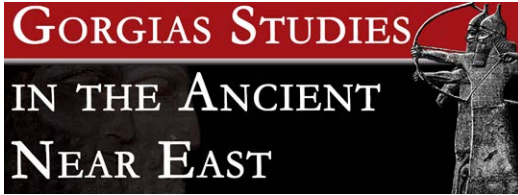
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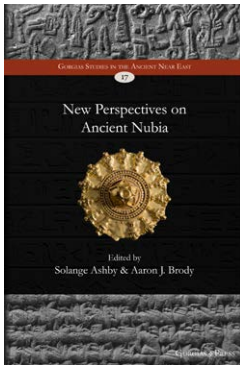
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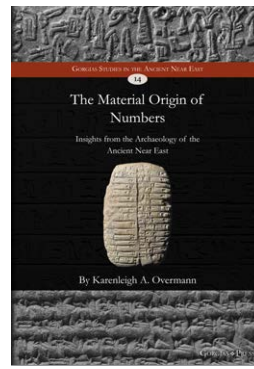


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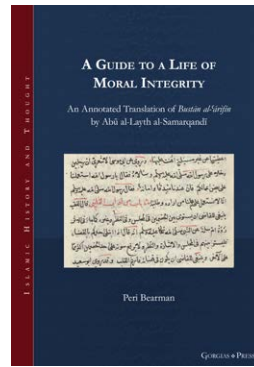
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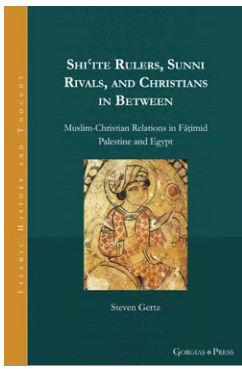
text is composed of 159 chapters, most of which open with a question about Islamic law and answer it by offering contrasting scholarly opinions and then establishing where Hanafi law stands on the question. The strong moral character of *Bustān al-ʿarīfīn* derives from the aspiration of Islam to cover every possible human contingency, from birth to death and beyond, in the grace of God. Examples of the concerns in the text are whether one can have dealings with non-Muslims, when to invoke God in prayer, staying clear of exposing oneself to suspicion, the aversion to spitting in the mosque, the interpretation of dreams, and whether it is allowed to play the tambourine, kiss a child, accept a gift from rulers, or wail for the dead. Despite its considerable currency among past and present-day Muslims, little study has been devoted to *Bustān al-ʿarīfīn*, much less a translation. The translation of the text is accompanied by an introduction to its literary and historical contexts and an accessible commentary exploring the larger themes encountered in the work.

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Shi'ite Rulers, Sunni Rivals, and Christians in Between

Muslim-Christian Relations in Fatimid Palestine and Egypt

By Steven Gertz

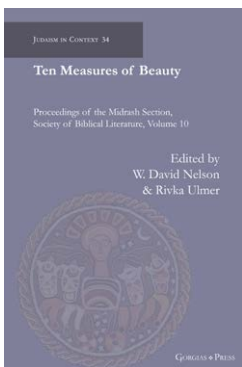
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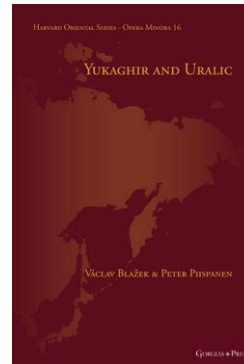
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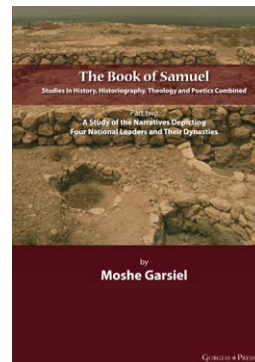
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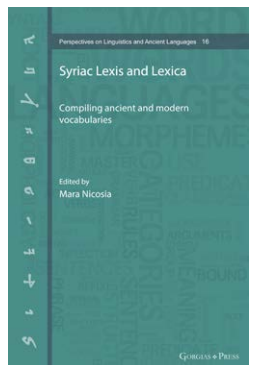
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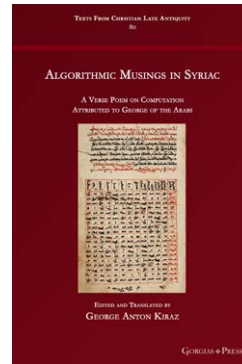
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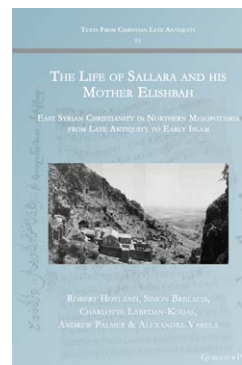
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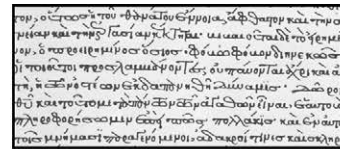
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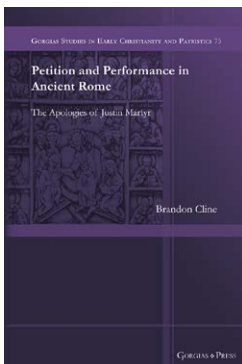


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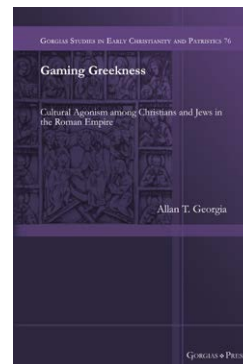
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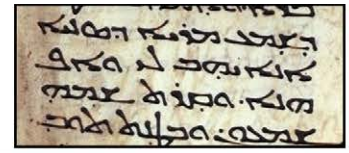
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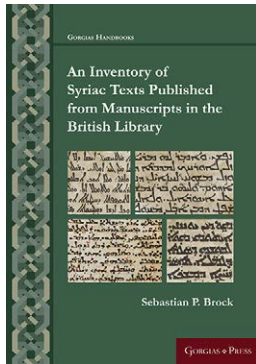
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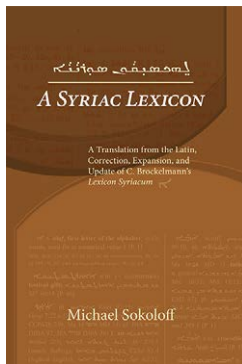


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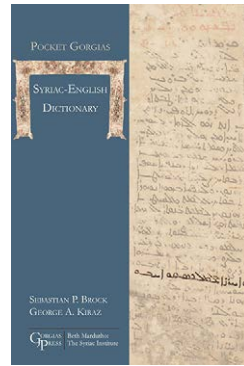
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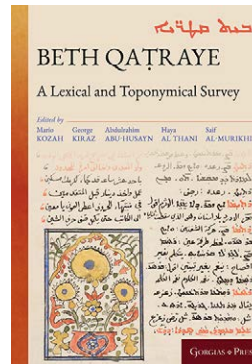


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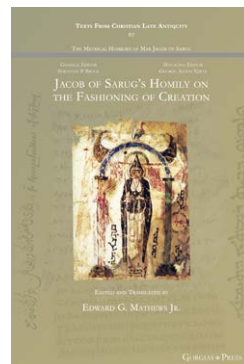
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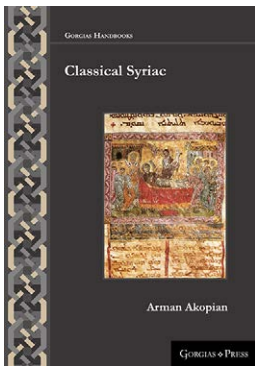


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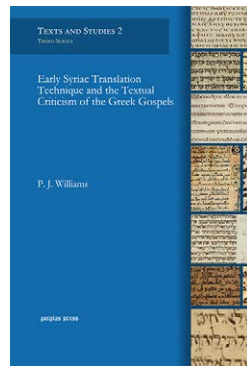
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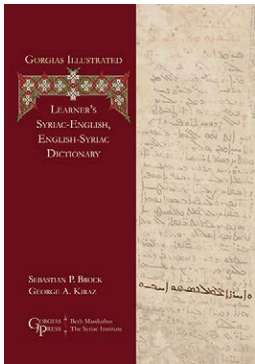


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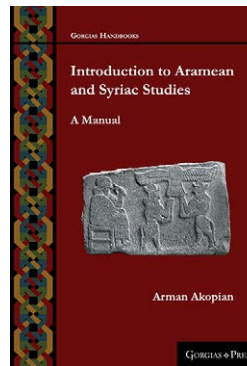


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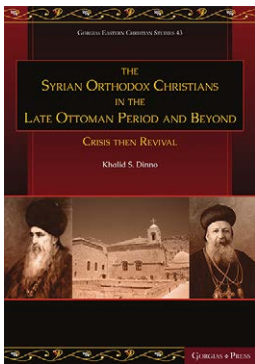


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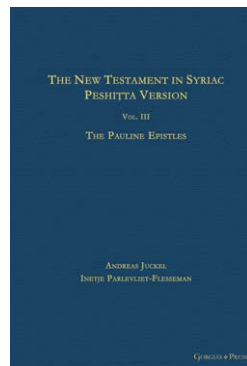


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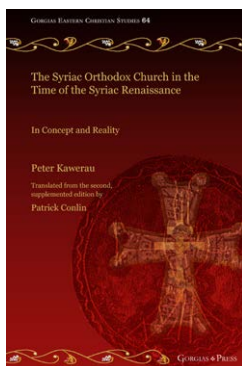
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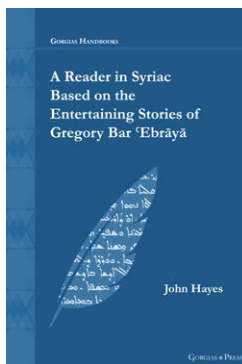
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The Syriac Orthodox Church experienced a revival of writing and theological insight during the 11th – 13th centuries known as the Syriac Renaissance. Authors like Bar ‘Ebroyo, Michael I Rabo (Michael the Great) and Dionysios Bar Salibi authored their own original works and translated Greek and Arabic writings into Syriac. However, then as now, grand ecclesiastical plans sometimes fell short of real life application. This time period was also a significant one in secular history, with Crusaders, Muslims, and Mongol khans battling for control of the Middle East. After scouring the available Syriac chronicles from the Syriac Renaissance, Peter Kawerau has summarized both the stated ideals and lived realities of ecclesiastic structures and interactions between Syriac-speaking Christians and their neighbors of other traditions and faiths. This translation, based on Kawerau’s 1960 edition, updates some of the language used and makes this work available to English speaking students, scholars, and interested laity.

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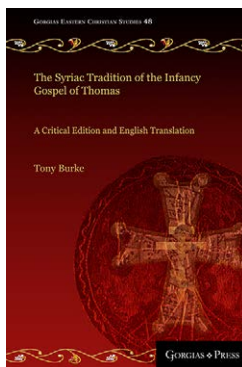


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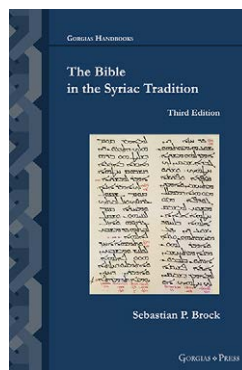
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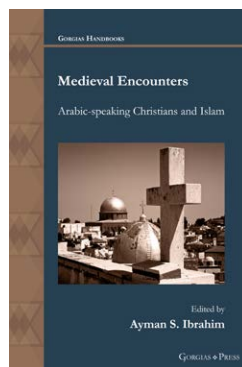


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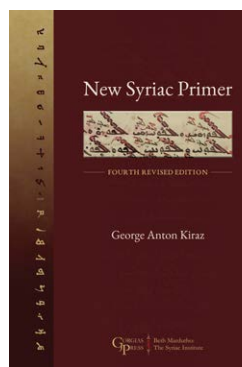
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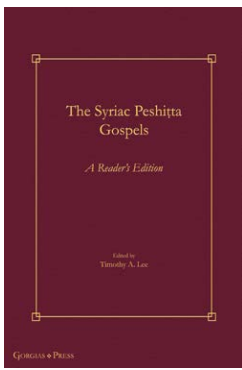
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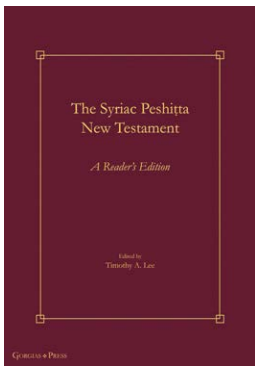
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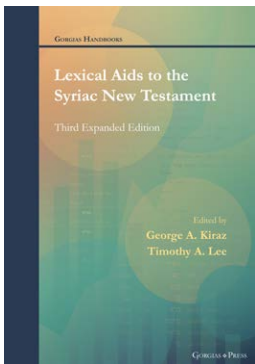
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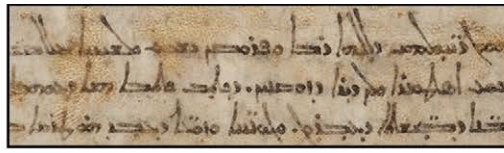
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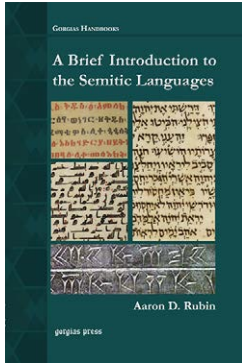
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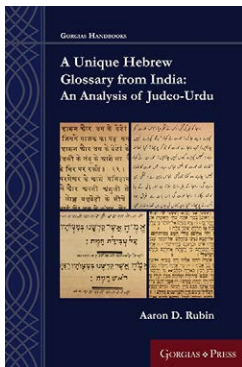


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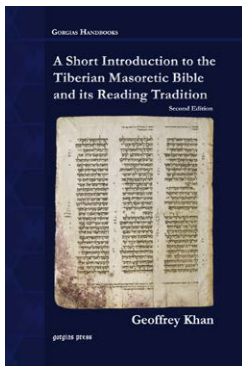
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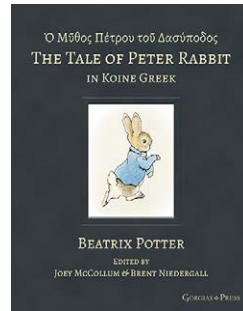


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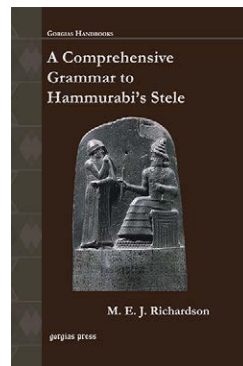


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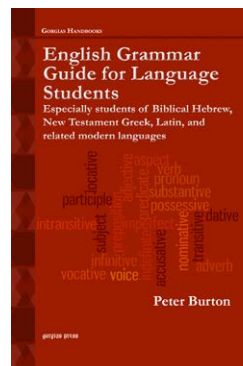


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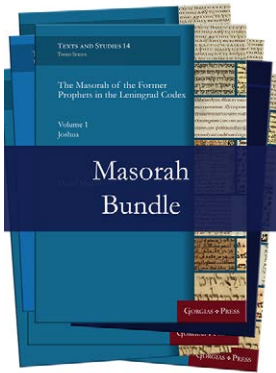
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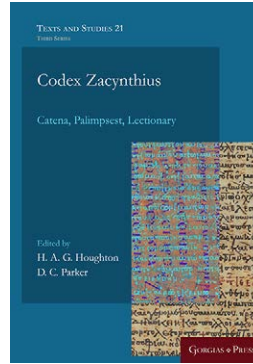


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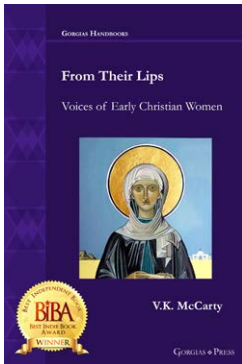


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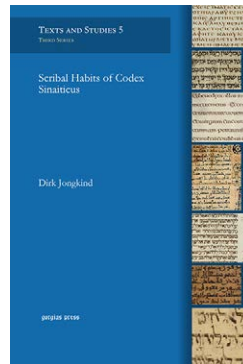


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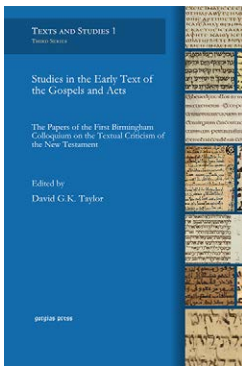


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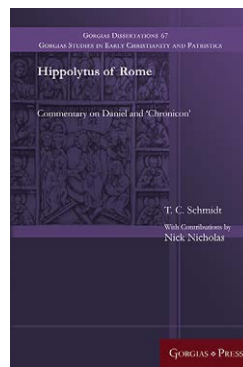


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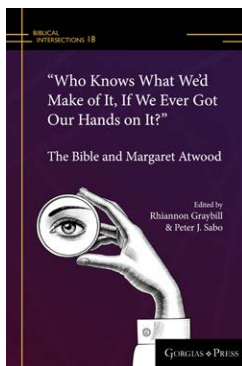


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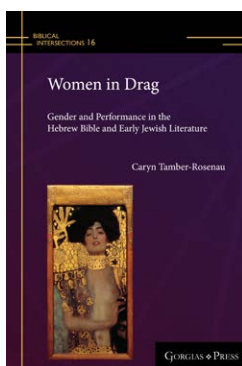


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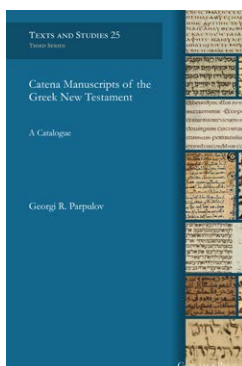


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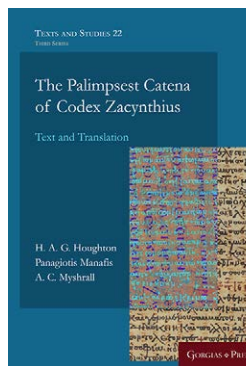


Catena Manuscripts of the Greek New Testament

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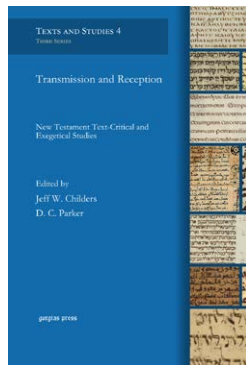


The Palimpsest Catena of Codex Zacynthius

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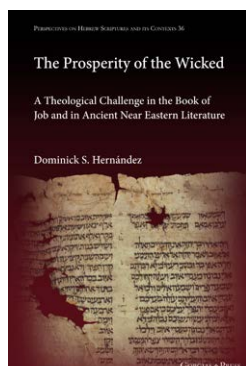


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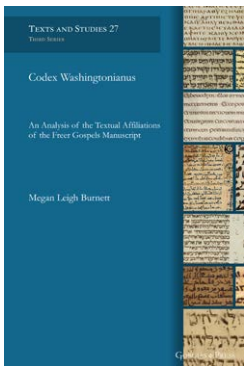


The Prosperity of the Wicked
A Theological Challenge in the Book of Job and in Ancient Near Eastern Literature

By Dominick S. Hernández

Does Job convincingly argue against a fixed system of just retribution by proclaiming the prosperity of the wicked—an assertion that distinctly runs contrary to traditional biblical and ancient Near Eastern wisdom? This study addresses this question, giving careful consideration to the rhetoric, imagery, and literary devices used to treat the issue of the fate of the wicked in Job’s first two rounds of dialogue, where the topic is predominantly disputed. The analysis will glean from related biblical and non-biblical texts in order to expose how Job deals with this fascinating subject and reveal the grandeur of the composition.

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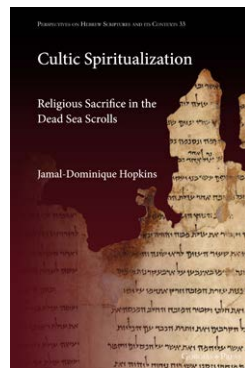


Codex Washingtonianus
An Analysis of the Textual Affiliations of the Freer Gospels Manuscript
By Megan Leigh Burnett

Codex Washingtonianus: An Analysis of the Textual Affiliations of the Freer Gospels Manuscript draws a text-critical picture of one of the most complex Greek manuscripts of the Gospels. The monograph presents a detailed examination of the textual features of Codex Washingtonianus in all

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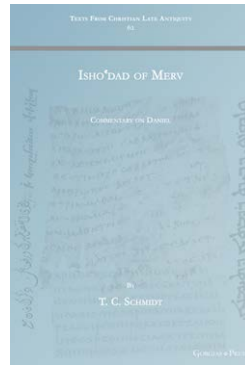
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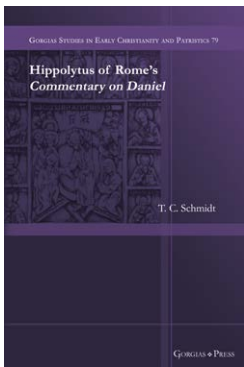


Isho'dad of Merv
Commentary on Daniel
By T. C. Schmidt

Isho'dad of Merv's (fl. 850 AD) Commentary on Daniel provides an important witness to East Syriac exegetical technique. In it Isho'dad typically emphasizes an historical reading of the Old Testament above any kind of allegorical, spiritual, or even Christological interpretation. Most notable is Isho'dad's belief

that the Maccabees fulfilled several of the visions described in the book of Daniel, even including the Heavenly Kingdom of Daniel chapters 2, 7, and 8, and the physical resurrection of Daniel 12. These interpretations dramatically depart from most eastern and western commentators who considered Daniel's visions to portend the rise of the Roman Empire and the advent of Christ. Isho'dad's commentary is translated here into English for the first time.

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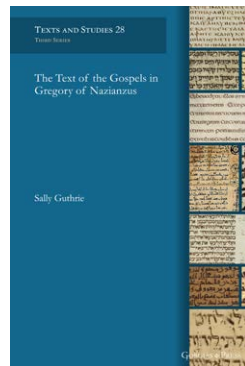


Hippolytus of Rome's
Commentary on Daniel
By T. C. Schmidt

In his *Commentary on Daniel*, one of the earliest surviving Christian commentaries, Hippolytus interprets the deeds and visions of Daniel against the backdrop of contemporary Roman persecution and eschatological expectations, thus providing much information about Christian affairs in the early third century.

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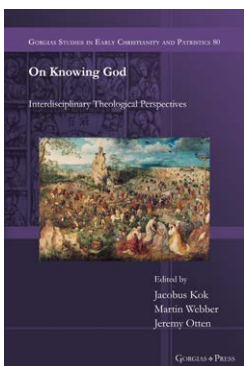


The Text of the Gospels in
Gregory of Nazianzus
By Sally Guthrie

The fourth-century archbishop Gregory of Nazianzus was one of the most influential and widely-read authors of his time, but because the majority of his output was in poetic form he has rarely been treated as a source for the biblical text. The present study brings together all the identifiable references to the Gospels in

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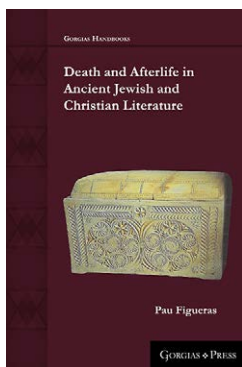
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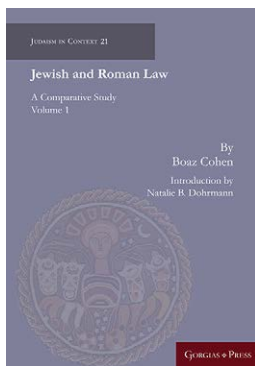
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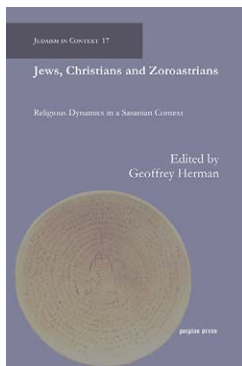
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Classical rabbinic law grew up in the shadow of the Roman empire, and must be understood in relationship to its legal legacy. Yet few, especially in the anglophone world, have mastered both corpuses—the remarkable Boaz Cohen was one; an undisputed pioneer,

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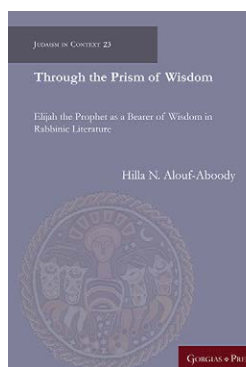
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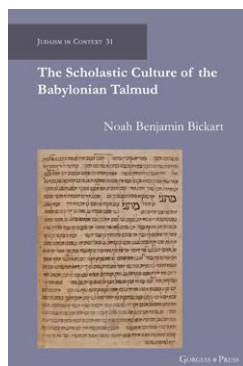
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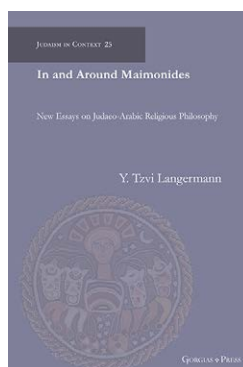


The Scholastic Culture of the Babylonian Talmud

By Noah Benjamin Bickart

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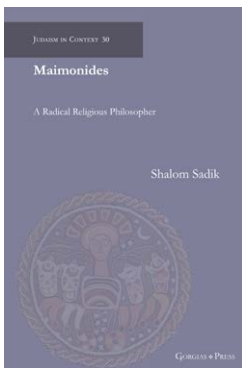
New Essays on Judaeo-Arabic Religious Philosophy

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R. Abraham) with whom Maimonides' views are in conversation; an unnamed scholar mocked by Maimonides; Judah Halevi, a major figure in Andalusian Judaeo-Arabic culture with whom Maimonides is often contrasted; and Maimonides' Yemeni commentators, who wrote marginalia, sometimes long and detailed, in the margins of manuscripts, around the text of the Guide. These studies offer new and important insights into the thought of Maimonides on a variety of issues, such as the nature and purpose of prophecy or the capacity of humans to better themselves morally, as well as his reception and interpretation in the Arabic speaking world.

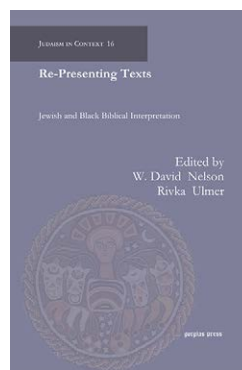
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By Shalom Sadik

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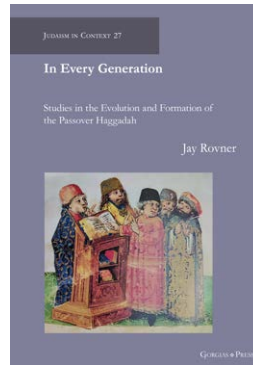
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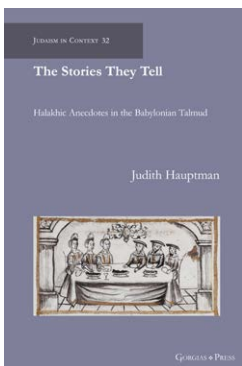
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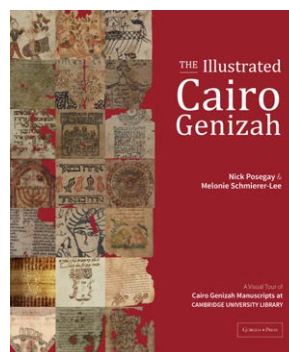
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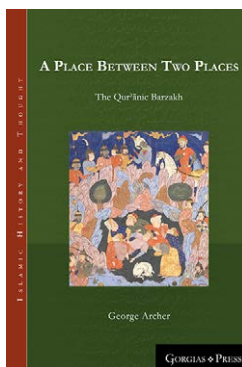
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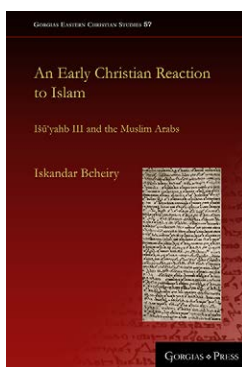
A Place Between Two Places

The Qur'anic Barzakh

By George Archer

What happens after death but before the final resurrection? This is the intermediate state. For most Muslims, it is called the *barzakh*, and it is a fantastical and frightening time in the grave. Throughout history and today this belief has been discussed and expressed in many forms: from Sūfī dreamscapes to theological tests of orthodoxy. But where does the *barzakh* come from first? In *A Place Between Two Places: The Qur'anic Barzakh*, George Archer reconstructs the *barzakh*'s early history. Analyzing sixteen of the Qur'ān's *sūras* in search of oral formulae, subtextual hints, and concentric parallelisms, the early *barzakh* is exposed as a response to the saint cults of late antiquity, and most especially, the cult of the divine Christ. From here, the Qur'ānic vision of the *barzakh* is traced forward through later prophetic biographies, Islamic architecture, and the *ḥadīth* literature in order to show how the *barzakh* developed into the distinctive eschatological claims of the Islamic Middle Ages.

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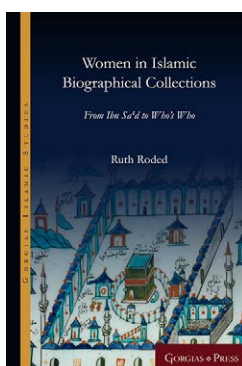
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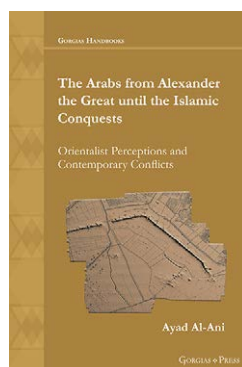
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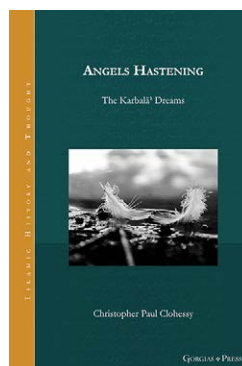
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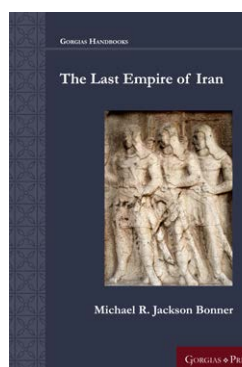
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The Karbalā' Dreams

By Christopher Paul Clohessy

When, on an autumn Medina night in 61/680, the night that saw al-Ḥusayn killed, Umm Salama was torn from her sleep by an apparition of a long-dead Muḥammad, she slipped effortlessly into a progression of her co-religionists who, irrespective of status, gender or standing with God, were the recipients of dark and arresting visions. At the core of those Delphian dreams, peopled by angels or *ḡinn* or esteemed forbears, and textured with Iraqi dust and martyrs' blood, was the Karbalā' event. Her dream would be recounted by an array of Muslim scholars, from al-Tirmidī, stellar pupil of al-Buḥārī, and Ibn 'Asākir, untiring chronicler of Syrian history, to bibliophile theologian Ibn Ṭā'ūs and Egyptian polymath al-Suyūṭī. But this was not Umm Salama's only otherworldly encounter and she was not the only one to have al-Ḥusayn's fate disturb her nights. This is their story.

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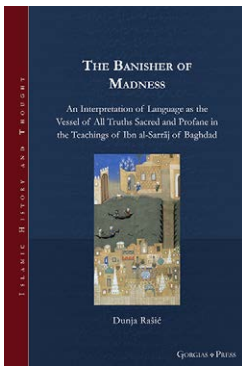


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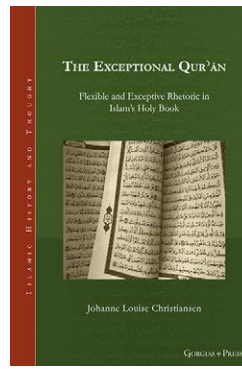
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 By Dunja Rašić

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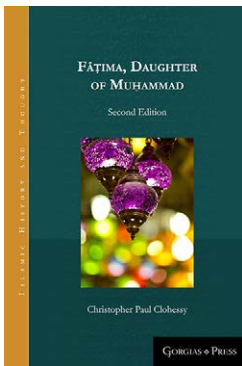
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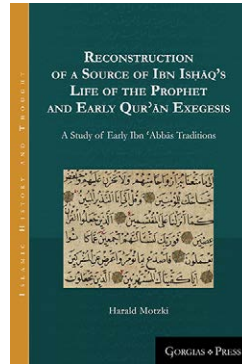
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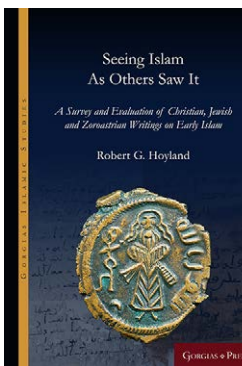
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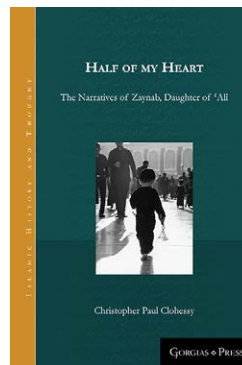
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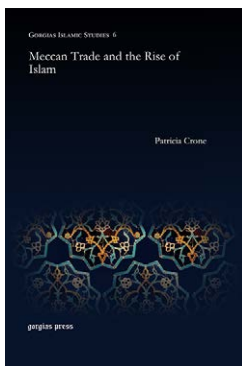
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Half of my Heart
The Narratives of Zaynab, Daughter of ‘Alī
 By Christopher Paul Clohessy

As Abū ‘Abd Allāh al-Ḥusayn, son of ‘Alī and Fāṭima, and grandson of Muḥammad, moved inexorably towards death on the field of Karbalā’, his sister Zaynab was drawn ever closer to the centre of the family of Muḥammad, the “people of the house” (*ahl al-bayt*). There she would remain for a few historic days, challenging the wickedness of the Islamic leadership, defending the actions of her brother, initiating the commemorative rituals, protecting and nurturing the new Imām, al-Ḥusayn’s son ‘Alī b. al-Ḥusayn b. ‘Alī b. Abī Ṭālib, until he could take his rightful place. This is her story.

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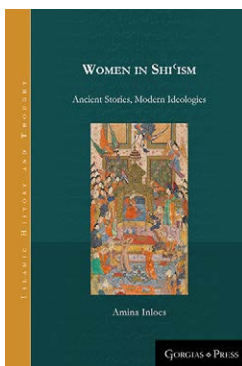


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By Patricia Crone

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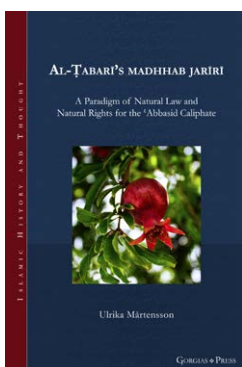
Women in Shi'ism

Ancient Stories, Modern Ideologies

By Amina Inloes

What is the nature and social role of women? In today's Shi'ism, these questions are often answered through the "separate-but-equal" ideology which emphasizes the role of women as wives and mothers, and places men in authority. But is this the only ideology which can be derived from Shi' scriptural sources? This book takes a more nuanced approach to that question by exploring how women are portrayed in hadith on ancient sacred narrative – the stories of the prophets.

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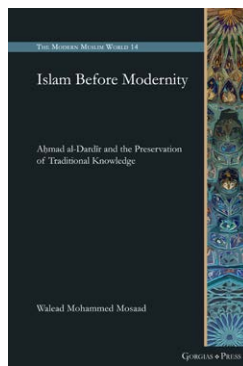
Al-Ṭabarī's madhhab jarīrī

A Paradigm of Natural Law and Natural Rights for the 'Abbasid Caliphate

By Ulrika Mårtensson

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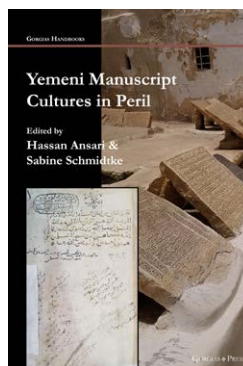
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This book examines the role of tradition and discursive knowledge transmission on the formation of the 'ulamā', the learned scholarly class in Islam, and their approach to the articulation of the Islamic disciplines.

This book argues that a useful framework for evaluating the intellectual contributions of post-classical scholars such as Aḥmad ibn Muḥammad al-Dardīr involves preserving, upholding, and maintaining the Islamic tradition, including the intellectual "sub-traditions" that came to define it.

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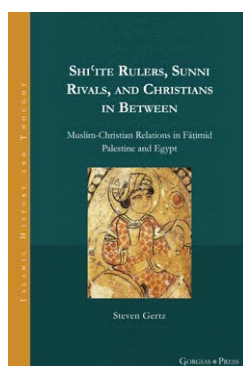


Yemeni Manuscript Cultures in Peril

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The most significant and by far largest collections of Zaydi manuscripts are housed by the many public and private libraries of Yemen, an endangered cultural heritage tradition, currently at risk due to the conflict and warfare in Yemen. The contributions brought together in this volume address a wide spectrum of aspects concerning Yemeni manuscript cultures, with some focusing on their history and present state within Yemen and others discussing the collections of manuscripts of Yemeni provenance in Europe and elsewhere.

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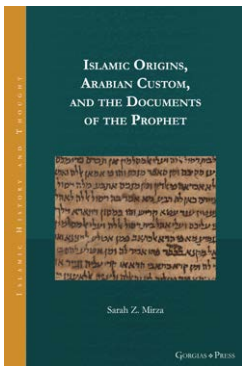
Muslim-Christian Relations in Fatimid Palestine and Egypt

By Steven Gertz

The study of sectarianism in Islam and the study of Muslim-Christian relations are both sub-specialities attracting growing numbers of scholars in Islamic studies. Rarely, though, are these two fields put into direct conversation with

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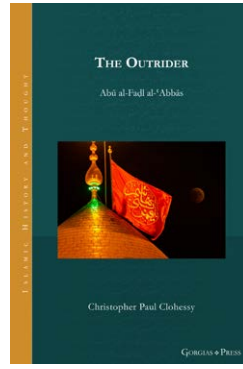


Islamic Origins, Arabian Custom, and the Documents of the Prophet

By Sarah Z. Mirza

Early Islamic historical literature attributes several hundred pragmatic documents to the Prophet Muḥammad. The consistent use of epistolary and legal formulae, which are found only in these documents, encourages us to treat these texts as a corpus. In addition to consistent terminology, formulaic structure, and formulae, these texts show remarkable stability through transmission. A comparison of these texts with Umayyad and ‘Abbasid papyri reveals that the Prophet’s documents reflect obsolete or otherwise unattested formulae. This study will demonstrate through three case studies the particular functions of these documents in the history of social relations in late antique Arabia.

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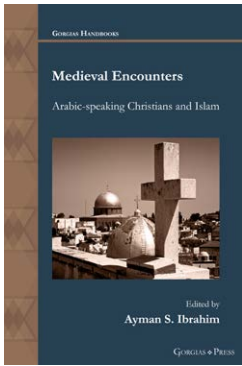
The Outrider

Abū al-Faḍl al-‘Abbās

By Christopher Paul Clohessy

Eldest son of ‘Alī b. Abī Ṭālib and his wife Umm al-Banīn, and named in part for his leonine qualities, Abū al-Faḍl al-‘Abbās lived in a virtuous cycle with his half-brother al-Ḥusayn, as they nurtured and fuelled each other’s history. Al-Ḥusayn found in al-‘Abbās a champion, a standard bearer, and a diplomat whom he could entrust with hazardous and exacting missions. For his part, al-‘Abbās remains elusive and enigmatic, constantly hiding behind al-Ḥusayn as though not wanting to draw attention to himself, a man of few words although the first to speak when necessary, wordlessly valiant. Iconic and archetypal in his unwavering stand for justice, his popularity among his devotees remains incalculable, as year by year the lofty moments of his life and heroic death are persistently retold in a variety of Shī‘ī liturgical settings. This is his story.

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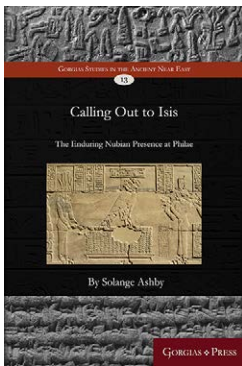
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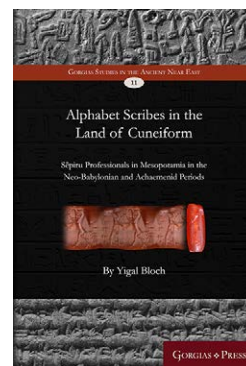
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By Solange Ashby

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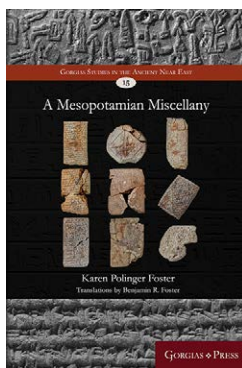
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Sēpiru Professionals in Mesopotamia in the Neo-Babylonian and Achaemenid Periods

By Yigal Bloch

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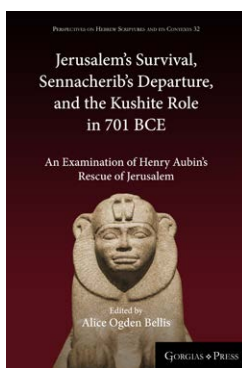


A Mesopotamian Miscellany

By Karen Polinger Foster;
Translation by Benjamin R. Foster

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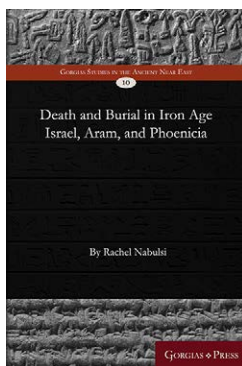


Jerusalem's Survival, Sennacherib's Departure, and the Kushite Role in 701 BCE

An Examination of Henry Aubin's Rescue of Jerusalem
By Paul Robertson

In 2002, award-winning Canadian journalist Henry T. Aubin published *The Rescue of Jerusalem: The Alliance Between Hebrews and Africans in 701 BC*, exploring Jerusalem's survival in the face of an Assyrian invasion of the Levant. The rationale for a book-length collection devoted to Aubin's *The Rescue of Jerusalem* is, first of all, the importance of the issues it raises for the academy and beyond. This volume brings together excellent scholars from several fields to consider certain issues that are raised by *The Rescue of Jerusalem's* thesis that an army of Egypt's Twenty-fifth Dynasty was influential in saving Jerusalem from destruction; the dynasty was composed of Kushites, who came from present-day Sudan. This volume is important for another reason. Not only does *The Rescue of Jerusalem* raise issues regarding what may have happened in 701 BCE, it also probes Western biblical scholarly attitudes regarding the Twenty-fifth Dynasty's involvement in those events. Aubin's approach raises important concerns about scholarly attitudes, not only from the past, but also about the ways in which past attitudes have a way of continuing to color later academic discourse when they are not challenged.

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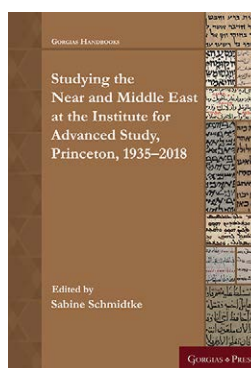


Death and Burial in Iron Age Israel, Aram, and Phoenicia

By Rachel Nabulsi

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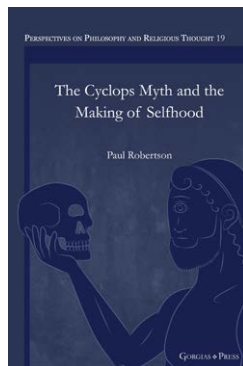
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Edited by Sabine Schmidtke

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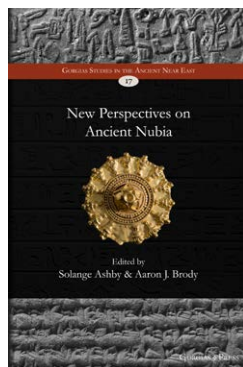


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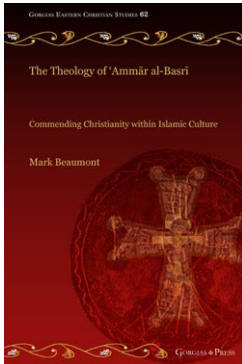
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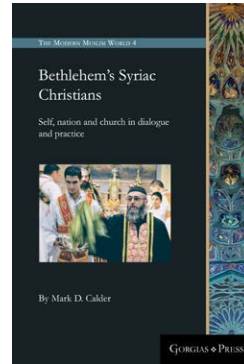
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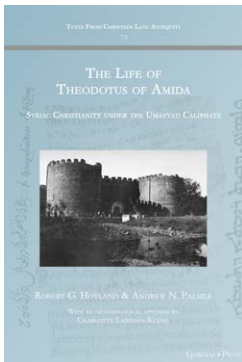
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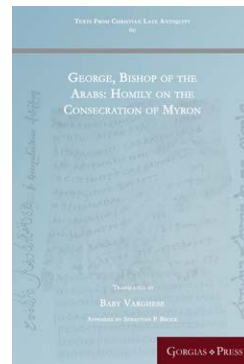
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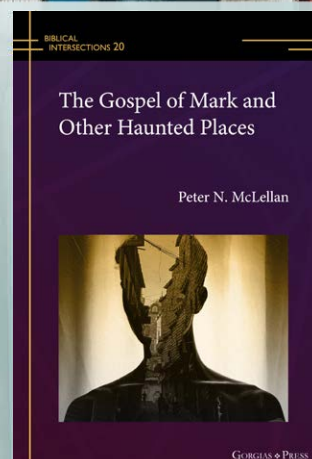


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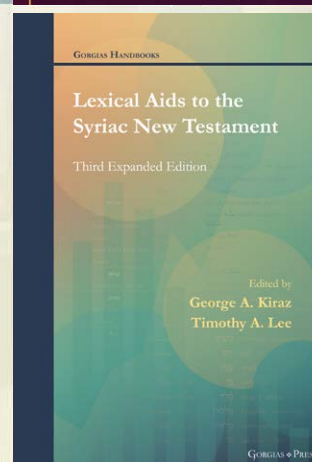
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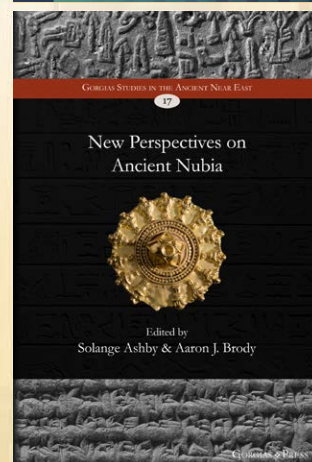
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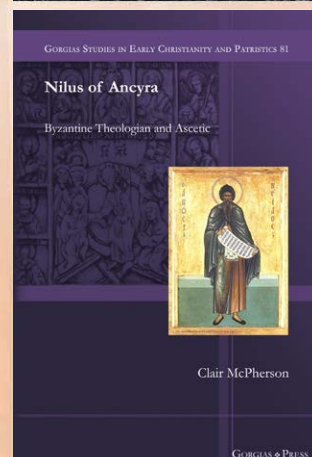
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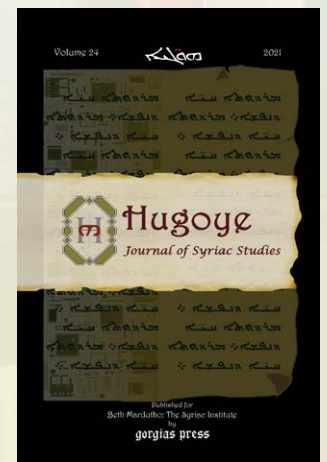
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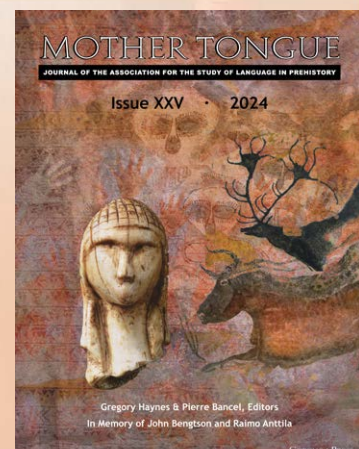
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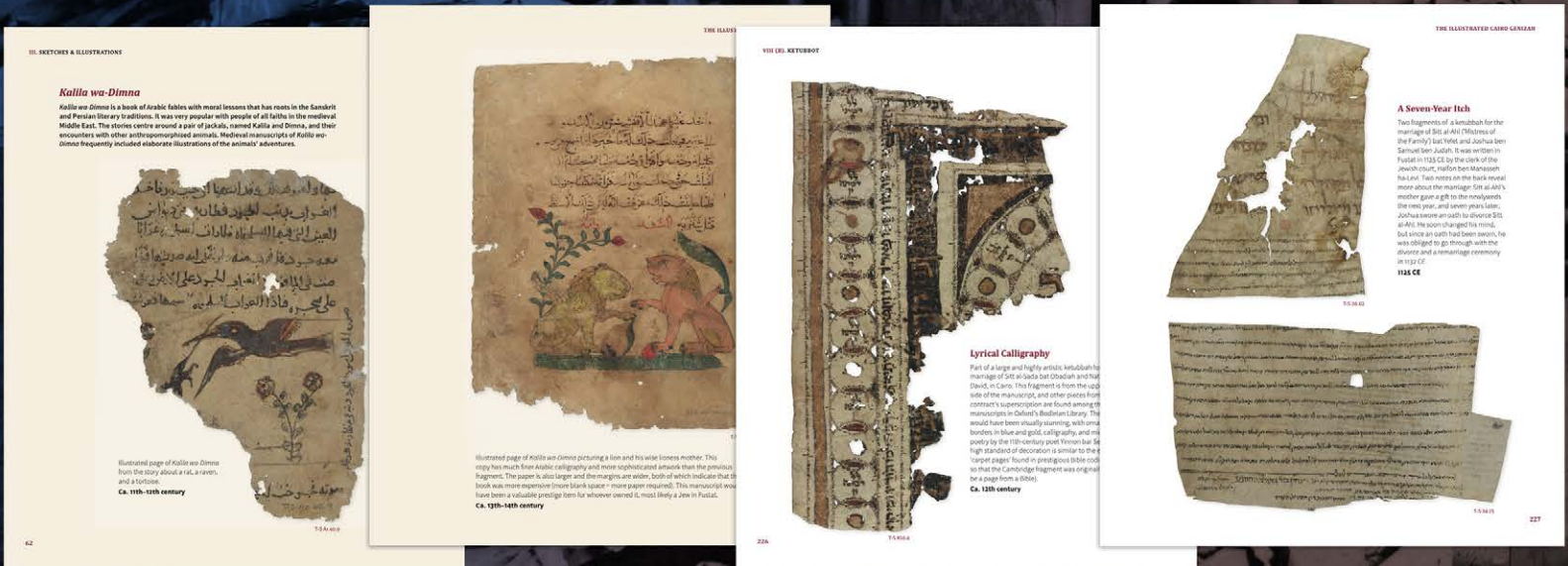
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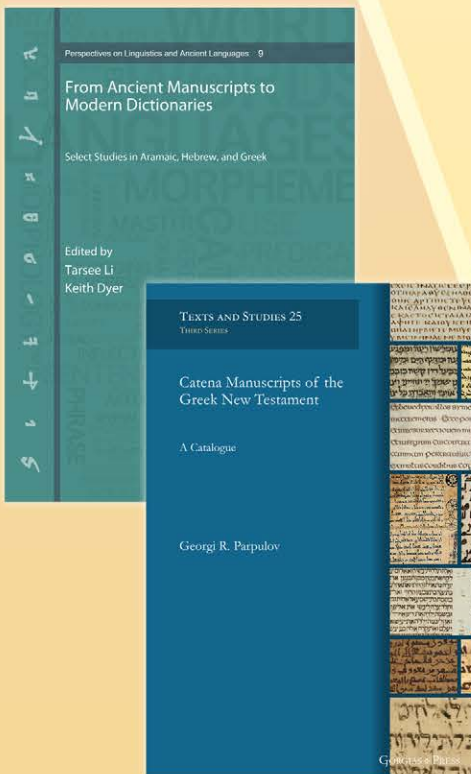
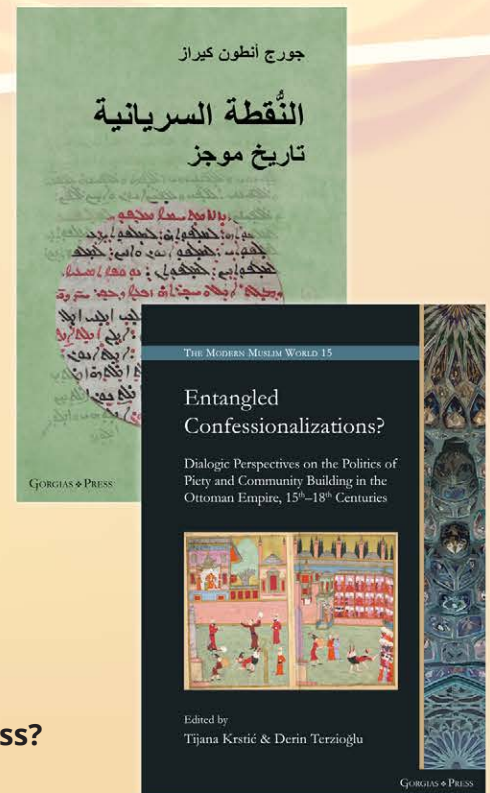
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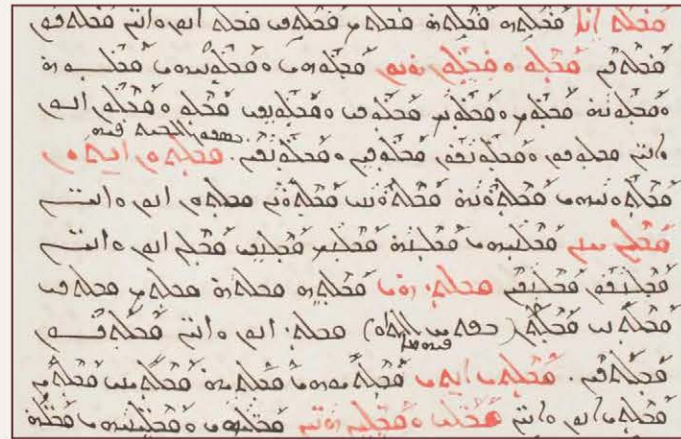
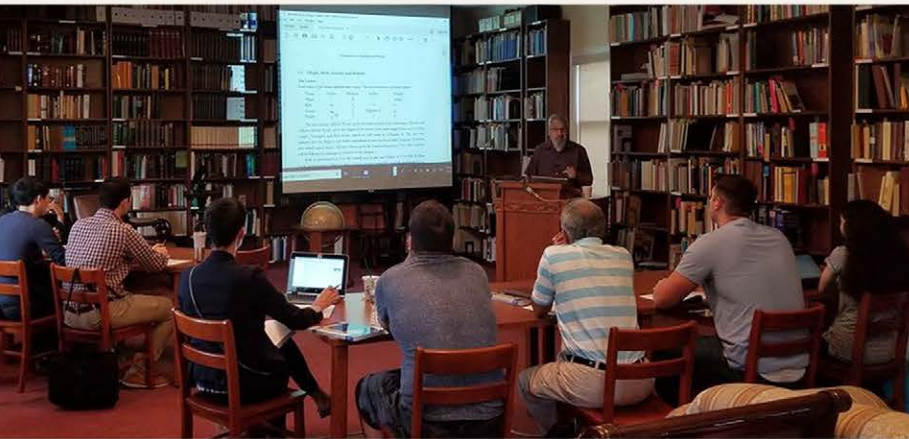


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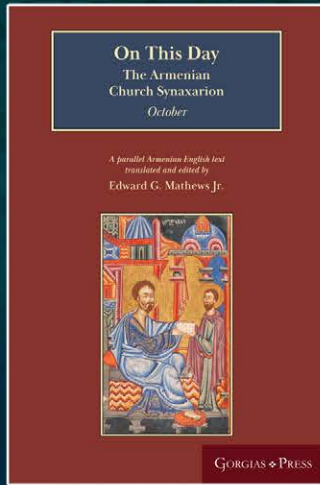
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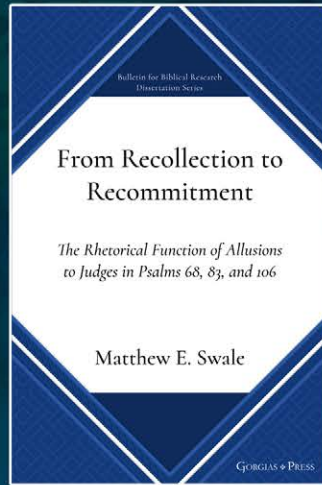
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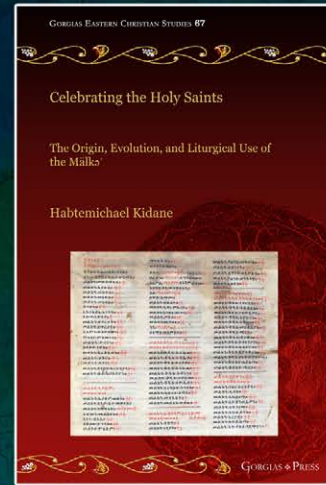
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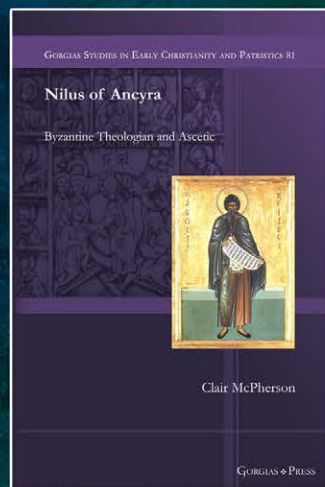
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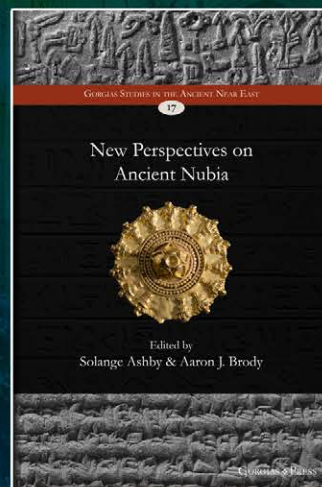
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